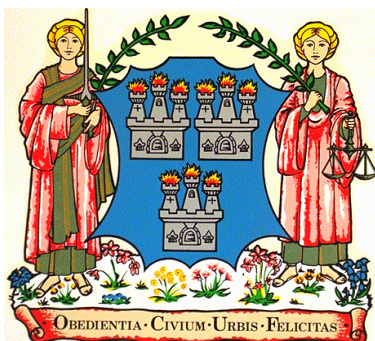


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 6 IÚIL 2020 sa Seomra Cruinn ag Teach an tÁrdmhéara, Sráid Dhásain, ag 6.15 i.n.i láthair an tArdmhéara Hazel Chu sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron
Tom Brabazon
Danny Byrne
Anthony Connaghan
Deirdre Conroy
Hazel de Nortúin
Kevin Donoghue
Anne Feeney
Mannix Flynn
Alison Gilliland
Janet Horner
Darcy Lonergan
Briege MacOscar
Paddy McCartan
Carolyn Moore
Sophie Nicoulaud
Cat O'Driscoll
Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
Catherine Stocker

Comhairleoir:

Racheal Batten
Dearbháil Butler
Mary Callaghan
Keith Connolly
Donna Cooney
Daithí De Róiste
Daithí Doolan
Declan Flanagan
Mary Freehill
Deirdre Heney
Vincent Jackson
John Lyons
Tina MacVeigh
Séamas McGrattan
Darragh Moriarty
Naoise Ó Muirí
Damian O'Farrell
Cieran Perry
Nial Ring

Comhairleoir:

Janice Boylan
Claire Byrne
Hazel Chu
Caroline Conroy
Joe Costello
Tara Deacy
Pat Dunne
Terence Flanagan
James Geoghegan
Jane Horgan-Jones
Dermot Lacey
Mícheál Mac Donncha
Ray McAdam
Declan Meenagh
Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Claire O'Connor
Colm O'Rourke
Michael Pidgeon
Patricia Roe

Oifigigh

Oliver Douglas
Yvonne Kelly

Michael Gallagher
Brendan Kenny

Owen P. Keegan
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that it is proposed to confer the Freedom of the City on Dr. Tony Holohan in recognition of his service to the people of Dublin in the area of Public Health during the Covid19 pandemic. The honour is also in recognition of all front line workers who have shown such dedication and selflessness throughout the crisis.

The following resolution was then moved by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Hazel Chu and seconded by Councillors Deirdre Heney, Ray McAdam, Seamás McGrattan, Tara Deacy, Claire Byrne, Dermot Lacey: "That Dublin City Council hereby resolves that the

Honorary Freedom of the City of Dublin be conferred on Dr. Tony Holohan and that his name be inscribed on the Roll of Honorary Freedom of Dublin, pursuant to the provisions of Section 74 of the Local Government Act, 2001 in recognition of his enormous contribution to the City of Dublin and the State in relation to his service to Public Health during Covid19.”

The motion was agreed by the City Council.

The Lord Mayor requested that members would show solidarity with the former workers of Debenhams who recently lost their jobs due to the closure of the store. Despite a total of 10,000 years of service, Debenhams have indicated that they will not pay the workers redundancy. The staff have voted to take industrial action.

The Lord Mayor intends to lead a cross party delegation to visit the Henry St staff at their picket tomorrow afternoon.

Councillor Mannix Flynn raised the issue of social distancing and activity within the City Centre at the weekend. The Chief Executive informed Councillors that he is increasing resources in the Enforcement Section and the capacity to respond to illegal street furniture.

The Chief Executive also notified members that a report would issue to the members before the end of the week in relation to rats in the City.

Standing orders were suspended to agree that motions on notice be listed on the agenda and dealt with at an adjourned meeting on Monday 13th July at 6.15 p.m.

2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16

It was moved by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 144 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.

3 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 8th June 2020.

Cllr. John Lyons requested that the minutes circulated be corrected to include his attendance.

The minutes of the Special meeting held on 8th June 2020, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

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

- (a) Two vacancies on the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC following the resignations of Cllr. Deirdre Conroy and Cllr. Ray McAdam from the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray Mc Adam and seconded by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí that Councillor Declan Flanagan be appointed as a member of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC.

It was proposed by Councillor Catherine Stocker and seconded by Councillor Deirdre Heney that Councillor Patricia Roe be appointed as a member of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC.

(b) One vacancy on the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum.
It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron that Councillor Deirdre Conroy be selected as the Dublin City Council Representative on the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum.

- 5 Report No. 193/2020 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 193/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 6 Report No. 195/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to Variation No. 14 Dublin City Development Plan 2016 to 2022 Judicial Review Proceedings. (Report circulated separately)

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and seconded by Councillor Paddy McCartan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 195/2020 and agrees not to defend the legal proceedings and that the zoning of the site will be reconsidered in the context of the review of the Development Plan 2016 to 2022, which is scheduled to commence in December 2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 198/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to the appointment of Elected Members to the Board of Rathmines Square Management CLG.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 198/2020. The motion was put and carried. The South East Area Committee to nominate a member for the Board.

- 8 Report No. 187/2020 of the Docklands Oversight & Consultative Forum - Annual Report of Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF) - Michael Stubbs, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Danny Byrne that Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 187/2020 and approves the Annual Report of the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum. The motion was put and carried.

- 9 Report No. 206/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (D. Ni Raghallaigh) - Draft Standing Orders 2020.

The Lord Mayor thanked the members of the working group Councillors Dermot Lacey, Anne Feeney, Micheál MacDonncha.

Councillor Mannix Flynn proposed an amendment to Standing Order No. 30 to maintain the current number of signatories required to rescind a decision of council to 12". Councillor Damian O'Farrell seconded the motion. The motion put to a vote and defeated, 17 Councillors voted in favour and 30 voted against.

It was proposed by Councillor Micheál MacDonncha and seconded by Councillor Paddy McCartan "That Dublin City Council hereby adopts the revised Standing Orders as set out in Report No 206/2020" The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 192/2020 of the A/Executive Manager (H. McKenna) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 14 premises.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 192/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 201/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With further reference to the disposal of No.69 South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 201/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 202/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground and grant of a right of way to the Electricity Supply Board at Scribblestown Rise, Finglas, Dublin 11.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 202/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 203/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 12 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 203/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 204/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of multiple plots to the rear of properties 1 - 17, 18, 19, 30 - 36, 38 - 40 and 42 Eugene Street, Dublin 8.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 204/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 190/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by the Councillor James Geoghegan and seconded by Councillor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 190/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 196/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan (?) and seconded by Councillor Kevin Donoghue that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 196/2020. The motion was put and carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that the Minister for Housing be invited to a future meeting of the Council.

- 17 Report No. 188/2020 of the Traffic and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the Meeting held on the 3rd June 2020 Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 188/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 194/2020 of the Central Area Committee- Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th June 2020, Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 194/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 189/2020 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 8th June 2020, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 189/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 199/2020 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the Special meeting held on the 22nd June 2020, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 199/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 191/2020 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 16th June 2020, Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 191/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 197/2020 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 17th June 2020, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 197/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 205/2020 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 15th June 2020, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 205/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Report No. 200/2020 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 25th June 2020, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 200/2020." The motion was put and carried.

The Lord Mayor Councillor Hazel Chu proposed that the meeting be adjourned to Monday 13th July at 6.15 p.m. Agreed.

The meeting concluded at 8.05 p.m.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

APPENDIX A

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 6TH JULY 2020

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could supply me with the following:

The amount of LPT that would be charged with the 15% cut and without the 15% cut for a house at each of the following values:

250,000	700,000	1.5 million
300,000	800,000	1.6 million
350,000	900,000	1.7 million
400,000	1 million	1.8 million
450,000	1.2 million	1.9 million
500,000	1.3 million	2.0 million
600,000	1.4 million	

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is based on market value bands. The first band covers all properties worth up to €100,000. Bands then go up in multiples of €50,000. If a property is valued at €1 million or lower, the tax is based on the mid-point of the relevant band. For properties valued over €1 million the tax is charged on the balance over €1 million, with no banding applied.

The basic LPT rate is set at 0.18% for properties valued under €1 million and 0.25% on the amount of the value over €1 million.

If the LPT is adjusted downward by 15% the basic rate will be 0.00153% for properties under €1 million and 0.002125% on the amount of the value over €1 million.

The table below details the amount of the LPT payable on properties at the values requested.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline any plans that the council has in regard to St. Laurence O'Toole's Training Centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The former St Laurence O'Toole Community Training Centre ceased operating in February 2020 and the premises reverted back to Dublin City Council. The building was visually assessed by engineers at this time to establish its condition post occupancy by the Community Training Centre.

On initial inspection it was considered that this building would require substantial works to make it fit for use. Issues were identified at roof level as well as structural cracking in precast floor slabs. The building also would not comply with modern standards in terms of disability access, lift services etc.

Engineers were unable to carry out a more detailed exercise at that time due to Covid 19 but are now engaged to carry a more thorough investigation and provide magnitude of costings.

The City Council will review the future of this building and its capacity to deliver activities once the engineering review and magnitude of costings are available.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration has been given to a system for diverting waste in the Liffey before it flows out to sea, perhaps through some form of debris collector.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This has been considered a number of times over the last 20 years.

The Liffey is tidal as far as upstream of Island Bridge and very wide from 35m at Island Bridge to 180m at the Eastlink Bridge. Tidal currents are very strong and a strengthening of the quay walls, on which we have 1-2 collapses per annum would be required. Getting into the sea water to remove debris before the nets get overloaded would probably have to be carried out between 1am and 6am in the morning with heavy equipment. There are also a number of river users Spirit of the Docklands, rowing and canoeing clubs in the tidal region who would object. At low tides it would be sitting on the bottom in the silt. The Department of the Marine owns the bed in this region and Dublin Port the water up to Butt Bridge.

Upstream of Island Bridge the Liffey is generally 25m to 30m wide, it is used by a number of rowing, canoeing clubs and there is some swimming in it up to the weir in Chapelizod. Some of our Olympic athletes train here. A screen along this stretch would have a large number of complaints. Debris is removed occasionally from the very large weirs at Islandbridge and Chapelizod at large expense when it is considered to be a flooding hazard. Neither of these weirs is owned by Dublin City Council.

Upstream of the Chapelizod Weir to the boundary at St. Martin's Row the lands are generally in private ownership and there are very old walls or river banks where it would be difficult to attach anything. The river is generally around 25m wide along this stretch. Some canoeing goes on here.

In summary Planning permission would be required for such a large structure. Depending on location it would cost anything from €100,000 to a few million euro to construct. It would have to be cleaned regularly costing €25k - €100k per annum. Land acquisition might be required. The environmental impact on fish, birds, bats and other aquatic life would have to be assessed. Last year a dolphin swam up the Liffey. There are likely to be complaints from river users, local landowners and possibly some of the public. It would take a minimum of two years to get planning permission and construct it. Design costs are estimated at €40k.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for the number and percentage of the council's vehicle fleet that is currently electric and/or hybrid and what plans are in the place to increase the number so that 100% of the city council's fleet is electric/hybrid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is the intention of Dublin City Council to procure more electric vehicles as diesel vehicles fall due for replacement and where there are viable electric vehicle alternatives available. For instance, Dublin City Council has 25 small electric vans in its fleet, which is 14% of the small van fleet. An additional 8 small electric vans are due delivery in 2020. On receipt of these vehicles, 19% of the small van fleet will be electric.

The following is a breakdown of the vehicle fleet.

Vehicle Type	Diesel/Petrol	Electric/Hybrid	Total
Cars	2	5	7
Minibuses	6		6
Small Vans	153	25	178
Light Commercial Vehicles (Goods Vehicles <=3,500kg excluding small vans, side loaders and sweepers)	181		181
Side Loaders	83	2	85
Sweepers (including large sweepers)	37		37
Heavy Commercial Vehicles (Goods Vehicles >3,500kg excluding large sweepers)	77		77
Total	539	32	571

(The above figures exclude Dublin Fire Brigade, Civil Defence and SLA Divisions)

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the yellow box that's agreed to be installed at **(details supplied)** is installed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Officer has reported that these yellow boxes have now been installed.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full inspection off the sewage that is ongoing in the rear off the DCC property at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have a camera inspection carried out at the above property and all necessary works will be carried out following this.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans in place to increase litter wardens in hot spots in the city given the increase off illegal dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

All litter wardens are regularly detailed to attend to illegal dumping locations and incidents to investigate and resolve incidents. In the current situation all litter wardens

are carrying out daily patrols of areas and responding to complaints regarding littering and illegal dumping issues.

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

Dublin City Council have also recently commenced an enforcement initiative addressing non-compliance with the requirement for households to have a suitable waste collection service in place in areas that have been identified as having low levels of compliance.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline that due to Covid-19, if DCC staff numbers have reduced due to some staff who may not return to employment at DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of City Council personnel in precautionary isolation as of the 18/06/2020 has declined from 74 to 69.

The number is expected to decline to 18 by the 29th June based on revised medical criteria (the majority of these staff will be working remotely).

This equates to almost full employment.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the resurfacing of **(details supplied)**; given that it is now twenty years since the road was last re-surfaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This carriageway is not included on the 2020 Works Programme. It will be considered for the 2021 Works programme. In the interim, any defects shall be carried out by Road Maintenance Services.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the double yellow lines repainted at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Where required, double yellow lines will be repainted within 30 working days of the Council Meeting: 6th July 2020.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query **(details supplied)**. She was on rent allowance but had to leave the property as her landlord was selling up. She appears to have lost her place on the housing list. Can I be given clarification on this matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 16/02/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	157
Area D	3	78
Area H	3	71

We have no record of a previous application from this individual. The applicant was advised in December 2017 that if she had proof that she previously held a housing application from 2005 to submit same and it would be reviewed, the applicant has yet to submit any further documentation to support her claim. The applicant was recently issued with a HAP pack.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many temporary housing units were sourced during the pandemic moving people out of homelessness and how long are these units expected to be made available and could families find themselves back in homelessness?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has moved families (less than 100) from hotels to self-contained apartments in recent weeks. The contracts negotiated are for a twelve-month period but we may be able to negotiate a longer term at a later stage.

These families are still included in the homeless figures and maintain their place on the housing list. A DRHE Housing Support officer is in contact with each of the families and will continue working with the families involved with a view to moving them into HAP or long term social tenancies within the 12 month period.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive what is the increase in illegal dumping per area committee and the cost during March, April, May and June.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Further to this illegally dumped waste is currently being removed and disposed of as part of ongoing daily service provision. As such it has not been possible to identify what proportion of the overall waste collected is illegally dumped material as would normally be recorded by carrying out the removal of illegally dumped waste separately from normal day to day operations. That being the case the waste management division estimates from feedback from staff operating on the ground that the total tonnage of illegally dumped waste that has been removed in the period has been in the region of up to a 25% increase over what would normally have been experienced. There has been a notable increase in the number of incidents of illegal dumping and reports received relating to illegal dumping in the current period.

The total cost of a 25% increase in dumped material disposed of in a quarter would be in the region of €20K, this would be an approximate increase of 350 tonnes of waste over the period. However when a comparison of the total amount of municipal waste disposed of in the period is carried out it shows fewer tonnes of overall municipal waste

has been collected and disposed of in the current period than in the same period in 2019. As such to date the increase in illegal dumping has not resulted in overall increased costs to Dublin City Council.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for details of upcoming housing projects in the Ballymun/Finglas area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under Construction:

70 social housing units are currently under construction at Scribblestown.

Projects at an Advanced Stage of Planning or Design:

Kildonan Lands, Finglas

Schemes at Preliminary Planning/Feasibility Stage:

Church of the Annunciation Lands, Finglas

Approved Housing Bodies are developing the following projects:-

Tuath	-	Willow Park, Dublin 11	-	2 units
Novas	-	Ratoath Avenue	-	6 units
CHI	-	Ballygall Road West	-	15 units
Novas	-	Casement Drive/Road	-	4 units
O'Cualann	-	Balbutcher Lane/Cranogue Road	-	52 Affordable units

A number of additional sites in Finglas and Ballymun are being examined with regard to carrying out feasibility studies for development/redevelopment.

It should be noted that the detail of all upcoming projects in all parts of the city is included in the Monthly Delivery Report that is presented each month to City Councillors.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for details of horses and dogs euthanized in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 today.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find details of euthanized horses and dogs below:

Year	Dogs	Horses
2017	14	92
2018	9	146
2019	17	80
2020 to date	1	14

Q.16 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many applications, broken down by area, there are for accessible housing on our housing list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find attached table setting out the applications broken down by area that require accessible housing, the following categories apply to accessible housing, as can be seen in the attached table:

- ground floor requirement
- wheelchair accessible requirement
- fully adapted accessible units

Adapted Property WARNING CODE												
BAND HOUSING	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total	
Housing List Grand Total	7		2	1	5	1		2		1	19	
Transfer List Grand Total	4		1	1		1	1	3			11	
Adapted Property COMBINED GRAND TOTAL	11		3	2	5	2	1	5		1	30	
Ground Floor Property WARNING CODE												
BAND HOUSING	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total	
Housing List Grand Total	16	2	9	3	3	8	1	5	9	2	58	
Transfer List Grand Total	10	3	15	24	6	17	22	14	4	9	124	
Ground Floor COMBINED GRAND TOTAL	26	5	24	27	9	25	23	19	13	11	182	
Wheelchair Property WARNING CODE												
BAND HOUSING	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total	
Housing List Grand Total	14	4	7	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	41	
Transfer List Grand Total	12	4	2	5	4	1	3	2		3	36	
Wheelchair Property COMBINED GRAND TOTAL	26	8	9	9	7	3	5	4	2	4	77	

Q.17 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Commercial Court decision on May 26th in relation to the councils 'Construction of Basements' policy?

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 Ingavo Limited and May Property Holdings Ltd (Record No 2020/236 JR), 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.18 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the parking prioritisation for frontline staff in the Mater Hospital will end? While the prioritisation was an excellent idea during the height of the pandemic it has begun to cause difficulties for local residents with the gradual return to work and reopening of society. Residents returning from work or elsewhere are having difficulty finding a parking spot on their Pay & Display allocated road. Can he also confirm whether the on-site parking facilities in the Mater were made available to staff?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The agreement in place for frontline workers to park without the requirement to pay in the hospitals around Dublin City will be reviewed during July 2020. The hospital administrations will be informed of any changes during July. Specifically for the residents around the Mater hospital we have in place an arrangement that residents and their visitors may park on streets other than the one listed on their parking permits and will not be clamped. Our understanding is that on-site facilities in the Mater have been made available to staff but this is not sufficient to meet the needs of frontline workers during the COVID 19 crisis.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request: to have urgent road repairs carried out at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location in the coming weeks and where required will schedule a repair when a crew is next available in the area.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider putting speed ramps on **(details supplied)** due to persistent speeding traffic there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied) is not in charge of the City Council. In view of this, The Transport Advisory Group is unable to apply any traffic calming recommendations at this location.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out an analysis of sports clubs using playing pitches in **(details supplied)** and for dcc to give consideration to the location of a club when giving them a letting on a pitch.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are five pitches managed by Parks Service in (details supplied). 2 pitches are designated for Gaelic Sports, 3 pitches are designated for Association Football . These pitches are allocated on Saturday and Sunday , AM & PM on a Week A/B basis to take into account home and away fixtures .

There are currently a number of free time slots available for both pitch types and we welcome applications from Clubs, who will be expected to satisfy our terms and conditions .

Q.22 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out surveys to why sewerage constantly overflows at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC drainage division investigated issues at both locations on 19 June 2020.

(details supplied 1) – No issue with foul sewer & no visible signs of sewage on roadway. Surface water sewer needs cleaning – this will be carried out.

(details supplied 2) – No issue with public foul sewer. Blockage on private side, which is outside of DCC drainage remit. DCC drainage understand blockage now resolved.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive when do DCC expect to begin the tender process for the new units at **(details supplied)**?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Stage 2 approval was granted for **(details supplied)** early May 2020. It is proposed to lodge a Part 8 in September 2020, go out to tender in November 2020 and go on site early 2021.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the following in relation to private rented accommodation:

- a) Under what legislation/directive is DCC responsible for enforcing quality standards in the private rented housing sector in Dublin City?
- b) How many inspectors are employed by DCC to carry out the inspections, enforcement and/or prosecutions?
- c) Please provide a summary of activities for 2019, including number of initial inspections, non-compliant rate, enforcement letters, re inspections, prosecutions etc.
- d) How much does this service cost DCC and is DCC compensated by central government for the provision of this service?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Inspections are undertaken to enforce quality standards under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulation 2019.
- b) As of the end of Quarter 1 (1st Jan to 31st March) 2020, there were 31 staff in the Unit consisting of Management, Environmental Health Officers and Administration, of which 21 carry out inspections, enforcement and/or prosecutions.
- c) The following are the inspection figures for 2019

Dwellings Inspected	5606
Total Inspections	9099
1 st Inspection Non- complaint	4973
Achieved Compliance	4189
Improvement Letters issues	4562
Improvement Notices served	1118
Prohibition Notices served	61
Legal Action initiated	55
- d) In 2019 the expenditure for the service was €1, 682,362, The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government recouped €1,119,350 to the Council.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the demographic profile (including age, sex, location, social class) of the 3,700 panel members on the Your Dublin Your Voice panel and compare this make-up to the make-up of the City's population. Is the Chief

Executive happy that the panel accurately reflects the make-up of the city's populations and, if not, what steps are being taken to ensure that the panel accurately, insofar possible, the demographic profile of the city. In particular, can the Chief Executive address the fact that citizens over 65 years of age are overwhelmingly do not use technology?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The demographic profile in terms of age and gender is collated separately for each survey and compared to the 2016 census for compatibility. Where there is a difference, the results are reweighted to match the census. In general the response from the 18-34 year olds is the most likely to be under represented and require adjustment which is a reflection of the lower proportion of students who respond. In an attempt to address this, we use social media to promote the surveys and the panel. Where appropriate we also promote the panel through media releases highlighting the results of the surveys.

The online nature of the survey does not appear to have a significant impact on the proportion of over 65 year olds whose response rate is generally in line with their census proportion. CSO data on Frequency of Internet Usage 2019 shows that 68% of 60-74 year olds are recent internet users (used the internet in the past 3 months).

In terms of location c.60% of the respondents report that they are in the Dublin City Council Local Authority area with c. 33% split across the other 3 Dublin Local Authorities. All postcodes and County Dublin are represented. The remaining 7% are largely from the neighbouring counties but would work or study in Dublin.

The socio economic profile can be estimated by comparing the respondents who indicate that they are job seeking with equivalent proportion in the Labour Force Survey. For the most recent pre-COVID19 survey, these corresponded.

The survey panel constantly evolves and is open to anyone over 18. We welcome any new members and people can sign up at <http://bit.ly/ydyvreg>.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an update in relation to the proposed change of treatment of Irish Water related rates which we were informed in late 2019 would have a negative impact on the grant amount receivable (€6.2m based on population apportionment method v €14.8m exemption basis) by DCC compensating for the loss of commercial rates from Irish Water.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Valuation Office notified Dublin City Council in October 2019 of having completed a global valuation in respect of Irish Water as under the provisions of Section 53 of the Valuation Act 2001. The amount of the valuation was apportioned to each Local Authority on the basis of population. Prior to the rating of the network, Dublin City Council received a grant to the value of €14.4M. The value of the Irish Water rating within the Dublin City Council administrative area based on the above is €6.3M.

Despite representations to the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government, no compensation has been agreed with Dublin City Council in respect of the loss in funding.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail occupancy of city council housing on the following basis:

- a) Number of five bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three, four, five, six plus tenants

- b) Number of four bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three, four, five, six plus tenants
- c) Number of three bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three, four, five plus tenants
- d) Number of two bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three, four plus tenants
- e) Number of one bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three plus tenants

Also, to ask the Chief Executive if there are any incentives in place, or being considered, to persuade tenants with unoccupied bedrooms to downsize to more suitable accommodation, thus freeing up vital units/bedroom space.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

5 Bedroom Tenancies	
No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
1	0
2	1
3	2
4	7
5	3
6>	9
4 Bedroom Tenancies	
No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
1	111
2	232
3	227
4	201
5	174
6>	329
3 Bedroom Tenancies	
No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
1	859
2	1695
3	2065
4	1836
5	1167
6>	984
2 Bedroom Tenancies	
No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
1	1993
2	3087
3	2154
4	1076
5	444
6>	224
1 Bedroom Tenancies	
No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
1	5349
2	541
3	68
4	25
5	6
6>	1

Older Persons who wish to transfer from larger Dublin City Council dwellings to designated Older Persons' accommodation may be considered for a Priority and included in Band 1 of the appropriate list. Tenants prepared to surrender high demand accommodation, which is larger than their needs may be also considered a Priority and included in Band 1 of the appropriate list.

The Financial Contribution Scheme is available to persons who privately own their property and wish to downsize to an older persons accommodation. Admission to the Financial Contribution Scheme shall only be offered to a home owner if Dublin City Council wishes to purchase a home owner's property and is able to source a vacancy in Older Person's accommodation for the applicant.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR TARA DEACY

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the impact the Covid pandemic has had on new parents, the increased isolation, and the lack of family support available to them, could DCC lead the way positively and grant the staff due back and currently on maternity leave an additional 3 months to allow them to fully engage and enjoy this very special time with their babies. There is a strong national campaign underway around this issue which has received a huge level of support. This would be a much appreciated gesture to them and their families during these very challenging times.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It has been the policy of Dublin City Council to adhere to the National Protocol/Guidelines issued by Government and the HSE relating to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on all its Childcare facilities in the Dublin City Council area and updates on the reopening procedures in light of Covid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Liberty Park Crèche, Foley Street, Dublin 1 will be opening on 29th June for children and parents. The Centre will open in compliance with and following strict guidelines set out by the authorities, Tusla, DCYA, HSE, and NPHET.

Christchurch Crèche at Dublin City Council's Civic Offices, reopened on Monday 29th June 2020.

Working with the guidelines issued by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, the Crèche provided put in place the following documents:

- Return to Crèche letter for Parents
- Covid_19 Parent & Child Document - A booklet containing; Parental agreements & additional parent & child documentation
- Christchurch Crèche Covid_19 Policies - Policy & Response Plan (including infection control & risk assessments)
- Christchurch Crèche Covid_19 Risk Assessment

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to make an up to date statement on the Iveagh Markets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council engaged with Mr Martin Keane over the last number of years and had agreed to allow him to develop plans to sufficient detail to submit a planning application for properties including the Iveagh Market. Mr. Keane was also to satisfy the Council that he had access to sufficient funds to deliver the project. As there had

been little progress on either matter, the Council informed him on 20th December 2019 that it was desisting from further engagement with him and would take the necessary steps to repossess the Iveagh Markets.

Mr. Keane subsequently lodged a planning application on the 23rd December 2019 which was later deemed invalid by the Planning Department. Mr. Keane, through his solicitor, has served notice on the Council that he has been granted leave for a Judicial Review of the decision by Dublin City Council to invalidate his planning application. The matter is currently being dealt with by the council's Law Department.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when an adjudication will be made on a preferred developer for the Oscar Traynor Lands.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The evaluation of the two final submissions is currently underway. It is anticipated that the evaluation procedure, along with the statutory standstill period, will terminate in the granting preferred bidder status to the successful bid in the last week in August.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how many of its staff are working from home currently and what the long term strategy is for these staff in light of Covid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Remote working facilities have been provided to 1,923 staff. At present, approximately two-thirds of these staff are working in teams/pods that rotate between attending the workplace and working remotely and one third are working on a fully remote basis. These arrangements are expected to continue while the current social distancing requirements remain in place.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the deployment of DCC's Vacuum Sewage truck to the public road at **(details supplied)** please. These residents are experiencing significant sewage problems despite frequently using private firms for the drains on their properties (front and rear gardens etc.). It is believed that the problem emanates from the sewer on the public road and I would very much appreciate it if DCC's Vacuum Sewage truck could give the area identified above a thorough ' cleaning / vacuum please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC drainage division investigated the matter on 01 July 2020.

The specific location between houses numbers 84 to 90 – no issue with public foul sewer. Blockage on private side, which is outside of DCC Drainage remit. DCC Drainage understand blockage now resolved.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive what measures the council are putting in place to prevent a potential 2nd wave of homelessness in the coming months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To ensure that we will have enough beds going forward, and in anticipation of an increased demand for services during the winter months, the DRHE proposes to retain some of the recently acquired beds for a period of up to 12 months.

As reported on previously, there has been a very significant adjustment in the Dublin property over the last number of weeks and this has given the DRHE a welcome opportunity to source additional and better emergency accommodation facilities.

While this availability of temporary facilities is indeed welcome, we are obviously very keen to maximise the number of long term Housing Units that may become available for Dublin City Council to acquire or to lease over 20/25 years. Then we can be in a position to offer permanent/long term housing to more families currently in emergency accommodation. The Dublin City Council Acquisitions Section is open for business and is seeking out opportunities to purchase, so is our Long Term Leasing Section who are currently negotiating a significant number of leasing possibilities.

There is also an opportunity to further increase the number of Homeless HAP tenancies. During 2019 we sourced an average 200 Homeless Hap tenancies per month and the figures for HAP tenancies in 2020 is positive.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to what measures he is taking to request funding from central government to deal with the deficit in the roads budget in Dublin City Council's area and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At its meeting held on 24th June 2020, the Finance Strategic Policy Committee considered Report 07/2020 on the matter of funding for roads maintenance. The report sets out an evidenced based business case for additional funds for roads maintenance in Dublin City. The Strategic Policy Committee members agreed that the report should be sent to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for urgent review. Further a meeting is to be sought between Dublin City Council and Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport officials to progress this matter promptly.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to the number of borrowers who have availed of the 3 month mortgage payment break and whether there are plans to extend this beyond the 3 months and also can he comment on the numbers in mortgage arrears and if he will make statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council currently have 2,306 borrowers on our Loan Book. Out of these 2,306 borrowers, 190 borrowers have availed of the Mortgage Payment Break, which was introduced on the 10th April 2020; due to Covid 19.

On the 26th June 2020, Dublin City Council received instructions from Government to extend the Covid 19 – Additional Mortgage Payment Break to Local Authority borrowers for a further 3 months.

Out of the 2,306 borrowers, 649 borrowers are currently in arrears.

The Mortgage Support Team are engaging or attempting to engage with these borrowers to offer solutions in accordance to the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process.

These solutions are: -

- Mortgage to Rent, where the borrower becomes a Tenant and remains in their own home

- Capitalise borrower's arrears.
- Extend the Term of the borrowers Loan
- In relation to Restructuring of Shared Ownership Loans, Restructuring of the Shared Ownership Loan is an option.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the gullies steam cleaned/pressure washed on the following road **(detail supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Members of the Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned 29 of the 38 gullies on **(detail supplied)** on 26/06/2020.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange for the Lane way between Beech Hill Avenue and Beaver Row to be given a thorough cleaning and tree pruning and if we will further request Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to seriously prune the overgrown and overhanging trees along Beaver Row/Beech Hill Road which is in their administrative area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 17th June 2020.

Parks have recently inspected the area and have determined that the foliage in question is on privately owned land. There is a large beech hedge on one side of the lane which appears to be under the management of the Donnybrook Court complex, the shrubbery on the other side of the lane is managed by the David Lloyd sports complex. Parks have notified the Public Domain Service of the matter .

Q.39 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on this housing application **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 16/04/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	659
Area D	2	308
Area E	2	741

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. She will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list. It is unlikely that this applicant will qualify for an offer in **(details supplied)**.

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.

It is noted on the applicants file that she was issued with a HAP pack on 28/08/2019.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive can a full maintenance audit be carried out at **(details supplied)**. The tenant who is 72 years of age states that since he moved in there has been issues. He now has leaks, the floors are all uneven, the back of his toilet had a big hole and he states a really bad job was done on repairing it, he reported a bad draught coming through his front door and states that DCC damaged his door while fixing the draught.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to inspect the uneven floors. The repair to the leak in the toilet has been carried out. A number of tiles had to be taken down while repairing the hole at the back of the toilet. We will arrange to have the door inspected.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for actions to be taken on the Bottle Banks/Clothes Banks at Tolka Valley Road, Mellows Road (Fire Brigade Station) and Seamas Ennis road. There is constant dumping at these locations other than what is catered for. More regular emptying or CCTV use must be considered to deal with the issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately, this behaviour happens all across the city. It has been particularly prevalent since the start of Covid restrictions, along with a range of other illegal dumping activities.

I have contacted the service provider and requested they ensure that these sites are better maintained going forward and to review the frequency of collections.

I have also asked the local waste management supervisor to monitor these locations with greater frequency and ensure they are maintained to the highest standards.

I will arrange site assessment to investigate the potential for CCTV cameras and/or audio warning systems.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made on the creation of a Night Mayor to improve the night time economy in the City?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has been involved in examining the issues that are critical to supporting a vibrant Night-time Economy in Dublin and participated in a process established by the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht (previously Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) to investigate the possibility of creative nightlife and cultural activity after hours. The Arts Office, Planning and Economic Development have been engaged in this work. The Economic Development and Enterprise SPC has established a working group to look at the area of Tourism and City Markets including the Night-time economy.

The Dublin City Arts Officer and Dublin City Planner were invited by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to present to the Oireachtas Committee on the topic of protecting and promoting the nightlife and economy in our cities in November 2019. Arising from that a Your Dublin Your Voice survey was carried out by the Economic Development Office in Q1 of this year to establish the views of those living in Dublin about how they currently engage with the night time economy and their aspirations for future possibilities. The results were made public and widely disseminated to various stakeholders in the area and to the broader public through the press and social media.

The results were also presented for consideration at the first meeting of the Economic and Enterprise SPC Working Group on Tourism and City Markets, including the Night-time Economy in June. Members of this working group attended a Night Time Economy Forum hosted by Dublin City Council on 26th June where 24 stakeholders participated with representatives from the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht (previously Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), the Department of Justice, and representing the Culture Sector, Tourism, Transportation, and Business. The Night-time Economy Adviser from the Greater Manchester Area participated in the forum and provided an international perspective.

From this an outcomes report will be made public and circulated to the participants and wider stakeholders including the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht (previously Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht). We await further information in relation to the plans to implement the commitments contained in the programme for government, the role that local authorities will play and how this work will be resourced.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what is planned for the strip of land between Carechoice Finglas Nursing Home and Fairlawn Park. This land has been left idle for many years and attracts some anti-social behaviour and dumping. There has been many reports of rats along this stretch affecting the homes in Fairlawn Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Finglas Area Office is currently researching this location. We are awaiting confirmation of ownership and as soon as this has been obtained we will consider the most suitable options.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for more regular clean ups of the footbridge which runs from Casement Road to the North Road in Finglas. Can we also look at cutting back the bushes/trees on the North Road side which provides cover for dumping?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned footbridge cleaned on the 24th June 2020. We will ensure that it is cleaned on a more regular basis.

Parks and Landscape Services will arrange an inspection tree/bushes (details supplied). Any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the autumn/winter Tree Care Program, outside bird/wildlife nesting and breeding season from 1 March to 31 August.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether any pre planning consultations have been carried out for the site located at Ardee Street, specifically located on Ardee Street and bordered by Oscar Square.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The planning department holds pre-planning meetings with owners of sites throughout the city. These meetings are held under S247 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) and remain confidential until and if a planning application is lodged on the specific site. As such, the department cannot comment on questions relating to any such meetings on specific sites.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive the cost to date of the measures implemented by the local authority to deal specifically with the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, to include new measures and adaptations to existing services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total estimated value of additional costs related to Covid 19 is €37.7m. This is made up of actual costs incurred to date and projected costs for the remainder of the year.

The costs set out below are shown across departments. The costs are made up PPE, business continuity and health and safety measures, IT relates, DFB costs of services, Homeless costs of services, which includes facilities, food and PPE and ex-gratia payments relating to Housing Capital projects.

Review of Covid Costs as at June 2020			
	Actual in GL	Est July to Dec	Total Cost
Housing	107,758	157,242	265,000
Homeless	10,863,494	16,750,000	27,613,494
Travellers	0	2,048,000	2,048,000
Roads	51,510	289,962	341,472
SLA	11,328	0	11,328
Planning	7,769	162,758	170,527
Fire	677,420	2,334,638	3,012,058
Waste	69,468	556,038	625,506
Culture	167,874	344,340	512,213
CMC	849,593		849,593
Area Offices	167,744	252,000	419,744
Roads Capital	55,570	1,086,000	1,141,570
Housing Capital	21,000	665,000	686,000
	13,050,527	24,645,977	37,696,505

Q.47 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to install a parking protected cycle lane on **(details supplied)** and this may be installed in conjunction with placing a single yellow line on the southern part of the residential section of the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that the request for a single yellow line will be investigated with an on-site visit in due course. A request has been created under Ref: 7015716.

I wish to advise you that it has been necessary to temporarily suspend all non-essential work in relation to Transport Related Service Requests until further notice and your query cannot be processed at this time. Priority is being given to ensure the necessary resources are in place to implement urgent temporary emergency Covid19 Mobility interventions.

"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 and we have set up a dedicated portal for specific requests, Covid Mobility Measure Request Form. We have received over 900 requests to date. We will add the requests for the specific location noted above to this database and these locations will be assessed by the area engineer.

A dedicated webpage (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.48 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to install temporary segregated cycle lanes on Glasnevin Avenue Dublin 11 with a view to a more permanent installation at a future date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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Q.49 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following a period of enabling works the heavy demolition works commenced on 8th June 2020. This is the first of six main phases of heavy demolition works and the current estimated completion date for the works is December 2020.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the rent to buy scheme in **(details supplied)**, the status of outstanding remedial works and when tenants can expect to purchase their homes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is awaiting the completion of all remedial repairs works to all blocks in the development upon which the receiver will furnish the City Council with documentation for same works.

Once the City Council has received this documentation it will then begin the process of completing the administration of the sale of the properties to perspective tenants under the terms and conditions of the Rent to Buy Scheme.

It is envisaged that the receiver will be in a position to make these documents available to the City Council before the end of the current year.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to review the housing position of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with an application date of 25/06/2013, and holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area E	3	315

The applicant was advised that her previous application (ref 75737) was cancelled as a result of the Housing Needs Assessment in 2011 in which she failed to respond to. It is noted on the applicant's file that an appeal for time back from her previous application was submitted, however, the decision to uphold the decision to cancel the application remained.

The applicant was advised that should she have any record or documents which suggest that she had submitted documentation to Allocations in which she advised of a change of address during the Assessment of Housing Need in 2011 which then wasn't included on their file, that her file would again be reviewed, the applicant has not submitted any supporting documentation to date.

Based on the applicant's current position for her 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 and the location being sought will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a resurfacing of the car park at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A site inspection will be undertaken to assess the condition of the car park surface.

This will determine the extent and priority of remedial works (if any) to be added to the Road Maintenance repairs schedule.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a clean-up including the removal of the weeds at the walkway between **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned walkway cleaned on the 24th June 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. The Tender assessment process is nearly complete and it is expected that this contract will be awarded in the next three weeks.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to consider improving the fencing at the playground in **(details supplied)**. The area is blighted with anti-social behaviour and residents feel more secure fencing might help alleviate the problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The main anti-social behaviour issues in (details supplied) are the ongoing litter and scrambler bikes problems. Although younger teenagers congregate in the playground in the evening thankfully little damage has been experienced in the playground in the last 12 months.

The fencing around playgrounds is provided primarily to exclude dogs and bikes that might pose a risk to children playing it is not intended as security fencing. Higher security type fencing would not be keeping with an attractive play environment for children. The experience during the lock down when all playgrounds were locked as social distancing could not be ensured was that locks and fences came under regular attack and had to be frequently replaced suggests that such an approach is unlikely to succeed.

The only proven solution to congregation after dark is a combination of increased visibility, increased footfall and increased patrolling of the area

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to request a full dampness audit of **(details supplied)**. The tenant states that the damp is still very bad and the smell is awful (even though the house was insulated recently). A new kitchen was installed by DCC and since there has been leaks non-stop in the kitchen. The tenant is eager to transfer and although

she gets loads of interest in swapping as soon as they come to view her house they all state the dampness and smell is awful.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have the dampness inspected by an Engineer/Damp Specialist. We have had no reports of any leaks in the kitchen. However, we will arrange to inspect same and carry out all necessary works.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please confirm how many hours per week is the Ballyfermot swimming pool normally open to the public, and how does this compare to other DCC swimming pools across Dublin?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Leisure Centres operate a very different opening regime to regular swimming pools and are not comparable.

Pre-Covid Sport & Fitness Ballyfermot opened to the public approximately 90 hours per week, a similar regime existed across all our leisure facilities i.e. Markievicz, Ballymun and Finglas.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the closing of Oranmore Close, it has become the site of serious anti-social behaviour and drug dealing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is acknowledged that there has been an increase in anti-social activity over the past months in the vicinity of Oranmore Close. There are several reasons, which may have contributed to this situation. The impact of Covid-19 was such that the local youth services had to close their premises along with local schools and all sports facilities. This had the effect of groups of youths congregating around laneways and green spaces with nowhere else to go which led in some case to incidences of anti-social behaviour. Specifically in relation to Oranmore Close, a vacant house at the corner of the lane, which was recently refurbished, and ready for letting, was vandalised. This facilitated youths gathering in the garden of the vacant house in addition to the laneway causing further distress to the residents. This house has now been let to a strong family from the area and it has been agreed, at their request, to raise the height of the garden wall adjacent to the lane in line with other garden walls. The streetlights near the lane were also vandalised and these have been repaired with more robust light fittings. The area continues to be monitored by An Garda Síochána by regular patrols and on CCTV. Consideration was given some years ago to the lane closure, but the addition of ninety six new houses in the Cherry Orchard area over the past two years has increased the footfall for access to Ballyfermot Road and Claddagh Green shops. While some residents near the lane may support the lane closure, it would be unlikely to garner support from the wider community.

In order to close public laneway residents must email the Area Office (southcentral@dublincity.ie) with full details of the proposal. The email should include:

- Letter of Application (petition) signed by residents living adjacent to relevant road/laneway
- Precise details of location and reasons for making the request
It should be noted that:
- All costs involved in the installation of gates to be paid for by the residents

- Laneways with underground services etc. cannot usually be closed as access is needed
- All residents requiring access must be accommodated
- Once a laneway is no longer “ In charge” servicing will cease

Following the approval of the Area Committee, the proposal is advertised and a site notice is erected to indicate the area over which it is proposed to extinguish the right of way and the alternative route available. This gives an opportunity to all interested parties to make a submission to the Council in the matter. The closure of a laneway i.e. the extinguishment of a public right of way is a reserved function and must be approved by the City Council.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, noting that according to the June report from Director of Services Tyrconnell Road is an illegal dumping blackspot, will you ensure extra resources be deployed to clean up and investigate those involved in the illegal dumping and take appropriate action against those involved?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services remove dumped rubbish from Tyrconnell Road on a regular basis. We will continue to target this road with regard to illegal dumping and action will be taken against anyone found to be dumping there.

Waste Management Crews operate daily on Tyrconnell Road and illegally dumped material is removed on a daily basis. The public Domain Officer has arranged for the Litter Warden Service to monitor this location for a number of weeks and to remove specimen bags from the public domain for searching. If any evidence is retrieved from the bags a fixed penalty notice will be issued accordingly. The Public Domain Officer will conduct a waste survey of the households in the area to determine compliance with the Waste Management (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye- Laws 2018. Illegal Dumping Reports can be made on the Dublin City Council self-service portal or directly to southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive the following: **(details supplied 1)** has been the centre of a lot of construction work in the past few years. It's a small enough street with a tight community. Now on their doorstep they have 2 DCC housing construction sights, all **(details supplied 2)** sites the volume of construction traffic is high. They had requested some time ago to make the Street a Cul De Sac to avoid it being used as a rat run and for construction traffic to avoid **(details supplied 3)**. Their request was denied. Can this please be revisited taking into account recent developments?

Also can DCC arrange for the residents windows on **(details supplied 1)** to be cleaned as DCC sites are causing and will cause a lot of dust and dirt.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South Central Area Office Housing Dept. have engaged Emerald Facility Services to provide window cleaning to Chamber Street / Weaver Square / Oscar Square – date to be confirmed. DCC have also agreed with SISK that the day prior to the window cleaning Sisk will power wash the houses on Chamber Street: Sisk are also washing the street morning and evenings:

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

Q.60 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of DCC projects that are currently under review and may be stalled as a result of the economic impact of COVID-19. Specifically, could the Chief Executive refer to Housing Projects, Part 8 Developments and Public Realm Projects and upgrades?

Since the Government directive on March 27th work was suspended across all of our social housing construction sites.

The sites are all open and are being managed by the contractors to ensure compliance with the government guidelines.

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

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

	Dublin City Council Housing and Regeneration Development Sites	Units	Anticipated completion dates
1	Bonham Street	57	Q3 2021
2	Bunratty Road	78	Q2 2021
3	Springvale	71	Q4 2021
4	Cork/Chamber Street	55	Q1 2022
5	Cornamona	61	Q3 2022
6	Dominick Street	72	Q3 2021
7	O' Devaney Gardens	56	Q3 2021
8	Sean Foster Place	30	Q3 2021
9	Teresa's Gardens	54	Q1 2021
		534	

	Dublin City Council Housing and Regeneration Development Sites – Schemes at Planning and Design	Units	Next Milestone
1	Infirmity Road	38	Out to tender Q4 2020
2	Dorset Street	158	Under design
3	St Finbarr's Court	46	Part 8, Q3, 200
4	St Andrew's Court	42	Appoint Design Team, Q3, 2020
5	Belcamp B	12	Lodge Part 8, Q3 2020
6	Woodville	36	Lodge Part 8, Q3 2020
7	Cromcastle Court	120	Lodge Part 8, Q3 2020
8	Sladmore	42	Under design
9	Glin Court	36	Lodge Part 8, Q3 2020

10	Grand Canal Basin	80	Appoint Design Team, Q3, 2020
11	Crumlin Road	45	Appoint Design Team, Q3, 2020
12	Kildonan	75	Procuring Design Team
13	Dolphin House: Phase 1b	30	Under review
		760	

	Dublin City Council Housing PPP Sites	Units	Anticipated completion dates
1	Scribblestown	70	Q4 2020
2	Ayrfield/Belmayne	150	Q2 2021

AHB Sites

AHB projects that were active prior to COVID-19 have all re-commenced (see below). However, AHBs are currently working on revised delivery programmes for these schemes.

AHB	Project Address	No. of Units	Expected Delivery Date
Tuath	Lough Conn Road/Avenue	4	Q4 2020 (2) Q1 2021 (2)
Tuath	Willow Park	2	Q4 2020
Tuath	Ellis Court	22	Q1 2021
PMVT	New Street	8	Q1 2021
Respond	Bluebell Avenue	52	Q2 2021
Tuath	Ravensdale Court	12	Q3 2021
Respond	Chanel Manor, Coolock	65	Q2 2021
Clanmil	Aughrim Street	4	Q1 2021
AHB	Project Address	No. of Units	Expected Delivery Date
Clanmil	Dorset Street	9	Q3 2020
Oaklee	Bow Lane West	15	Q3 2020
Oaklee	Cromwellsfort Court	12	Q2 2020
Fold	Armagh Road	59	Q3 2020
Alone	Jamestown Court	12	Q3 2020
Cluid	Tramyard Exchange	15	Q1 2021
Paddy McGrath Trust	Dominick Place	9	Q3 2021
Focus	Connaught Street	20	Q4 2021
Tuath	Drimnagh Road	13	Q3 2020
Respond	199, 201, 201A Harolds Cross Road	12	Q4 2021

At a meeting of the Corporate Project Governance Board (CPGB) on 26/5/20, the CPGB decided that under the current uncertain circumstances no capital project should proceed to tender for construction or to the construction stage itself unless there are compelling reasons to do so. This was in line with the OGP advice. The approvals to proceed to the next stage were deferred for the following projects:

Project	Department

Silloogue Infrastructure Scheme	Environment & Transportation
Francis Street Environmental	Housing & Community
Belmayne Main Street and Belmayne Avenue Scheme	Environment & Transportation

This decision is currently under review and an updated policy is currently being actively considered.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline DCC's measures to support Dublin city's night-time economy as COVID-19 restrictions lift. This is an issue which has been identified in the programme for government document with a specific commitment to establish a 'Night-time Economy Taskforce', is this something DCC would seek involvement in?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has been involved in examining the issues that are critical to supporting a vibrant Night-time Economy in Dublin and participated in a process established by the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht (previously Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) to investigate the possibility of creative nightlife and cultural activity after hours. The Arts Office, Planning and Economic Development have been engaged in this work. The Economic Development and Enterprise SPC has established a working group to look at the area of Tourism and City Markets including the Night-time economy.

The Dublin City Arts Officer and Dublin City Planner were invited by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to present to the Oireachtas Committee on the topic of protecting and promoting the nightlife and economy in our cities in November 2019. Arising from that a Your Dublin Your Voice survey was carried out by the Economic Development Office in Q1 of this year to establish the views of those living in Dublin about how they currently engage with the night time economy and their aspirations for future possibilities. The results were made public and widely disseminated to various stakeholders in the area and to the broader public through the press and social media.

The results were also presented for consideration at the first meeting of the Economic and Enterprise SPC Working Group on Tourism and City Markets, including the Night-time Economy in June. Members of this working group attended a Night Time Economy Forum hosted by Dublin City Council on 26th June where 24 stakeholders participated with representatives from the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht (previously Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), the Department of Justice, and representing the Culture Sector, Tourism, Transportation, and Business. From this an outcomes report will be made public and circulated to the participants and wider stakeholders including the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht (previously Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht). We await further information in relation to the plans to implement the commitments contained in the programme for government, the role that local authorities will play and how this work will be resourced.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the current status of the regeneration of Dolphin House. Construction had ceased prior to COVID-19 outbreak and restrictions, when will construction resume and when will the project be completed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Building upon the momentum established under the first phase in Dolphin House, the Housing and Community Services Department sought and received stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for the development of 30 units along the front of Dolphin's Barn.

The Dolphin House Regeneration Board has expressed their concern with that development proceeding. Representatives of the Housing and Community Services Department and the Dolphin House Regeneration Board are discussing how best to proceed collaboratively.

The Housing and Community Services Department is also working directly with the Dolphin House Regeneration Board to refine, enhance and update the original masterplan to reflect current planning policies.

The Housing and Community Services Department believes the revised and updated masterplan will result in a better overall design and will be in the public good.

In the interim, the Housing and Community Services is also making plans for demolition of the long blocks. A programme of de-tenanting is also underway.

The Fold Senior Citizen Housing Complex is due to be completed in July 2020 with tenants moving from the Old Senior Complex in August 2020.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report of the site history of a row of derelict houses (no.3-7) along Martin's Row, Chapelizod (pictures included). What enforcement action has been taken against the owners and will DCC CPO the site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The sites Nos. 1,2,5,6,7,10,11, Mulberry Cottages, Martins Row, Chapelizod have all been declared derelict sites and the appropriate notices served in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. They are entered on the Derelict Sites Register and will incur a levy of 7% plus interest per annum for as long as the stand entered on the Register.

The Council initiated acquisition proceedings by agreement in the first instance in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. However, representations were received from the owners Solicitors stating that these site were being sold. Correspondence received in June, 2020 from the Solicitors state that they were awaiting exchange of contracts.

These sites are being kept under review by the Derelict Sites Section.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the Vacant Site Levy, can the Chief Executive:

- a) Provide a copy of the Progress on Implementation of the Vacant Site Levy report due to be submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government?
- b) Confirm the cost of Vacant Site Levies paid by Dublin City Council last year, by site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) This report is currently being compiled and a copy of the report will be provided when completed.

b)

Site	Amount Paid in 2019
Infirmity Road, Montpelier Hill, Dublin 7 (VS-0011)	€240,000
Corner of Russell Street and North Circular Road (VS-0101)	€45,000
(Readymix Site) 5-23 East Wall Road (VS-0117)	€178,500
Total	€463,500

Q.65 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the planning requirements for a satellite dish or similar mounted device?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Class 4 of Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) exempts the installation 'on or within the curtilage of a house, of a dish type antenna used for the receiving and transmitting of signals from satellites' provided that:

1. Not more than one such antenna shall be erected on, or within the curtilage of a house.
2. The diameter of any such antenna shall not exceed 1 metre.
3. No such antenna shall be erected on, or forward of, the front wall of the house, and
4. No such antenna shall be erected on the front roof slope of the house or higher than the highest part of the roof of the house

Q.66 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to engage with Howth Road National School regarding their concerns over newly installed cycle infrastructure preventing safe drop offs and deliveries to the school. As per the letter attached the school community have suggestions to address this situation and are unhappy with the lack of adequate consultation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will engage with the school directly in relation to the concerns highlighted.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please indicate what support if any local community centres, sports centres, youth centres, scouts dens can get from DCC, various Government Departments to ensure these facilities can re-open and again afford their communities all the possibilities these centre offer. There is one fund operated by DCC however it is only open to projects who pay commercial rates. Community projects by their nature are excluded from paying rates due to their non for profit /community orientation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently Dublin City Council does not have such a grants scheme and we do not have the funding to consider same. Most Community Facilities get a range of financial assistance from different government departments and we are not aware that this assistance has been suspended.

The Department of Community Development and Rural Affairs in recent months announced a number of Grant Schemes to assist with the Covid-19 aftermath. If the Councillor is referring to a particular project/centre, then we are happy to discuss it with him.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at the recently awarded contract for street banners etc. and can the CEO please tell me what DCC get from this contract when costs have gone up 60% to groups who previously used the service. I am involved in many groups in the Ballyfermot who brought this concept to Ballyfermot a few years ago and now promote community events, festivals through this medium and we are shocked at the huge increase in costs. I was always led to believe that when you renew a contract the outcome should be a better service for all however the simple fact is DCC in awarding this contract has made the animation of the public realm now impossible to use because of the new cost structure. Bundling of contracts which result in a massive increase of cost is a disaster and goes against the spirit of improving the dissemination of community information in our neighbourhoods.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In line with Irish Legislation (S.I 284 of 2016) and EU Public Sector Directives (2014/24/EU) all contracts with a value exceeding €25,000 are tendered for by way of a publically advertised competition. An invitation to tender for the management and delivery of Lamppost Banner Advertising services was advertised on E-Tenders 2018 with a closing date of 16th November 2018 at 12:00 noon. MSK Media were awarded the contract to manage and deliver Lamppost Banner Advertising services, on behalf of Dublin City Council.

Regarding comparison of lamppost banner rates for the current contractor compared to the previous one, the rate is now slightly cheaper at €98.50 plus 23% Vat, compared to the previous contractor rate which was €100 plus 23% Vat for a two week campaign. For the current contract there has been an increase in pricing to semi commercial and full commercial campaigns however this rate would not apply to community festivals, which are supported by the relevant local area office. The lamppost banner rate for Dublin City Council backed community events would be €98.50 plus 23% Vat.

If the question is referring to a specific campaign, can the details can be sent to events@dublincity.ie where the Events Unit will investigate further with its current contractor to ensure the correct rate was applied.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive please explain how someone can have cars, vans etc. parked on public footpaths, and the public road for months on end that are never going to move again, trailers etc. are not uncommon and no one seems to be able to do anything about same, I would welcome guidance / advice of what avenues are open to stop this practice.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is illegal to park on footpaths and the Dublin Street Parking Services do address such illegal parking as part of their brief, if Parking Enforcement or DSPS are notified of instances of this parking activity, action will be taken.

Once a vehicle is parked legally on a road there is no limit to the time it may be parked if it complies with the rules pertaining to the road it is parked on. If however it is a vehicle without an engine such as a trailer, unfortunately there is nothing Parking Enforcement can assist with as the vehicle is not mechanically propelled.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to urgently look at the sequencing of traffic lights on the Castleknock Road at Castleknock Gates, Auburn Avenue and College Road (Fingal County Council have confirmed that these traffic lights are managed by Dublin City Council), even though these locations are in Fingal County Council, as traffic congestion in the Phoenix Park and Castleknock Village has become injurious to Castleknock Village and Phoenix Park from an amenity, health and safety perspective for pedestrians and cyclists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the measures to reduce the build-up of pedestrians at traffic signals, for all DCC and all signals in FCC which are controlled by DCC, the overall cycle time at all junctions was reduced to prevent the build-up of pedestrians at traffic signals.

Following on from discussions with the OPW and also with Fingal County Council a number of modifications have been made to the junctions in order to reduce delays at the same time as keeping the pedestrian wait time to a minimum

At the exit from the Phoenix Park when our traffic system detects a high level of traffic exiting the park the time allowed for this movement is increased taking into consideration the waiting times for increased number of pedestrian trying to enter the park on foot.

In the case of junction of College Road and Castleknock Road, due to the high level of pedestrian movement through the village the wait time for the pedestrian crossing has been reduced. A number of changes have been made to mitigate the delays to vehicles.

We will continue to monitor the junction.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to take the appropriate action to address the deterioration of the public domain at **(details supplied)**. Black refuse bags are being illegally dumped at this location on a weekly basis as well as hazardous waste.

In addition to the waste, weeds are overgrown at the kerbs and on the footpaths. Following the tender competition for appointment of a contractor to remove weeds, can this location please be prioritised?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Tenderers were invited to submit proposals to remove/treat weeds, including innovative proposals that they may have. The Tender assessment process is nearly complete and it is expected that this contract will be awarded in the next three weeks.

Waste Management Services had all the dumped bags and waste removed from **(details supplied)** on the 25th June 2020. We will ensure that this location is monitored on a regular basis.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to expand the Dublinbike scheme and to install a station close to the National Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The most recently completed expansion of Just Eat dublinbikes extended the scheme to serve Grangegorman Campus and the surrounding area. The fully occupied campus will have in excess of 20,000 students. Specific purpose funding was provided by the National Transport Authority to directly provide for sustainable mobility at the campus.

While further expansion to other areas of the city such as the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin 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 important services that Dublin City Council must also provide in the city. Alternative financing and operational models are being examined but the likelihood is that this will not provide a short term solution to deliver a significant catchment expansion.

In the interim to the identification of additional funding for the scheme, the alternative bike share schemes are 'Bleeperbikes' and 'Moby'.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to take appropriate action to address the ongoing parking enforcement problem in the Kinvara area, particularly near the shops at Kinvara Park and to answer the following:

- A. There are missing bollards at this location. Is there a date as to when the missing bollards will be reinstated?
- B. Can the bollards that are currently in this location be repainted to ensure that they are as visible as can be?
- C. Can the island at the shops be removed and the parking orientation changed from parallel parking?
- D. Can yellow lines be installed outside houses on Kinvara Park near the shops and at the pedestrian lights on Kinvara Avenue?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A. Road Maintenance Services has added this request for the missing bollards to be reinstated. This will be carried out within the next 8-12 weeks.
- B The area office will arrange to have the bollards painted.
- C. From inspection it was noted that the current layout of parking at this location is parallel parking, although parking is not regulated this is the general orientation of parking. The provision of the traffic island is to create traffic calming by reducing the carriageway width and slowing vehicles down, parallel parking also increases traffic calming as Vehicles Park. No changes are recommended at this time to the parking arrangements.
- D. In terms of installing double yellow lines outside houses on Kinvara Park, this is not generally considered to be an appropriate measure as it can create an inconvenience to residents who wish to park their vehicles outside their house. However if there is a resident who has a particular issue outside their house, this can be investigated.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report as to how the city council street furniture section intend to manage the array of street furniture that is now appearing on footpaths and roadways throughout the city. It is of particular importance as to how this issue is going to be managed and addressed in the evening times when quite a lot of this furniture is simply blocking the footpaths. Does the CEO intend to employ additional staff particularly for the evening time to enforce these issues bearing in mind the importance of social distancing and the issues around elderly and people with disabilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are approximately 400 locations throughout the City where tables and chairs are located on private landings and the Street Furniture Unit has no powers in relation to these. These have been referred to Planning Enforcement for action and in the majority of cases Planning Enforcement have replied that as an established use had been in place for more than 7 years there is no action that they can take under Planning legislation. The staff complement in the Street Furniture Unit is one full time Inspector, however the undersigned has made arrangements with the Licensing Unit to avail of the services of their Inspectorate (7 staff) to assist in the regulation of licensed and unlicensed street furniture. This Inspectorate operates on a shift basis including late evenings. The Street Furniture Unit is acutely aware of access issues and has refused to renew licences for persistent offenders. The Unit is currently assessing over 100 applications for temporary street furniture licences to assist businesses in reopening and a Public Spaces Working Group has recently been established to assess these applications taking into account pedestrian and traffic safety, access issues, social distancing and fire safety requirements.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive as lead partner with the Dublin Bike scheme initiate that this bike scheme be open to non-credit card holders. This scheme demands that users hold a credit card in order to access membership and usage. This process is discriminatory against the many who don't have credit card facilities including young people and children. With the great emphasis now being placed on cycling and cycling infrastructure expanding in the city it is high time that DCC and JC Decaux's bike scheme became more democratic and inclusive as a subsidised public amenity.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Members of the public have three payment options to subscribe as members of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme. Annual members subscribe online at www.dublinbikes.ie by credit card, debit card or direct debit. Short term members can purchase a three day membership by credit card at credit card enabled station terminals. The scheme is not accessible to children under the age of 14 for health and safety reasons. The scheme is accessible to children between the ages of 14 to 18. Their subscriptions must be taken out by their legal guardian subject to the terms and conditions of the scheme.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the number of portaloos that have been placed on DCC's property. One at Grafton Street, and the other at Wolfe tone park. What arrangements and contracts are in place for these portaloos? Who is paying for them? What are their opening times? Has DCC any intention of providing the public of the city with proper public toilet facilities? Also, bearing in mind that there is public lavatories in St. Stephens green which are boarded up and there are a number of public lavatories in Kevin Street boarded up surely it is time that these facilities be brought back into use for the public particularly around this time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The temporary public toilet facilities located at Stephens Green and Wolfe Tone Square were installed in response to the Covid 19 pandemic as a rapid deployment project. The units contain 7 toilet facilities in total, including a wheelchair accessible unit at each location. The units are in operation between 10am and 8pm daily. The costs are currently being met by Dublin City Council with the full costs being attributed to the Covid 19 response measures.

The cost of deployment and installation for the two locations was €119,557. The day to day management of the unit is being provided by a licensed professional security firm with expertise in event management security who are also providing the ongoing regular cleaning of the units.

Dublin City Council is currently seeking to progress further options to increase public toilet facilities in the city centre.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to call on the general public to cut back overgrown hedges and shrubbery that is impacting on the space and footpaths all over the city. Many garden hedges now take up half the footpath leading to pedestrians in many parts of the city having to step onto roadways. Bearing in mind the issue of social distancing and space people need to be made aware of the hindrance and obstacles that overgrown garden hedges can have on those using public walkways, particularly those that are elderly and frail but also parents with buggies and prams etc.

One only has to walk certain parts of the city to see the intrusion of unkempt private garden hedges on our streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

When roads and footpaths are obstructed by overgrown hedges and trees situated on private property, Road Maintenance Services Division issues notices to occupiers to deal with these obstructions. Failure to comply with such notices can lead to court proceedings where fines up to a maximum of €1,270 can be imposed. In the current circumstances increased levels of maintenance of privately owned hedges and trees would be most welcome.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many of the new public toilets made available during Covid-19 are wheelchair accessible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Both temporary toilet units at Stephens Green and Wolfe Tone Square have a dedicated wheelchair accessible facility.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned works to be undertaken around the bollards at the bottom of Ferguson Road in Drumcondra.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Officer has reported that it is expected that these works will be carried out within the next two weeks.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if the roundabout in Ringsend near the recycling centre can be refurbished and when regular maintenance (weeds etc.) will resume in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Tenderers were invited to submit proposals to remove/treat weeds, including innovative proposals that they may have. The Tender assessment process is nearly complete and it is expected that this contract will be awarded in the next three weeks.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to put railing around the play area in O'Carroll Villas to prevent non-residents coming in at treating it as a drinking area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has spoken to the Local Area Office/Estate Management in relation to this request and they will investigate the anti-social behaviour and consult with tenants in relation to the railings.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive can he arrange to have two large plant boxes installed at the entrance to O'Rahilly House, Thorncastle Street, Dublin 4.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South East Area Office will examine the proposal this to see if is feasible. To do so we need a key group who will look after these planters. Ringsend and Irishtown Tidy Towns would be best to engage with.

We have provided them with many planters flowers etc and they have a good system working together to mind all and keep all Dublin City Council complexes linked into a village focus. We would also need to establish that the planters would not impede emergency or other access to the complex.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a water filling station to be installed at the astro turf area in Ringsend Park, Dublin 4.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no proposal to install a water filling station at the full size astro pitch at Irishtown stadium.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the accessibility of emergency homeless accommodation and how the needs of people with complicated disability needs are facilitated.

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 with disability needs who experience homelessness.

Private Emergency Accommodation

Dublin Fire Brigade carry out an annual inspection of on all our Private Emergency Homeless Accommodation. This inspection would include checking on accessibility requirements. Since the beginning of September 2017 an enhanced regime of inspections has been agreed with Dublin City Council's Environmental Health Officers to assess compliance with the New 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. From May 2019, a new schedule of additional inspections are scheduled for all our Private Emergency Homeless Accommodation. These inspections are unannounced and are designed to ensure compliance with building, maintenance, health and safety and fire safety standards.

Emergency Accommodation Managed by NGO's

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, including accessibility requirements.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive why **(details supplied)** was moved from their former accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Central Placement Team in the DRHE are aware of this clients' needs and always work with her to place her appropriately. An offer of suitable accommodation (a self-contained unit which meets all her needs and suitable for an assistance dog also) has been made to her. We are hopeful that she will accept this offer of accommodation.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will write to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht requesting that the Department purchase and refurbish 422 North Circular Road, the home of Sean O'Casey in the 1920s and where he wrote his famous trilogy – The Shadow of a Gunman, Juno and the Paycock and the Plough and the Stars, with a view to setting up a Centre to promote O'Casey's legacy and encourage young writers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Arts Officer will consult with the Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht as to their view on such a purchase. It is important to note that apart from the capital costs of purchase and refurbishment of such buildings there could be significant yearly Revenue requirements for its operation.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will extend the period for submissions to the Litter Management Plan (2020 – 2022) until the end of July to enable individuals and community groups which have been fully focussed on responding to COVID-19 to make late submissions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has extended the period of public consultation for the Litter Management Plan by a further period of non-statutory consultation from 6th April to the 22nd June in order to allow for additional submissions to be made by groups or individuals who had been focused on the Covid 19 response. A large number of responses were made submitted during this period. 2 additional submissions were received in the week of the 22nd June following the non-statutory consultation period. Dublin City Council will consider the contents of all of these additional submissions in its report on public consultation. The drafting of this report is now underway in order

to be able to provide a final report to the Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Committee in July. As such it is not considered that it is possible to extend the consultation period any further.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will give an update on when the existing development of social housing on the O'Devaney Gardens site will be completed and when the planning application by Bartra for the new development is expected to be submitted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The completion timeframe for the 56 Social Units currently on site in O'Devaney Gardens is scheduled for Quarter 3, 2021.

The Planning Application for the remainder of the site is scheduled to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála by, or before, the 7th of September 2020.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the investigation into alleged use of funds to provide protection on Dublin City Council building sites.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

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

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

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

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

Q.90 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the agreement reached with the builder/developer with regard to the resolution to a series of drainage related breaches in **(details supplied)** and to indicate the timeline within which the matter will be resolved given that tenants have been allocated to the units in question and to give assurances that Dublin City Council carry no financial cost, either direct or indirect, in resolving the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Enforcement Section are currently investigating this issue in consultation with the drainage division of Dublin City Council. It is the understanding of the Planning Enforcement Section that the developer is currently resolving any outstanding issues relating to drainage on site.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to determine ownership and liability of the wall at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance inspected this wall, and informed the tenant that the wall was steady and not unsafe, there is a hairline crack in the plasterwork.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the extent of overcrowding in DCC housing units, what proportion of our tenancies are overcrowded and any the prevalence of overcrowding in each housing band.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.93 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the level of funding and any other support DCC provides to cricket and to local cricket teams and if DCC arranges any cricket leagues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership provide €49,000 per year towards the co-funding of a Leinster Cricket Development Initiative across Dublin City.

This contribution pays towards the salary of a Cricket Development Officer and the implementation of activities designed to:

- Increase participation in cricket
- Encourage and enable people from non-traditional cricket playing backgrounds to participate.
- Educate coaches and volunteers in line with best practice.
- Develop emerging talent.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive can he look at having **(details supplied)** tree trimmed in conjunction with the ESB as there are now a health and Safety risk.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pruning of vegetation around ESB lines is specialist and dangerous works which is the responsibility of the service provider. ESB Networks provide a contact number on their website where customers who have concerns in this regard can report it directly to the Tree Maintenance Crew who will arrange an inspection.

<https://www.esbnetworks.ie/help-centre/tree-cutting>

Q.95 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange to have the trees cut on Coolock Drive, they do not appear to be done in over a year and there are restriction to people now due to them being low lying.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lower branches at this location have been addressed.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive if he arrange for the poo bins to be cleaned more often in Ellen field Park as with the heat they are causing an awful smell for those residence on Ellen field and Glencoe.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will ensure that the dog poo bins at Ellen Field Park are emptied more often.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could supplies an update on **(details supplied)** housing application as the family have become quite distress in their current situation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 16/04/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area B	2	659
Area D	2	308
Area E	2	741

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.

It is noted on the applicants file that she was issued with a HAP pack on 28/08/2019.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how many communication masts for mobile phones or other services are placed on Dublin City Council lands and buildings, and give the addresses in each case, and the annual rent (or other benefit in kind) received.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information sought will require the input of more than one Council Department and once collated an answer will be provided directly to the Councillor.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the complaints gone into planning enforcement about deviations from the Planning Permission for the Grace Park Wood estate which is due to be handed over to the Council. Will he commit to arranging a meeting with all stakeholders- DCC, the residents, Castlethorn, Benchmark and ChildVision prior to the council taking over the estate?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area office have recently sent on correspondence relating to this matter which Planning Enforcement are currently considering. The issues concerned will be investigated if they are deemed to be breaches of the planning permission granted for this development.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive how many families or individuals have moved off the transfer list into council allocated social housing in the past five years, with a year by year breakdown, and what the average duration of time on the transfer housing list was for these families/individuals in any given year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find attached table setting out the requested information from the period 2016 to 2020.

With regards to the average duration time on the transfer list for applicants in any given year, Dublin City Council do not hold reports in respect of average waiting times based on Lettings. Length of time on all the lists is very much related to the level of demand for locations being sought and the willingness or non-willingness to accept locations that are more readily available.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive why there aren't any swings provided in the playground at Fr. Collins Park in Clongriffin and are there any plans to provide swings in the Clongriffin area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The park and playgrounds were opened in 2009 and while there are extensive files regarding the planning and construction of the park there is no indication if this was a conscious decision to exclude swings from the layout of the playgrounds or if this was just a consequence of the tender process.

There is no room within the existing footprints of the playgrounds to retrofit swings into these facilities and no current plans to provide swings in the Clongriffin area.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to reassess recent changes to the traffic light sequencing at the junction of Clare Hall/Malahide Road/R139 which local residents complain is causing dangerous delays and tailbacks, increasing the risk to cyclists and pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the current covid19 restrictions, Dublin City Council have programmed many pedestrian crossings to run automatically (without anyone pressing the call button) and also reduced traffic signal cycle times from a maximum of 120 seconds to a maximum of 80 seconds, which reduces the amount of vehicle green signal time available each cycle of the signals as all safety amber and red signal timings must still fully run along with full pedestrian crossing times.

These measures are designed to reduce pedestrian waiting time, prevent the build-up of pedestrians at crossings and aid social distancing measures but do have an impact on traffic movements across the city. Information on current measures can be viewed

at <https://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-dublin-city-covid-mobility-programme/improving-pedestrian> .

We have, however, recently made changes to the traffic signal timings/sequences to aid traffic movements at the junction of Malahide Rd / R139 (Northern Cross) and will continue to monitor the location and will make further amendments, where there is scope to do so, within the current restrictions.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the Jewish Cemetery on Fairview Strand. I understand that DCC is now the owner of the cemetery having taken over from the Dublin Jewish Board of Guardians a few years ago. I am aware that the cemetery which is an important part of our national heritage is to be refurbished/restored and made open to the public. Can the report include a timeframe and a completion schedule for works please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The initial survey and draft conservation plan of the building has been completed and the next stage of the project is to carry out accommodation works to remove the unsympathetic modern extension to the rear which will allow for further investigation of the fabric of the building which in turn will inform and allow the conservation plan to be finalised.

The scope of these accommodation works is currently out to tender and it is anticipated that this work will commence on site with the next 10 to 12 weeks. The trajectory then is to finalise the conservation plan and bring the restoration plans to part 8 which once granted the completion of the project will depend on the identification of a suitable budgetary provision.

However until the fabric of the building hidden by the modern extension has been studied and Conservation Plan has been finalised it is not possible to give an accurate or meaningful timeline for the completion of this project.

Maintenance works to the burial grounds themselves are ongoing peeling back the layers of accumulated detritus and restoring some of the sites previous charm.

A draft restoration plan for the resetting of the monuments and headstones most at risk has also been completed.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive whether or not he will request approval from the Local Area Committee if the planning application for the proposed new Discovery Centre on North Bull Island is deemed to be a Part 10 application. Assurances have been given in the past by DCC that major Part 10 works for instance the Clontarf Promenade and Flood Defence project will require the approval of the local area committee and will this be the case with the Discovery Centre.

Also, has the National Parks and Wildlife Service and / or Birdwatch Ireland made a submission regarding the Discovery Centre and if so can I have a copy of same please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The new Discovery Centre project is designed as a replacement for the existing interpretive and education centre built by Dublin Corporation in 1986 to promote the conservation of the Nature Reserve. This building however does not have universal access, nor the space or facilities to achieve the educational and conservation

objectives for which it was constructed. Neither can this area or the existing building be extended due to the proximity of the protected dune system. In addition since the extension of the UNESCO Biosphere status to the entirety of Dublin Bay in 2015, the education and interpretive role has a wider regional remit which is appropriate given that species, habitats and natural systems do not recognise administrative boundaries.

The plans for the discovery centre have been contained within the Capital Programme for Dublin City Council for more than three years now, and over this time DCC have appointed the best expertise in terms of sensitive design, planning and interpretation to ensure the centre is of the highest possible standard and that any possible impacts on the nature reserve are fully assessed.

The new centre will provide opportunity to people of all abilities in society who heretofore could not access the Nature Reserve and gain an understanding of the intricate terrestrial and marine ecosystems that make the Bull Island and Dublin Bay such a special place.

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. The public event held in St. Anne's (which was exceptionally well attended) along with the significant information campaign that accompanied it both through traditional media and social media provided DCC with a very broad and comprehensive response which brought forward some very supportive views as well as those with issues and concerns.

The design team have listened to feedback from residents, online surveys, comment boxes in St. Anne's and the Civic Offices, the Elected Representatives at Area Committee and through other one-on-one meetings held with stakeholders. The design team are considering the issues raised and will come back shortly with significant amendments to the size and scale of the building and a clearer rationale for its remit. This will be brought to the Area Committee and stakeholders in advance of the lodgement of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report to an Bórd Pleanála later this year.

DCC have met NPWS and Birdwatch Ireland on a number of occasions during the design development process. No submissions have been received from them nor would this be expected at this stage of the process. The meetings have been generally very positive and further engagement is envisaged in advance of the EIAR submission.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive for an up to date report on the status of the CY and lands (including lease) on Philipsburgh Ave, Dublin 3. The CY building is currently on the market and I would particularly like the report to include the following please.

- Confirm that the 1.92 acres of DCC owned sports grounds at this location which is currently on a sporting lease cannot be disposed of to any purchaser without the approval of DCC Councillors (reserved function)?
- Confirm whether or not the sporting lease can be transferred to any purchaser without the approval of DCC Councillors?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- The plot of ground at the rear of Nos. 80-108 Philipsburgh Avenue, Fairview was demised in 1988 by Dublin City Council to the Trustees of Christian Young Men's Club (CYMC) for a term of 99 years from 25th March 1984 subject to an initial annual rent

of €14,601.99 per annum abated to €190.46 provided the land are used for sporting and recreational community purposes only. The current passing rent is €106,000 per annum abated to €190.50 per annum.

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- The lease held by CYMC was assigned a number of years ago without seeking the consent of the Council and is now held in the personal names of former Trustees of CYMC.
- It is a covenant in the lease that the lessee will “use the premises for sporting and recreational community purposes only and for no other purpose whatsoever”.
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- A further covenant of the lease provides that the lessee may not assign, sublet or part with possession of the premises or any part thereof without the prior written consent of Dublin City Council.
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- When the property was placed on the market without the knowledge or consent of Dublin City Council, the Property Management Section wrote to Solicitors acting for the lessee to reiterate the covenants in the lease and seek clarification on their intentions. While the Solicitors acknowledged the covenants they did not provide any information on their further intentions.
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- The Property Management Section has been in further correspondence with the Solicitors but no formal request has been sought to date for the necessary written consent of Dublin City Council to any transfer or assignment of the leasehold interest.
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- A lessee is entitled to dispose of a property held under lease by selling it or otherwise transferring it to another party but only with the prior written consent of Dublin City Council. The process in both cases is an assignment of the lease and the grant of consent to such an assignment is an executive function and does not require the consent of the Elected Members. A request for consent to assign a lease must include full details of the prospective assignee and their future intentions for the subject lands and consent will only be granted where the Council is satisfied that there will be no conflict with the original intended use of the lands or any covenants contained in the lease.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive could we example ways to protect our public art after the vandalism to the tree of life wood carving at St Anne's Park and other sculptures including Luke Kelly sculptures on numerous times, measures including surveillance and community engagement in protecting our art and public domains from destructive vandalism”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Luke Kelly: CCCTV camera is being installed at the Luke Kelly Sculpture on Guild Street. The community from the time of its installation are for the most part are very proud to have this artwork by Vera Klute in the area. School Children from the four national schools participated at the launch of the sculpture by President Michael D Higgins and his wife Sabina (who was bridesmaid at Luke Kelly's wedding) and have, I understand undertaken little cleans of his hair since its inauguration. The issue with the vandalism is not considered to be a community response to the sculpture.

While the act of vandalism to the Tree of Life sculpture was more than a little upsetting for the community thankfully the damage appears to be mostly superficial and is cleaning quite well. This incident was we feel a one off event and we would not be in

favour of installing CCTV. Nor would the Parks Service be in favour of fencing off the sculpture as the main attraction is that children can approach and interact with the carving and find the various creatures that live on the tree.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive what can be done to prevent illegal littering and deliberate fly-tipping across the city in our parks, lanes and even on the biosphere on Bull Island and the causeway.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council takes part in a large number of initiatives and activities relating to tackling, preventing and deterring illegal dumping and littering. These include: enforcement actions by litter enforcement and waste enforcement. Use of CCTV monitoring. Engagement with communities and residents. Media campaigns and use of social media. Engagement with schools through programmes such as the green schools programme. Running environmental initiatives such as the Dublin Community Clean-Up Day and City Neighbourhoods competitions. Use of signage. Implementation of Anti-Dumping Initiative projects.

Currently the City Council is in the process of renewing its Litter Management Plan, embarking on a bye law enforcement campaign and implementing projects approved for funding under the anti-dumping initiative 2020 including the following projects:

Citywide

1. Funding to carry out door to door and correspondence based Waste Bye – Law compliance surveys and enforcement.
2. Expansion of abandoned bicycle removal initiative

North West Area

3. Clean ups of waste at dumping blackspots, provision of household junk collection days (1 each per area – Ballymun / Finglas). Provision of planters at areas where black bag dumping accumulates. Mini projects to green and landscape dumping locations. Engagement with Better Ballymun / Tidy Towns to coordinate and engage community and schools in projects.

North Central Area

4. Regular ongoing clean-up of dumping at R139 to maintain arterial route.
5. Kilbarrack – securing / landscaping and planting of dumping blackspot

South Central Area

6. Clean up, securing and monitoring of site at Elmdale / Cherry Orchard

The Waste Management Services Division will work with the Parks and Landscape Services Division to implement specific initiatives or actions to address issues of dumping and littering in areas under their control.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to properties at location **(details supplied)** and:

- a) confirm that renovation works on same have been halted by Planning Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council and if so, explain why,
- b) say what the Council's interest in both properties is
- c) say if there is an intention to purchase one of these two properties and if so, reasons for same and if he can make a full statement on the matter to include costs to Dublin City Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(a) An enforcement notice under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) has been served requiring the cessation of all unauthorised works at No. 16 Hollybrook Park, Clontarf, Dublin 3. No unauthorised works had taken place at No.14 to our knowledge other than the removal of the rear boundary wall between the properties which was as a result of the works being carried out at No. 16. The owner of No 16 has been advised to submit a section 5 referral relating to any further proposed works, or a planning application if it is deemed that the works proposed under the Section 5 are not exempted development.

(b) The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has been using number 14 Hollybrook Park in Clontarf as emergency accommodation for up to 14 Homeless families. The DRHE has had a contract with the owner of this property since 2002 for the use of the property and for the day to management/running of the facility. The house next door number 16 has been vacant and run down now for several years. Recently this property was acquired by a Property Developer who also bought number 14. The owner wants to continue the contract arrangement with the DRHE for number 14, which the DRHE is agreeable to. The owner has proposed to the DRHE that number 16 could be used by the DRHE in a similar arrangement, it can cater for up to 9 families bringing the total for the two properties up to 23 families. The DRHE has agreed in principle following negotiations to this proposal. The DRHE will not complete the contract for use of this property until it is certified in compliance with planning and building regulations.

(c) These properties are not currently for sale and DCC does not intend purchasing them .

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to say in relation to horses:

- (a) how many horses, including dead horses, were seized in our Council area by DCC in the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 and can the reply include a breakdown of seizures by area and
- (b) how many horse licences are there in the city today

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see numbers below:

	Central Area	North Central Area	North West Area	South Central Area	South East Area	Total
2018	10	15	94	63	4	186
2019	6	8	40	37	1	92
2020 to 25th June	2	3	13	7	0	25

There are currently 20 horse licences in the Dublin City Council area.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)**, which floods every time it rains, causing serious problems for vulnerable pedestrians, and say if he will commit to having necessary remedial works carried out as soon as possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC drainage division will undertake to resolve the issue. We expect the issue exists due to previous works by a gas utility.

DCC drainage will liaise with utility company to resolve.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation the second/final phase of the River Wad Scheme please say:

- (a) when this work as promised, will commence
- (b) what the expected duration of the works will be/completion date
- (c) why such a delay on commencement of these works occurred and

If he will make a full statement on the matter to include areas he is aware of that are being affected by flooding following heavy rainfall.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- (a) We hope to appoint a consultant to the 2nd Phase of the Wad Flood Alleviation Scheme next month. This Phase constitutes a new tunnel under Howth Road, new river outfall from Clontarf Road across the promenade to the Port Area and repairs to the existing Wad river outfall.
- (b) The programmed duration of Phase 2 is 15 months, however environmental concerns may extend this by a few months.
- (c) Delays to this project were because other flood projects in the city had a higher priority, also recent loss of flooding and WFD staff and the COVID 19 crisis have all contributed to delays.
- (d) The final Phase 3 from Collins Avenue East to Collins Park requires this phase 2 to be completed first to cater for increased river flows. The estimated cost of the final Phase is around €20m, and funding for this will need to be secured before construction can commence.
- (e) Phase 2 will reduce flood risk from the Wad River further in Clanmoyle Road, Parts of Collins Avenue East and a number of houses and other buildings between Collins Avenue East to Clontarf Road. It will also reduce the frequency of flooding of the pond in Clontarf Golf club whose storage capacity has been increased by over 30,000M3 following approval of its members at an AGM to facilitate this scheme.
- (f) Phase 3 will be required to reduce flooding risk on the Malahide road, Collins Park, Collinswood and in parts of Santry.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to establish a traffic management plan for Griffith Court in Drumcondra and to give consideration to implementing a one way system.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A minimum width of 6.5m is required for double side parking. The average width along the lane is 7.10m. No adverse problems with congestion or traffic flow were observed. In view of this, a one way system is not recommended on Griffith Court.

Furthermore, it is not recommended to introduce a one way system at this location for the following reasons: It is considered that a one way system will promote faster

speeds as drivers are likely to drive faster when no risk is perceived from oncoming traffic and would impact adversely on the safety of pedestrians. The Gardaí would also not be in favour of introducing a one way system.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive when will these historic streets, including but not limited to South Anne Street, Duke Lane, Duke Street, have their road and footpaths repaired and restored as the negative level of tarmac instead of the original granite kerbs is diminishing Dublin's built heritage. The lack of people in situ on streets and footpaths in the city due to restaurants and bars being closed during COVID19 provides an amenable time to carry out this essential work. These photographs were taken after the Council meeting on June 8th in the Round Room. It is welcome and noted that there are good examples of new trees on other streets in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Tarmac patches such as these are temporary reinstatements carried out after underground utility works. Road Maintenance Services will ensure that permanent reinstatement are carried out at these locations with the original antique materials.

Dublin City Council's Roadworks Control restrictions remained applicable during the COVID 19 lockdown for all non-emergency works such as these reinstatements.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council can provide funding to run an awareness campaign by Dublin12 Drug and Alcohol Taskforce in concern of Nitro Oxide misuse by young people seen in Dublin 12 recently. The issue has been highlighted through the Taskforce structures, and has been seen across Dublin where other Taskforces have come together to run an awareness campaign regarding the risks involved with the consumption of Nitro Oxide. Its use is obvious in public spaces in Dublin 12 with the cylinder discarded showing an increase in drug litter.

South Dublin County Council has committed some funding to this (as the D12 task force area covers the two local authority areas) therefore, Dublin City Council support is also sought, in the amount of €2000. The Taskforce would include DCC logo to aid an issue that is presenting through the Local Policing Forum.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Drugs Task Forces are largely funded by the HSE, and there is generally some scope within these budgets to fund awareness campaigns, as has been done by other Task Forces. Given current financial constraints, the City Council is not in a position to fund this request.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive will City Council support suburban communities according to the DCC Development Plan, in particular in relation to Appendix 13.1 on childcare facilities required in developments over 75 units, and in particular since COVID 19 creches and childcare facilities have reduced numbers allowed access.

I understand that 'Guidelines' are not absolute law, but those issued by the Dept. of Housing Environment and Local Government are usually under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in which Section 28(1) states that planning authorities shall have regard to Guidelines issued by the Minister.

Furthermore, S28 (1c) states that Guidelines may contain specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) with which planning authorities et al "shall" comply.

This amendment was made in 2018, our society has manifestly changed due to global pandemic in 3 months during 2020. So the proposed new changes in relation to development and childcare facilities it is now a crucial need for planning authority to address.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council fully supports the provision of childcare facilities to serve the needs of suburban communities. Policy SN17 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 states that it is the policy of Dublin City Council:

“To facilitate the provision in suitable locations of sustainable, fit for purpose childcare facilities, employment and educational settings, taking into account the existing provision of childcare facilities and emerging demographic trends in the area”.

Appendix 13 of the plan also sets out specific guidance regarding childcare facilities and states that for new residential schemes, one childcare facility will be required unless there are significant reasons to the contrary. A benchmark provision of one childcare facility per seventy five dwellings is recommended.

The “Childcare Facilities – Guidelines for Planning Authorities” were published in June 2001. The guidelines were issued as Ministerial guidelines under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. In this regard, Dublin City Council must have regard to the guidelines in the performance of their functions.

Circular letter PL 3/2016 published in March 2016 requests Planning Authorities to expedite pre planning consultation and consideration of planning applications in respect of childcare facilities. It also advises that Planning Authorities to exclude matters relating to childcare facility standards, as this is dealt with in other legislation.

The Dublin City Development Plan review will commence in December 2020. Existing policy on childcare facilities will be reviewed as part of this process and will be in line with any further guidance on this matter issued by the Government.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive, as pollution levels are expected to increase as traffic volumes return to the city, if information could be provided about air quality along major road routes and using other public information networks to increase awareness of air pollution?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council launched the www.dublincityairandnoise.ie website in early 2020 to consolidate the real time data from national and local air monitoring stations operated by DCC in Dublin City.

This Unit is also exploring possibilities for widening the dissemination of air quality data with both Dublin Smart Cities and the Environmental Protection Agency including providing information about air quality along major road routes.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive if increased bins can be provided during the COVID-19 recovery phase and if increased resources be made available to the waste management team service these bins; as people are spending an increased amount of time outdoors and therefore using public bins more. This is particularly an issue in East Wall and across the North Inner City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no current plans to increase the number of public litterbins in the East Wall and North Inner City area. The servicing of litterbins and removal of dumped rubbish and litter has remained a priority activity throughout the Covid pandemic. However the Waste Management Division have been operating at an overall reduced level of service in respect of the number of staff that are operational at any given time in order to ensure that the health and safety of staff can be maintained, social distancing requirements adhered to and business continuity measures implemented. This reduced level of service has been returning to more normal levels since the easing of government restrictions and we are continuing to work towards the resumption of full service delivery. This will lead to the return of more regular cleaning schedules throughout the city and more frequent servicing of public litter bins.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans for increased public seating in the city during the summer and if the Age-Friendly Ireland would be involved in identifying suitable locations?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Opportunities to install additional seating are regularly examined. Seating can be quite contentious and locations have to be carefully chosen and our older person's councils play a part in identifying locations during walkability surveys.

If the Councillor has particular locations in mind she should contact the relevant public domain officer to discuss.

- South City

The South Central Area Office has an ongoing programme of public realm improvements in South West Inner City, and public seating has been incorporated into many of these schemes. There is seating provision in all parks, on Thomas Street, James Street, at Marrowbone Lane and Kilmainham among others. We've particularly focused on high demand routes such as The Dublin route from Christchurch to Kilmainham. Coming public realm improvements to Francis Street also allow for more seating as well as more generous pavements that will permit local businesses to licence space for seating. The Area Office would be happy to consider further suggestions for seating in high demand areas.

While there are no immediate plans for increased public seating in the city during the summer particularly during the current COVID 19 climate which presents issues of safe distancing and sanitising, it would be envisaged that Dublin City Council will facilitate walkability studies and public realm training in line with Age-Friendly recommendations with a view to provision of suitable seating.

- Central

The Central Area Office has no proposal to increase public seating.

- North City

In North Central area we have been most recently requested to supply seating in one location in Raheny .

In this case it is representatives of Raheny Tidy Group who are also member of the OPC in the North Central Area.

In all cases we would certainly give consideration for requests for additional seating particularly if it constitutes a rest point, and we are open to give consideration to the recommendations or suggestions of Age Friendly Ireland, at any time .

We do have to balance this with risks associated with some locations where there are fears of anti-social behaviour, or nearby services below ground for which access may be required, but again would always be willing to discuss options and work to accommodate alternative locations nearby if that was required in any case.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to immediately remove all kissing gates where they exist at entrances to parks and are preventing wheelchair users and those with pushchairs from using them and if they can engage immediately with Waterways Ireland to do the same along the Royal canal?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In general park entrances are open and access is not obstructed. However, swing/kissing gates and similar traffic barrier type structures have been placed at some park entrances in response to concerns by local people about unauthorised vehicles, quad bikes, scramblers and even speeding cyclists.

These gates still permit access for buggies and most wheelchairs. If there are specific locations which are an issue for wheelchair users or people with buggies they can send the location to parks@dublincity.ie and the matter will be addressed.

The question will be forwarded to Waterways Ireland with a request to respond directly to the Councillor.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive when does he expect **(details supplied)** to be undertaken as part of the recent Traffic Improvement Scheme; and to make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The revised line marking is scheduled to be installed within the next couple of weeks.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate whether any pre-planning application meetings have taken place with regards the potential redevelopment of **(details supplied)**; and to make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a live permission on this site for the redevelopment of **(details supplied)** to provide a retail unit and medical/media related uses. The proposal was originally refused by Dublin City Council in 2012 (Reg Ref 2720/12) but granted by An Bord Pleanála. The permitted development did not commence during the 5 year period following grant. However, an application to extend the duration of permission was lodged in 2018 and an extension of the duration of the permission was granted until 23/8/23.

Planning permission was also granted by Dublin City Council and by An Bord Pleanála (Reg Ref 3143/14) for the provision of ancillary off-licence sales area within the permitted retail unit (Reg. Ref. 2720/12).

Lidl lodged an application on the 2nd April 2020 to extend the duration of the above permission to provide ancillary off-licence sales area within the permitted retail unit (Reg. Ref. 2720/12; Bord Ref: PL.29N.241568). A decision is due by 17/07/2020

In the event that a planning application is lodged at a future date for new or amended development, any pre-planning records will be published.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to examine whether the currently located bike bunkers at **(details supplied)** can be relocated to an alternative place away from this residential property given the concerns of the householder in question; and to make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Bike bunker located on **(details supplied)** will be relocated to a new location as soon as we have the required resources.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for the timeframe of when work will restart on the laneway between Church Avenue and the Haven which was halted due to COVID. The wall on St.Mobhis church adjacent to the laneway seems to be collapsing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services were notified of the dangerous wall belonging to the Church in early February 2020. DCC obliged by agreeing to temporarily close the lane as the wall posed a hazard to the public. Soon after Covid19 restrictions were put in place, thus delaying the repair works.

I emailed the Consulting Engineer involved in the repair of the wall yesterday and the response is contained (details supplied)

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what progress if any has been made on previous question in relation to the list of outstanding maintenance issues at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have carried out a number of small repairs to this property. The dampness in the property was referred to a contractor under the Retrofitting Programme at the end of last year, when all the funding was used.

The new tender for the Retrofitting Programme should be operational on 1st August and we will be putting this property forward for attic and cavity insulation.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made on the outstanding maintenance requests by **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will repair the leak in the bathroom and arrange for a plasterer to carry out necessary works to the ceiling.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOUILLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to give a detailed update on the Arts and Culture Strategy for the Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard area. What has been agreed so far? Has any funding been secured for it? Has anyone been officially elected or chosen for any role in the strategy?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Beginning Sept 2019 a process of consultation was undertaken by the Ballyfermot Area Office and City Arts Office to assess the appetite for an arts and cultural strategy for Ballyfermot. By a process of invitation and through a series of public meetings an ad hoc advisory group was formed consisting of individuals and local organisations with experience in the field.

In early 2020 this advisory group decided that a smaller steering group that could advance the strategy should be formed through a nominations process. The nominations to be received by the Arts Office and passed onto the Area Committee for deliberation. The Area Committee would also agree which Councillors would sit on the steering group.

The nominations process was due to close at the end of March 2020. While some nominations were received, the process as a whole was interrupted by the Covid19 global pandemic. Both the Area Office and City Arts Office are still actively pursuing the development of an arts strategy and aim to reconvene the group in September, government guidelines allowing, to decide on the best way to proceed. Should this not be realistic in a physical meeting online options will be explored.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to study the possibility for properly segregated cycle lane and high-quality footpath on both sides of the Chapelizod Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are existing segregated cycle tracks from the Conyngham Rd/Chesterfield Avenue junction to the Chapelizod Road/Martin's Row junction, with a low level of service. A feasibility study has been completed for the development of high quality segregated cycling facilities from Chesterfield Avenue Junction to the City Boundary.

Further development of this scheme has been put on hold pending finalisation of the Liffey Cycle Route Design. This was considered appropriate as the scheme would have to tie-in into the Liffey Cycle Route at Parkgate Street. This scheme will be reconsidered once approval to construct the Liffey Cycle Route is in place.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive are there plans to put in place secure and safe/protected bike parking in Public spaces in all Dublin City Council Constituencies, especially in all local parks. There has been a high number of thefts of bikes in recent weeks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Bike parking is being installed in many public parks. If there is a specific location where bike parking is being sought it can be emailed to parks@dublincity.ie.

The cycle parking programme is currently ongoing. At present DCC is installing Sheffield cycle parking stands in the City Centre and the suburbs in Batch's.

The following are the Batch's that the Sustainable Mobility and Projects intends to get done this year.

Batch 13

The installation of cycle parking was suspended during the lockdown and only recommenced on Monday 25th May 2020. This Batch is over 50% complete. Approximately 132 stands have been installed and approximately 111 are going to be installed. It has locations in the City Centre and outside the canals.

Batch 14

Went out to tender on Monday 15th June 2020. It is expected that the installations will start sometime at the end of July/start of August 2020. It has locations in the City Centre and outside the canals. 203 stands are going to be installed as part of this Batch.

Batch 15

It is expected to go to tender sometime in July 2020. It has locations in the City Centre and outside the canals.

When a batch of On-Street Cycle Parking is installed the Contractor provides a list of all the GPS locations. Dublin City Council then updates the database and the cycle parking locations are automatically updated on the parking map. The map is available on the Dublin City Council website - <https://dublinbikeparking.com/>

Q.129 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can a survey be carried out of DCC parks to see how safe users are when they use this amenity, and to put in place any actions needed to ensure our parks are safe to use.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There has been no recent survey of Park users to assess their perception of parks with regard to personal safety. When user surveys have been carried out in the past the biggest barrier to peoples enjoyment of their park has been dog fouling and anti-social behaviour. Personal safety is not generally a problem in parks which are well used as the presence of other people using the park for a positive reasons generally provides a greater sense of security to all

Consequently, the Parks service has been carrying out extensive improvements to parks throughout the city to improve the facilities/amenities and attract more users. There are however some locations in the city which are more challenging and the Parks Service works in close cooperation with the Gardai to monitor anti-social behaviour.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive are there plans to reduce the amount of rainwater going into our drains and therefore going into our treatment systems. Our treatment systems cannot cope when we have a long sustained rainfall and this results in our seas being used as a dumping ground for untreated water. This has happened on at least 17 occasions last year and this meant the public were at the loss of this vital amenity.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I would agree with the statement made by the Councillor but Irish Water would be best placed to answer this as they are responsible for the foul and combined drainage network. However, DCC have a role to play in ensuring that any DCC projects (such as roads and traffic schemes, public domain schemes etc.) incorporate sustainable drainage practices and nature based systems to reduce the amount of surface water getting into the combined network.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive following the issuance of his memo dated the 24th of June 2020 which confirmed that the Business Liaison Team had completed its consultation with businesses regarding two traffic proposals for the north-eastern section of Sandymount Green, when it can be expected for one or other of these proposals to be

introduced and if it can be done in time for the commencement of Phase 3 on the 29th of June 2020, even in trial form.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Covid Mobility Team have completed a series of consultations and will be bringing three proposals to the next South East Area committee meeting.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive further to question 107 on the 8th of June 2020 if the installation of cycle parking in Milltown Village at Wilde & Green could now be done and if he could detail when he expects cycle parking outside Spar in Milltown village to be installed as part of Batch 15.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Sustainable Mobility and Projects Section intends to install cycle parking outside Wilde and Green sometime in the next few weeks as it is being done as an alternative in Batch 13.

The cycle parking outside Spar in Milltown Village is now being done as part of Batch 14 so it is intended that it will be installed sometime in July/August 2020.

It should be noted that installation of cycle parking for Batch 13 was suspended during the lockdown and was recommenced on Monday 25th May 2020.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive further to question 109 on the 8th of June 2020 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:

I refer to your question above regarding data on the Restart Grant. Dublin City Council are acting as an agent by administrating the Restart Grant on behalf of the Department of Enterprise, Business and Innovation (DEBI).

A Service Level Agreement was signed with the Department in relation to how we are to operate the scheme and the use of the information received. As the information you requested is information which was received by us solely for the purpose of awarding the grant, I have requested a decision from the Local Government Management Agency, who are co-ordinating with DEBI on behalf of Local Authorities, on whether this information can be released by Dublin City Council. When I have received their reply I will revert to you.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive further to the Finance SPC meeting which was held on the 24th of June 2020 where it was indicated that an internal exercise had been undertaken to establish the 12-14,000 eligible applicants for the Re-Start Grant from the existing rate payers, if he could set out in tabular form a breakdown of the individual number of those businesses by reference to each Business Category (Phase 0 -5);

from within that aforementioned sub-category, the total number of those businesses by reference to Dublin postal district.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Rates Office reviewed the rates database to identify potential accounts where the Restart grant is not applicable based on the qualifying criteria in terms of revenue and size or subject to a different grant scheme (crèches) etc. The review also identified accounts for which additional checks may be required to confirm if they are eligible for the grant or not - Landlord accounts, Franchise operators or multiple ratings. The alert system, which is designed to help staff processing the Restart Grants was developed followed the assessment criteria of the scheme and further clarifications from the LGMA.

This breakdown has no reference to postal reference or phased reopening as this information is not available in the rates system.

Breakdown of Rate accounts per Business Category				
Business Category	Accounts with Alerts - Grant not applicable	Accounts with Alerts - Need to check eligibility	Accounts with no Alerts	Total Accounts
FUEL/DEPOT	57	1	11	69
GLOBAL	12	0	0	12
HEALTH	5	12	62	79
HOSPITALITY	37	102	533	672
INDUSTRIAL USES	255	1064	1968	3287
LEISURE	48	34	135	217
MISC	432	303	322	1057
OFFICE	784	2962	3932	7678
RETAIL	853	1695	4720	7268
UTILITY	10	1	0	11
Total	2493	6174	11683	20350

Please note the alert system is not definitive and is based on assumptions.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposal to develop a small playground in rockfield park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no current proposals to construct a playground in Rockfield Park. As there is an existing playground a short walk away in Maypark, Rockfield would be considered very low priority for a new playground.

While there is considerable merit in the provision of smaller scale play opportunities in local parks the priority for the short to medium term is to bring the existing playgrounds in the area up to standard and then address the areas of deficit of play facilities.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how much was spent on fixing footpaths in the City in 2018, 2019 & 2020 (to date).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services' expenditure on the repair of footpaths:

2018 €6.47-Million

2019 €7.27-Million

2020 (to date) €1.45-Million.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide details of the new contractors who were successful in the recent tender for weed removal services, can the CEO confirm that the contractor will not be using Glycophosphate, and can he please outline in detail what methods the new contractor will be using to carry out weed removal in the City, and when this will commence".

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 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. The Tender assessment process is nearly complete and it is expected that this contract will be awarded in the next three weeks.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive when will the section of raised tarmac on the Cycle lane on Camden Street outside Chopped, close to the junction of Harrington St be replaced with a smooth surface" (see image attached)

Q.139 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive whether the following vacant buildings **(details supplied)** are on the derelict sites register, if not, why not, and can the CEO outline if he is aware of any plans for these buildings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Derelict Sites Section has active files on these sites. In recent years the Council have been engaging with the owners of these sites who had indicated that it was their intention to develop these properties and adjoining lands.

Planning Permission Ref: 2220/20 was lodged on 7th February 2020 to demolish five two storey houses at **(details supplied 1)** and existing two storey (over basement) commercial warehouse unit at **(details supplied 2)** It was refused by the Council on 16th April, 2020.

The sites were inspected again in June by the Derelict Sites Section and as there was no change to their appearance, the owners will be written to in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 and unless works as requested are carried out formal action will be taken under the Act

Q.140 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the number and location of designated seating areas (including benches and built seating areas) currently provided by DCC in the public realm within the core city centre, and for a report on what additional seating DCC plans to install as part of its response to the reallocation of space due to Covid 19.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South Central Area Office has an ongoing programme of public realm improvements in South West Inner City, and public seating has been incorporated into many of these schemes. There is seating provision in all parks, on Thomas Street, James Street, at Marrowbone Lane and Kilmainham among others. We've particularly focused on high demand routes such as The Dublin route from Christchurch to Kilmainham. Coming public realm improvements to Francis Street also allow for more seating as well as more generous pavements that will permit local businesses to licence space for seating. The Area Office would be happy to consider further suggestions for seating in high demand areas.

There are no immediate plans for increased public seating in the city during the summer particularly during the current COVID 19 climate which presents issues of safe distancing and sanitising.

Opportunities to install additional seating are regularly examined. Seating can be quite contentious and locations have to be carefully chosen and our older person's councils play a part in identifying locations during walkability surveys.

If the Councillor has particular locations in mind she should contact the relevant public domain officer to discuss. Information on the number and location of designated seating areas is not currently available.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the progress being made with installing additional bike parking in the city centre and beyond, and to ask new parking facilities are being mapped in a way that will make it convenient for cyclists to the nearest bike parking facility?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a short report on the progress on installing additional bike parking in the city centre and beyond.

Batch 13

The installation of cycle parking was suspended during the lockdown and only recommenced on Monday 25th May 2020. This Batch is over 50% complete. It has locations in the City Centre and outside the canals.

Batch 14

Went out to tender on Monday 15th June 2020. It is expected that the installations will start sometime at the end of July/start of August 2020. It has locations in the City Centre and outside the canals.

Batch 15

It is expected to go to tender sometime in July 2020. It has locations in the City Centre and outside the canals.

The mapping of the cycle parking is ongoing. The cycle parking locations on the DCC website is updated after each Batch is completed as soon as the GPS locations are available.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if a minimum width for protected cycling lanes being provided, upgraded or extended as part of the Covid mobility response has been established; if so, what is the minimum width and has it been established that cargo bikes can safely use this infrastructure?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

When installing protected cycle lanes we seek to achieve a width of 1.5m. However this is not always possible and we have installed protected cycle tracks less than this. In general cargo bikes are less than 1.0m wide and we would expect that they can safely use most if not all of the protected cycle lane infrastructure that has been installed to date.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive for a schedule of works on resurfacing or upgrading existing cycling lanes, as many cycling lanes throughout the city are faded, uneven and in some cases potholed. As part of the Covid mobility response to provide safe cycling routes into and around the city centre, is the resurfacing of lanes which have fallen into disrepair being prioritised?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see attached spreadsheet with requested information.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the basketball hoops to be repaired/replaced and hoop nets installed at the Courtlands Basketball Court (entrance off Walnut Rise), Dublin 9.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter will be examined and necessary repairs actioned as soon as replacement parts can be sourced and as local schedules and resources allow.