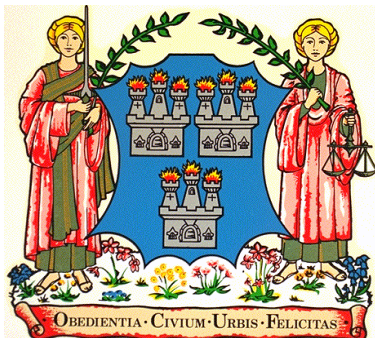


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 5 Deireadh Fómhair 2020 sa Seomra Cruinn ag Teach an tÁrdmhéara, Sráid Dhásain, ag 6.15 i.n.i láthair an tÁrdmhéara Hazel Chu sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron
Dearbháil Butler
Hazel Chu
Caroline Conroy
Daniel Céitinn
Tara Deacy
Pat Dunne
Mannix Flynn
Alison Gilliland
Vincent Jackson
Micheal Mac Donncha
Ray McAdam
Carolyn Moore
Naoise Ó'Muirí
Damian O'Farrell
Cieran Perry
Nial Ring

Comhairleoir:

Racheal Batten
Danny Byrne
Anthony Connaghan
Donna Cooney
Hazel de Nortúin
Kevin Donoghue
Declan Flanagan
Mary Freehill
Deirdre Heney
Dermot Lacey
Briege MacOscar
Seamas McGrattan
Darragh Moriarty
Claire O'Connor
Colm O'Rourke
Michael Pidgeon
Patricia Roe

Comhairleoir:

Janice Boylan
Mary Callaghan
Keith Connolly
Joe Costello
Daithi De Roiste
Daithí Doolan
Anthony Flynn
James Geoghegan
Janet Horner
Darcy Lonergan
Tina MacVeigh
Declan Meenagh
Sophie Nicoullaud
Cat O'Driscoll
Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
Michael Watters

Oifigigh

Oliver Douglas
Owen P. Keegan
Eileen Quinlivan
Richard Shakespeare

Ruth Dowling
Yvonne Kelly
Kathy Quinn

John Flanagan
Brendan Kenny
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor updated members on her initiative on homelessness - workshops have been held with service users and themes will be presented to the Minister.

She reminded members that she is seeking nominees for the Lord Mayor's Awards. This month nominees are being sought in the category of nursing home staff and next month will be front line transport workers. Full details of the awards are on the Dublin City Council website.

She noted that this week is Breastfeeding week and expressed her wish for Dublin to become a breastfeeding friendly capital city.

The Chief Executive updated the Members on a meeting he had with the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. The Minister is expected to sign an order in October to allow Members to attend Council meetings and vote remotely. Standing Orders to be updated.

2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16

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It was moved by Councillor Anthony Connaghan and seconded by Councillor Joe Costello "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 117 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.

3 Correspondence

- (a) Letter dated the 10th September 2020 from Kildare County Council conveying the terms of two motions passed at their recent meeting in relation to the abolition of the still birth register and the waiving of fees for family grave plots where a baby is to be buried.

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

- (b) Letter dated the 14th September 2020 from Sligo County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting that Sligo County Council write to the appropriate ministers to address the issue of extending the timescale and conditions of employment of Tus and CE participants on various employment schemes. As after a certain period of time they must leave the schemes and cannot avail of it again until another period of time has passed.

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

- (c) Letter dated the 24th September 2020 from Kerry County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting that Kerry County Council calls on the Minister of Defence and the Government to award the medals that were recommended for those Irish Peacekeepers who participated in the Battle of Jadotville in 1961 and to give recognition and award the MMG to former Commandant Pat Quinlan of Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry.

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

4 To confirm the minutes of the City Council meeting held on 14th September 2020 and the Adjourned City Council meeting held on 21st September 2020.

The minutes of the Annual City Council Meeting held on 14th September and the adjourned Monthly City Council Meeting held on 21st September having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

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

- (a) To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick who resigned her position on the Council.
It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by Councillor Keith Connolly "That Ms. Eimer Mc Cormack be co-opted to replace former Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick who was appointed to Seanad Éireann and therefore was deemed to have resigned from Dublin City Council." The motion was put and carried. Councillor Mc Cormack took her place in the Round Room and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to her by the Lord Mayor and by the Members of the City Council.
- (b) To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh who resigned her position on the Council.
It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan "That Ms. Máire Devine be co-opted to replace former Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh who had resigned from Dublin City Council." The motion was put and carried. Councillor Devine took her place in the Round Room and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to her by the Lord Mayor and by the Members of the City Council.
- (c) One vacancy on the Dublin City Council Audit Committee following the appointment to the Seanad Éireann of Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick.
It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by Councillor Keith Connolly that Councillor Daithí de Róiste be appointed as a member of the Dublin City Council Audit Committee. The motion was put and carried.
- (d) One vacancy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh.
It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan that Councillor Máire Devine be appointed as a member of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.
- (e) One vacancy on the board of St. James Hospital following the resignation of Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh.
It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan that Councillor Máire Devine be appointed to the board of St. James Hospital. The motion was put and carried.
- (f) One vacancy for the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum following the resignation of Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh.
It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan that Councillor Máire Devine be appointed to the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum. The motion was put and carried.
- (g) Two vacancies on the Protocol Committee following the resignations of Cllr. Anthony Flynn and Cllr. Daithí Doolan.
It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Mícheál MacDonncha that Councillor Anthony Connaghan be appointed as a member of the Protocol Committee. The motion was put and carried.

It was agreed that the second vacancy on the Protocol Committee be deferred.

- (h) One vacancy on the Moore Street Advisory Group.
It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by Councillor Keith Connolly that Councillor Eimer McCormack be appointed as a member of the Moore Street Advisory Group.

It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Larry O'Toole that Councillor Mícheál MacDonncha be appointed as a member of the Moore Street Advisory Group.

Following a vote Councillor Eimer McCormack was appointed a member of the Moore Street Advisory Group. Details of this vote are contained in **Appendix B**.

- (i) One vacancy on the Planning & Urban Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Darcy Lonergan.
It was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and seconded by Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud that Councillor Dearbháil Butler be appointed as a member of the Planning & Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.
- (j) One vacancy on the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Darcy Lonergan.
It was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and seconded by Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud that Councillor Caroline Conroy be appointed as a member of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee. The motion was put and carried.
- (k) One vacancy on the Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Patricia Roe.
It was proposed by Councillor Mary Callaghan and seconded by Councillor Tara Deacy that Councillor Cat O'Driscoll be appointed as a member of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee. The motion was put and carried.
- (l) To confirm the nomination of the Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Councillor Claire O'Connor and Councillor Mary Freehill to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Advisory Board.
It was proposed by Councillor Joe Costello and seconded by Councillor Mary Callaghan that the Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Councillor Claire O'Connor and Councillor Mary Freehill be appointed to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Advisory Board. The motion was put and carried.

- 6 Report No. 254/2020 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Councillor Seámas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Michael Pidgeon that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 254/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 266/2020 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive and City Engineer (J. Flanagan) - Update on the implementation of proposed Cycling Projects.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 266/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Report No. 273/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - North City Operations Depot (NCOD).

It was proposed by Councillor Keith Connolly and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 273/2020 and agrees to proceed with the development, subject to Ministerial sanction for the required loan being confirmed. The motion was put and carried.

- 9 Report No. 249/2020 of the Area Manager North Central Area (C. O' Reilly) - With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway at 5, 7 & 9 Marino Park Avenue, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over the laneway at 5, 7 & 9 Marino Park Avenue, Dublin 3, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 37448, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993". The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 268/2020 of the Area Manager Central Area (K. Mitchell) - With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment of the public right of way over that part of the lane to the rear of 1 to 24 Rathdown Road, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over the part of the lane to the rear of 1 to 24 Rathdown Road, Phibsborough, Dublin 7 as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 37516, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993". The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 253/2020 of the Executive Manager (M. Hayes) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 11 premises.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 253/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 256/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot comprising part of the rear garden of 86 Mourn Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 256/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 257/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed grant of a Licence in 48-49 Meath Street, Dublin 8 to Meath Street Youth Activity CLG.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 257/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 258/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the Disposal of the Council's Fee Simple interest in a premises at Kylemore Park South, Dublin 10.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 258/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 259/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 312 Ballyfermot Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 259/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 260/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed grant of a car park licence to the owner of Apartment No 10, Block 1, Prospect Hill, Finglas Road, Dublin 11.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 260/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 261/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed grant of a 15 year Lease of Ground Floor and First Floor Units of Bridgefoot Court, Dublin 8 to Innovate Dublin Communities Ltd.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by the Lord Mayor Hazel Chu that this item be deferred. Agreed.

- 18 Report No. 262/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of three apartments in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 262/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 263/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed disposal of land to the rear of No. 68 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 263/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 264/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to a proposed exchange of lands at Cara Park, Belcamp, Dublin 17.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 264/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 267/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the proposed disposal of two sites at the former St. Teresa's Gardens, Dublin 8 to DBR-SCR1 Fund, a Sub-Fund of the CWTC Multi-Family ICAV.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 267/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that the contracts would be made available to Members for inspection once they have been executed.

- 22 Report No. 270/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 270/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 251/2020 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 Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 251/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Report No. 276/2020 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 25th September 2020, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 276/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 269/2020 of the Traffic & Transport Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 2nd September 2020, Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 269/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 26 Report No. 271/2020 of the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 15th September 2020, Councillor Claire O'Connor, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 271/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 27 Report No. 255/2020 of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of meeting held on 17th September 2020, Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 255/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 28 Report No. 265/2020 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th September 2020, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 265/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 29 Report No. 245/2020 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 14th September 2020, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 245/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 30 Report No. 247/2020 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 8th September 2020, Councillor Janice Boylan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 247/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 31 Report No. 272/2020 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 21st September 2020, Councillor Donna Cooney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 272/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 32 Report No. 248/2020 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 15th September 2020, Councillor Caroline Conroy, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 248/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 33 Report No. 250/2020 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 16th September 2020, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 250/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 34 Report No. 246/2020 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 24th September 2020, Councillor Anne Feeney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 246/2020." The motion was put and carried.

- 35 Topical Issue - As decided by Council on the night

No topical issues were put forward for discussion.

36 Emergency Motion(s)

The Lord Mayor then requested permission of the City Council to take Emergency Motions. Accordingly, the City Council suspended Standing Orders to agree the following emergency motions without debate:

Emergency Motion No. 1

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to put in process whatever legal, operational or Covid Mobility measures necessary to incorporate Sunday Trading and late night Thursday trading into the Casual Trading Bye Laws.

Submitted by Councillor Anthony Flynn, Councillor Christy Burke, Councillor Nial Ring and Councillor Cieran Perry.

Emergency Motion No. 2

Arising from the Dublin Joint Policing Committee meeting last week which demonstrated an alarming increase in the availability of fireworks in Dublin this autumn and the consequent danger to life and limb, Dublin City Council calls on the Northern Ireland Assembly to align its legislation governing the sale of fireworks to the general public (allowed under a licensing system) with that of the Republic where the sale of fireworks to the general public is illegal.

Submitted by Councillor Joe Costello, Councillor Kevin Donoghue, Councillor Mary Freehill, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Councillor Jane Horgan Jones, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Councillor Declan Meenagh and Councillor Darragh Moriarty.

Emergency Motion No. 3 was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney as Councillor Conroy was not present

To ask the Council if The O'Rahilly historic Edwardian Villa on Herbert Park Road can be re-built and restored as a Historic Republican Museum, having been indiscriminately excluded from the Record of Protected Structures which includes far less significant and less historic built heritage in Dublin.

Submitted by Councillor Deirdre Conroy.

Emergency Motion No.4

That Dublin City Council:

- deplores the demolition of 40 Herbert Park, home of The O'Rahilly, Nancy O'Rahilly, and family, on 29 September 2020,
- notes that this Council had voted to list the building on the Record of Protected Structures on 14 September, which had been tabled as early as 21 April 2020,
- further notes that the developer was made aware of the City Council's intention to assess the site for the purpose of listing the building on 28 April and 2 September,
- further notes that the developer had sought that the City Council not proceed with this process, to which the Council asserted its entitlement to pursue the statutory process,
- expresses concern regarding the integrity of the planning process as a result of the developer demolishing the building despite the window for appeals by way of judicial review on the An Bord Pleanála decision remaining open,
- expresses concern at the planning authority's view that false or misleading information was provided to the Building Control Authority when seeking validation of the commencement notice for works on the site, whether wilfully or recklessly, not in compliance with conditions of planning permission,
- welcomes the halting of works on the site,
- calls for the immediate restoration of the house,

- expresses grave concern at the implications of the demolition for other historic buildings and sites in the city,
- And that this City Council request that the decision to grant planning permission for 40, Herbert Park should be referred by Dublin City Council, to An Bord Pleanála, to be formally revoked by An Bord Pleanála.
- requires the City Council to complete the listing process already begun with respect to five buildings on the Moore Street battlefield site to ensure their protection,
- requires the City Council to conduct a review of remaining sites with considerable historical significance and links to the 1916 Rising, to be reported back to the Council,
- calls for an overhaul of planning legislation to restore the competence of the local authority in all planning arrangements, and
- re-iterates its opposition to the profit-driven Strategic Housing Development process which undermines the competence of local authorities, and seeks a return to the local authority led development process of social and affordable housing as a solution to the housing crisis which can also uphold, protect, and enhance the remaining historical sites across the city.

The motion was put and carried. Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí requested that his objection be noted.

37 Motions on Notice

Not reached. To be re-listed for the November City Council meeting.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 2020

Q.1 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for the final price the social housing units being delivered by Bartra Capital at O'Devaney Gardens will cost the council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is difficult to outline in detail the costs associated with the delivery of social units, both houses and apartments as projects vary in scale, size, location, typographies, site constraints, planning conditions and other incumbents that all effect the economics of a project.

The final tender bid received by Bartra Capital for social units at O'Devaney Gardens was at a significant discount to the cost of the general build programme of DCC.

Also be noted that both the Quantity Surveyors section of DCC and financial experts in the NTMA agreed the prices quoted were within market expectations.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the sale of **(details supplied)**, and as to when the sale to DCC will be complete.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is currently progressing the acquisition of this property and the process should be finalised shortly.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that new windows will be installed at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will not be installing new windows at this property, as the tenant has already fitted their own windows here.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the Part 5 Housing Development will be complete at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Part V units at **(details supplied)** will be complete by Quarter 4 2020.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to start to remove the weeds on **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area is not on the weed spraying programme for this year but I will request Waste Management place on their list to be removed manually and deploy resources available.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report for year on year spending on cleaning for the South West Inner City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In respect of street cleaning services provided by the Waste Management Services Division it is not possible to isolate the cost of the service for a particular area as depots and the services provided from them generally will cover more than a single administrative or electoral area. For example The North Central and North West areas are serviced by shifts operating from both Collins Avenue and Slaney Road depots. The South Central and South East Area are both serviced primarily from the depot based at Davitt Rd.

These depots will also provide services across the entire north or south city area for the delivery of services outside core shift times i.e. from 2pm – 9pm or at weekends.

The departmental budget for street cleaning services is set out in the table below for the most recent 3 year period. This includes the cost of labour, maintenance and upkeep of fleet and depots, fleet hire costs, fuel costs, equipment, waste disposal and the administrative costs related to the service provision.

The services provided for within this budget includes street cleaning, washing, litter management and servicing and maintenance of litter bins , provision of removal of illegal dumping and the provision of the bulky household waste collection service.

2020	€33.4m
2019	€31.1m
2018	€29.5m

Q.7 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to two derelict/abandoned houses at locations A & B at **(details supplied)** and say in relation to house at **A**:

1. If he can contact the owner of same and have him or her seriously cut back the overgrowing bushes/trees/shrubs, some of which are over-hanging the public footpath causing a real hazard to vulnerable pedestrians and others.
2. If he can have the premises included in the derelict sites list as the property is in such an abandoned state with no sign of any attempts to put the property in a habitable state.
3. If Dublin City Council will offer to purchase the property.

And in relation to house at **B**, vacant for years, is rodent infested and causing serious upset to the next door residents and say:

1. If he can have the premises included in the derelict sites list as the property is in such an abandoned state with no sign of any attempts to put the property in a habitable state for rental or other;
2. If the premises is not considered eligible for the derelict sites list, say what other enforcing powers are available to him to encourage the owner to make improvements to the property;

3. If Dublin City Council will offer to purchase the property and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The sites at A and B will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and following inspection the Councillor will be written to directly.

Road Maintenance Services will carry out a site inspection to assess if the bushes/trees/shrubs at this address pose a hazard to the public using the footpath on **(details supplied)** and will then consider what course of action, if any, needs to be taken. This could involve serving a notice under the 1993 Roads Act on the owner/occupier of the property requiring the cutting, lopping, trimming or removal of overgrown bushes, trees, hedges. If the service of such a notice is not feasible in this particular case, then Road Maintenance Services Division may have to consider taking a direct intervention under the same Act in order to resolve the situation.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can part-take in a publicity campaign that would encourage businesses involved in food service/provision not to leave overflowing bins outside where Seagulls are attracted to access food waste, encourage people in domestic settings to desist from feeding Seagulls in urban estates and inform the general public of the negative effects feeding Seagulls has people in urban settings' quality of life and if he can make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Wildlife experts have on many occasions advised the public not to feed seagulls amid claims that they are becoming more aggressive and causing a negative effect to urban life. An increasing throw-away society gives seagulls a greater access to food sources which helps the population to grow.

Waste Management Services strongly advise the general public not to leave food around and to clean up food and litter as it attracts seagulls, who in turn can cause damage to roofs as they store food in crevices which can allow water ingress into houses. Leaving food around can also attract vermin.

Any business involved in food service/provision should always ensure that their waste bins are closed securely at all times so as not to attract seagulls.

Waste Management Services will support any publicity campaign that encourages the general public not to leave food out for seagulls as their actions are causing a negative effect in the quality of life to people in their community and also to the environment.

It should also be noted that such activity could be subject to a fine of €150.00 under the Litter Pollution Acts.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to green space at **(details supplied)** and say if he can assist local residents by providing details of ownership of said space and if he can:

- a) give a history of the space, community or other,
- b) say if there is a public right of way over the space
- c) say if wall at B **(details supplied)** is a protected wall
- d) say if the demolition of wall at B **(details supplied)** would have a negative impact on the protected structures located behind it

- e) say if the removal of the trees on the site requires planning permission or any other type of permission from persons affected by removal of same
 - f) say if the removal of the trees on the site are permissible in terms of any negative effect same would have on the biodiversity/natural habitat
- and make a detailed statement on the matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The field at the rear of **(details supplied 1)** is a private field which would appear to be in the ownership of the **(details supplied 2)**. The field is used for the Parish Annual Strawberry Fair, **(details supplied 3)**, by local dog walkers and children. The laneways on each side of the field are **not** in charge of DCC and are also not in our ownership. The Council is not responsible for these areas
- b) If any member of the public has used these areas for a long number of years it is for those individuals to assert any rights (of access or paths) they may have accrued against the owner of the land. The Council has no involvement in this process if it is not the owner of the land.
- c) Dangerous Buildings were asked to investigate the damaged old stone wall on the perimeter of the field. The Inspector observed a couple of minor breaches and some displaced boulders were removed from the laneway surface. Temporary herras fencing was placed along these sections. As the laneway is considered 'private' and not 'taken-in-charge' by DCC there is little further they can do to assist at this time. They found **no** reference in the RPS or NIAH regarding this wall being considered a protected structure
- d) Owners of the protected structures will need to get an independent engineering assessment done in order to establish if the demolition of the wall would have any negative impacts.
- e) Planning permission is not required to remove a tree from private property.
- f) Under the Forestry Act trees in urban can be felled without any requirement for a permit or consent. The nesting season should be observed (1 March-1 September) under the Wildlife Act. However, there are exemptions on safety grounds.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to my previous request to provide a replacement nameplate for **(details supplied)** as the street name on this place is incorrectly spelled.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services Division uses the official Dublin City Council list of streetnames 'Dublin City Streetnames', in order to verify correct spellings for street nameplates. This list provides the spelling as **(details supplied)** .

Q.11 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for one of the green boxes on Main Street Finglas Village (facing footbridge/Dick McKee Memorial) to be painted with the Maypole Festival logo. This is very close to the original Maypole site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The green utility boxes at this location are not under the control of Dublin City Council. The Public Domain Officer will work with the Community Group involved to find an alternative location for the art installation.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of how to go about renaming a Linear Park in the DCC area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A park may be named or renamed for the locality but cannot be named or renamed for an individual.

Section 16.2 of the City Council's Policy for Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments, Memorials and Plaques, adopted at the Council meeting of 12th June 2017, states:

City parks, Fire Brigade stations, public libraries, civic offices and utility facilities will not be named after individuals or events. Names of parks, Fire Brigade stations and other infrastructure will reflect the locality or townland.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the replacement of red brick ramp adjacent **(details supplied)** Sandyhill Gardens. The ramp is in a very poor state.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services Division will inspect the ramp adjacent to **(details supplied)** Sandyhill Gardens, if repairs are needed these will be added to a defects works list with this work being scheduled subject to a priority-based job queue and when a crew will be available in the area.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath along Cappagh Road (in particular the one opposite Colaiste Eoin) to be resurfaced as it is in a bad state and creates many trip hazards. This stretch is used by lots of people to access church, schools and Finglas Village.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The footpaths on both sides of Cappagh Road from Cappagh Drive to Cardiff Castle Road, including paths outside Colaiste Eoin will be reconstructed as part of this year's North West Area annual footpath works programme. A contractor has recently been appointed and work is due to start in the next few weeks, however until we receive a detailed works programme, we are unable to provide a more precise timing for the work along Cappagh Road.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with an application date of 08/09/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	698

Based on the applicant's position for their area of choice, it may be a considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of a housing.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list 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 may benefit the applicant to increase their areas of choice as it may increase their chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday – Friday 9.00am to 5pm via phone) to discuss options with the applicants should they wish to amend their application to include additional areas of choice.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a Homeless Priority with an application date of 06/04/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	1	168
Area D	1	86
Area E	1	167

The applicant was originally on the housing list with an effective date of 28/02/2008, however, in 2017 the applicant presented as homeless and was awarded a homeless priority which is effective from 06/04/2017, which is the date the applicant accessed emergency accommodation. Based on the applicant's position for their area of choice, it may be a considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of a housing.

The applicant can revert to Band 2 of the Housing List, to his original application date of 28/02/2008, however it should be noted that this may not place him in a more favourable position to be reached for an offer of housing.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list 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.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this query: to indicate when new windows will be installed at **(details supplied)**. The tenant has related to me that they are ready in the workshop – just awaiting installation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance installed these windows on Monday 28th September as part of the energy efficiency retrofitting programme.

Q.18 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 Transfer Housing List with an application date of 23/09/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	261
Area E	2	303

Based on the applicant's position for their areas of choice, it may be a considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of a housing. It is noted on the applicant's file that she is in receipt of the HAP payment effective from 10/08/2020.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list 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.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm if the short lane between houses (**details supplied**) is in the charge of Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(**details supplied 1**) was within the area of Dublin County Council prior to April 1st 1986 prior to the Dublin Corporation / County Council Boundary change. At the time the County Council forwarded maps showing areas in charge to be transferred to Dublin Corporation including houses (**details supplied 2**) and adjoining laneway. The attached transfer map shows the in-charge areas coloured yellow.

Subsequently Dublin Corporation was approached to allow the closure of the section of lane at the rear of houses (**details supplied 3**) and 'closed' by Dublin Corporation RT 392 24/07/1996. (order and map attached)

Note: Only the rear lane was closed to discourage dumping and 'anti-social' behaviour. The concrete section of lane from houses (**details supplied 2**) to the boundary of the closed laneway was not extinguished, as there was no reason to 'extinguish' this area.

Circa 2009 Dublin Corporation / Dublin City Council was approached by a local resident to acquire the unsurfaced section of lane beside No. 56 to 'take into their garden'. This disposal and transfer was completed by Dublin City Council in 2018.

The concrete section of lane from houses (**details supplied 2**) to the boundary of the closed laneway (shown coloured blue on attached records extract) remains in-charge of Dublin City Council.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on works being undertaken in Donnybrook Cemetery and what progress has been made on the long ago agreed and promised Columbarium wall for the same location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Investigative works and conditions surveys are being carried out in Donnybrook cemetery to assess the feasibility of constructing a columbarium wall for burials. A report on this will be brought to a future South East Area Committee.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to do a full review of the service provision in Valeview Finglas. The grass is only partially being cut, weeds are widespread, the footpaths are broken, street lighting is badly rusted. Can we put together a programme of works to include weeding, painting, planting, and adequate grass cutting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services will raise this issue regarding grass cutting in Valeview with contracted maintenance supervisor for the area.

Road Maintenance Services Division will inspect the footpaths in Valeview and will schedule any localised defects for repair that will be completed on the basis of job priority and when a crew will next be available in the area.

We will examine the poles in Valeview in Finglas and if these poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to the list for future painting programmes subject to available finances.

The weeding and cleaning of the roundabout in Valeview was completed on 22nd September 2020. The rest of the estate will be prioritised for weeding (manual removal).

Q.22 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive when the footpaths will be repaired on Shangan Road beside the Shops.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services Division will consider the inclusion of the footpath beside the shops on Shangan Road in the 2021 Annual Works Programme. This decision will be dependent on the competing priorities of other locations under consideration and budget allocation.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the number of homeless families per Housing area and how long they have been homeless.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Figures relating to homelessness are reported for the entire Dublin region, not townlands or areas. Being homeless by definition means the individual has no current address. Upon presentation individuals give details of their last address but this may frequently have been a temporary housing situation as people frequently engage in 'sofa surfing' or staying with family or friends temporarily prior to presentation so this information cannot be used to determine where a person is from.

Table 1 below outlines the number of families and children accessing emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region for the period December 2019 to August 2020.

Table 1: Number of Families accessing emergency accommodation Dec 2019 – August 2020

Month	Families	Children
Dec. 2019	1,162	2,553
Jan 2020	1,201	2,678
Feb 2020	1,178	2,669
Mar 2020	1,103	2,491
Apr 2020	974	2,232
May 2020	893	2,065
June 2020	871	1,979
July 2020	862	2,017
August 2020	856	2,023

Table 2 below outlines the number of families accessing emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region on the night of August 31st 2020 and the length of time they have spent in emergency accommodation.

Table 2: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for Families accommodated on a single night: August 31st 2020

Duration in EA	Total Families	Total Adults	Number of Children
24+ months	176	261	491
18-24months	96	146	274
12-18 months	132	200	318
6-12 months	191	279	438
6 months or less	232	322	428
Total	827	1,208	1,949

Q.24 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the cost rental scheme in Ballymun.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A revised proposal has been received from Tuath/Circle/O'Cualann. Further work is being carried out on a financial model. The proposal may be eligible for funding under the Serviced Sites fund and this option is currently being considered.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive about the process for the enforcement of Dublin City Council bye-laws and to outline the responsibility of the council and the Gardai in this respect. Specifically in relation to public urination, drinking alcohol in public and littering.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

With regards to events facilitated by Dublin City Council Events section, direct consultations are made with an Garda Síochána before and after the event. Private security are present on the day of the event however An Garda Síochána have the responsibility for maintaining public order for events in the public domain.

For events that are granted a permit from Dublin City Council which involve the sale of alcohol, the organiser must apply to the courts for a license to sell alcohol under strict conditions. Once the license is granted, Dublin City Council then suspend the Bye Laws in accordance to the terms outlined by the Courts. Outside of suspending the

bye laws Dublin City Council do not have an enforcement role. Enforcement of the bye laws would solely be the responsibility of An Garda Síochána. Regarding litter management, either Dublin City Council Waste Management Services or a private waste management company would be recruited to clean up the litter during and post event. Ensuring compliance with Litter Bye Laws would be the responsibility of authorised persons of Dublin City Council in accordance with Litter Management Act/Waste Management Act 1996.

Dublin City Councils Bye-Laws relating to Waste and Litter are enforced by authorised officers of the City Council. Enforcement is carried out on the basis of inspection and investigation by these officers and the penalty for a breach of the bye laws is the issuing of a fixed penalty notice under the bye laws. The failure to pay the fixed penalty notice is an offence and may be prosecuted through the district court.

The Gardai have no role in the enforcement of these bye-laws. Authorised officers can call upon the assistance of the Gardai in circumstances where those suspected of breaching bye-laws will not cooperate with the authorised officer.

The Gardai may enforce primary legislation such as the Litter Pollution Act for example under which the Litter Bye-Laws are made.

Public urination and the consumption of alcohol in public places are public matters that fall under the responsibility of the Gardai in relation to enforcement under primary legislation and are not enforced by Dublin City Council authorised officers.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide cleansing along Warren Street, Kingsland Parade, Martin Street and Lenox Place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned streets cleaned on the 23rd September 2020.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive that the cleansing that takes place along Portobello Plaza be extended around the corner to include Portobello Harbour.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will ensure that Portobello Harbour receives the same level of cleaning as Portobello Plaza.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the incident that took place in Oliver Bond flats in relation to an illegal rave invasion in the flat complex. This report also to include other incidents of a similar nature that have taken place in and around DCC housing estates such as Hardwick Street flats, Peadar Kearney House, Glovers Court, etc.

Further, can the CEO assure the public and the resident community and tenants of Dublin city Council that estate management and security at these complexes is fit for purpose.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A number of similar incidents took place in Rathmines Avenue flats in early Summer. It was alleged that some residents from the complex attended these events, along with

outsiders, and were involved in organising these events. As a result circulars were sent to all residents reminding them of their obligations under their Tenancy Agreement. Meetings also took place with the local Garda Superintendent and Garda patrols were increased. There have been no further recent reports of such activities.

We had reports of anti-social behaviour at Glovers Court some weeks ago. Enquiries revealed that this was linked to a small family celebration, which had taken place in Glovers Court. All tenants were reminded of their obligations by written notification. We have had no other incidents of this kind reported to date. In relation to Glovers Court we have been working very closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to anti-social behaviour and we have improved our CCTV on site. We are also examining a new entrance gate for Glovers Court with a view to improving security for all our tenants and restricting access for those who do not reside in the complex.

Incident in Oliver Bond

A party was held on the mini-pitch on Saturday 19th September. An Garda Síochána were contacted by residents and they are currently carrying out a criminal investigation. DCC Estate Management is working closely with An Garda Síochána to establish the persons who had an organisational role or contributed to the organisation of an event in clear contravention of Public Health guidance. DCC organised a contractor to assist with the clear-up and repair of the damaged sections of the mini – pitch and other actions to sanitise the area. There has been close liaison with residents, supported by Robert Emmet CDP on all issues relating to Oliver Bond House.

In relation to this and all other incidents mentioned, all complaints of breach of tenancy including anti-social behaviour were investigated and responded to comprehensively by estate management. A strong preventative approach was taken preceding the incident in Oliver Bond, including written communication with residents in the days prior to the incident, expressly advising of the risks of any social gatherings. DCC is writing to the residents of all complexes in the coming days to reinforce the public health advice.

DCC will use all powers available to it under the Housing Acts to investigate breaches of tenancy and anti-social behaviour.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report and address the ongoing criminality and dangerous anti-social behaviour that is taking place on the boardwalk. Social media have many videos of running battles over the past number of weeks on the boardwalk. Serious assaults have taken place, serious criminality and drug dealing is ongoing as well as individuals being thrown into the water.

The area in and around Crampton buildings and the area around the Morrison Hotel Boardwalk area are now completely ghettoised and criminalised.

These are part of Dublin City Council's estate and there appears to be no responsibility and no management structure to deal with public safety and the ongoing criminality. Many people who live and work in these areas are now in fear of their lives.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are very much aware of the problems associated with the boardwalk and are doing our best to resolve what is a difficult and sensitive issue. DCC has experienced problems like this on the boardwalk ever since it opened but not at the level that currently exists. DCC are of the view that Covid-19 has caused a very significant reduction in footfall of the general public throughout the city centre including on the boardwalk. All this has resulted in considerably more chaotic persons moving

onto and staying for long periods on the boardwalk. There are no simple solutions to these issues.

An internal working group including, DRHE, Area Offices and Waste Management has been established to report back to the Deputy Chief Executive on the maintenance and upkeep of the Boardwalk. The Deputy Chief Executive is also the chair of a high level group of DCC, Gardai and HSE on possible solutions to alleviate the particular problem on the boardwalk.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report with regards what contractual arrangements and what planning permissions have been granted to the IPA advertising company to erect billboards and advertising boards in and around the estates of Dublin and Dublin city.

These billboards are appearing overnight in laneways, on gateways and on hoardings. This is a massive lucrative business and this one particular company seems to hold this franchise and monopoly that appears to be given by DCC's silent consent. There has been no tendering process for any of these services from this company with regards posterage. This has been going on for over 30 odd years. It is very difficult to find even one planning application for this company on the DCC planning system. Dublin City Council urgently need to get their governance procedures, procurement procedures and planning enforcement in order in relation to this matter urgently.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The issues raised by the Councillor will be investigated and a response will be issued to him in due course

Q.31 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the feasibility of increasing Dublin City Councillors phone broadband and IT allowances. Given the increase of zoom meetings and other meeting apps and the amount of usage of IT and broadband it is time to consider some measure of an allowance increase. Councillors can spend many hours per week on online meetings and phone calls as a result phone bills and IT bills for councillors has escalated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Department Housing, Planning and Local Government have issued regulations which regulate the payment of allowances to Councillors in respect of mobile phones. (See attached LG04-19).

Part III, Section 1 of the circular states the following:

"Local authorities shall, in the first instance, seek the most economical options either by negotiating a contract for the provision of mobile voice and data services ("bundle") for its elected members or including elected members in the local authority's own contracted bundle for such services."

The City Council has in place a corporate contract with Vodafone which is offered to Councillors and which costs €25 per month. This contract provides for unlimited calls and texts to any Irish mobile number, unlimited calls to Irish landlines and 15GB of data. Councillors who do not wish to take advantage of this contract can recoup a maximum of €25 per month towards the cost of another mobile provider by providing a monthly utility bill.

The City Council also provides Members with a €25 per month allowance towards the cost of a domestic broadband service which is used to carry out the role of an elected representative.

The City Council provides Members with an iPad for use in conjunction with the Modern.Gov meeting management system and which can also be used with remote meeting platforms such as Zoom and Teams. The iPad comes with a mobile sim that provides an additional 10GB monthly Data allowance.

The City Council will continue to adhere to the regulations set out by the Department in relation to mobile allowances. The existing provision of a broadband allowance and 4G mobile data is considered sufficient to support Members in the performance of their duties.

These allowances will be reviewed in light of the Moorhead report and its recommendations.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the detailed plan for the bike dock on North Strand Road, Dublin 3 adjacent to James Larkin Flat complex. And also to include the date that this work will commence.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no current proposals to install Just Eat dublinbikes parking near North Strand Road, Dublin 3 adjacent to James Larkin Flat complex.

While further expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme 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 provide in the city. Alternative financing and operational models are therefore being examined. This work is ongoing and is in addition to measures to finance the existing bike scheme in its current format.

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

Q.33 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive when the work will begin on the regeneration of Ballybough House.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Department is examining options on how to redevelop Ballybough House whilst simultaneously respecting and preserving the architectural heritage of the protected structure.

The key challenge will be to redevelop the scheme whilst relating sensitively to the architectural detail, scale, proportions and design of the original structure.

Experienced staff within the Housing (including City Architects) Department and the Planning and Economic Development Department are collaborating on this exercise.

One of the options is the amalgamation of units into larger sized apartments. A pilot amalgamation of two two-beds into a three-bed will shortly commence and this will enable an informed evidence based approach to the future re-development of the complex. The project is at tender assessment stage and it is envisaged that the pilot amalgamation will start on site in November 2020. The works will take 18 weeks and it is the intention that engagement and consultation with all relevant stakeholders will commence early 2021.

It is envisaged that this collaboration could become a blueprint for the redevelopment of similar city council housing schemes which are protected structures across the city.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to install cameras, erect lighting and replace broken down at Blocks 3 and 4 Rory O'Connor Blocks 3 and 4 at Hardwick Street Flat Complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no plans to install cameras at Blocks 3 and 4 Dermot O Dwyer. CCTV was installed in this Complex on Two occasions and both times the Cables were cut and Cameras damaged. The lights on both these blocks have been repaired.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive are there any plans to finish the resurfacing of the road at Canon Lillis Avenue, Dublin 1.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no plans to resurface Canon Lillis Avenue in 2020. This street will be added to the list for consideration when drafting the 2021 works programme.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive when Bulfin Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8 was last de-weeded and if it can be prioritised for de-weeding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Bulfin Estate like much of the city area had not been treated in the past two years. The Inchicore area is currently being treated with Foam Stream by Green Town Environmental. Bulfin Estate roads are included in this area for treatment.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for Bulfin Estate to be cleaned as a priority. Many residents have made complaints about a lack of maintenance in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the Bulfin Estate cleaned on the 23rd September 2020.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report outlining the Part V units in the pipeline for the city over the next 12 months broken down by area and unit size.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently the following units are due for completion over the next 12 months, however this may change due to government guidelines for safe work practices on construction sites and the introduction of any further restrictions: **(see attached table).**

Q.39 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what services have Dublin City Council procured for housing, public realm, maintenance, refurbishment, catering, cleaning and landscaping over the past calendar year and what budgets have been attached to these procurements? Given the local authority's commitment to advancing particular conditions to promote opportunities for vocational training, education and employment for young people and long term unemployed through procurement, could the CEO also indicate which of these contracts included social clauses in the Contract Notices and/or the Contract Documents?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On 1st November 2018 Dublin City Council commenced a procurement process using the restricted procedure to establish a single party framework for the provision of security services to Dublin City Council.

Candidates were shortlisted and the Invitation to Tender (ITT) including a social employment clause was issued to shortlisted candidates on 4th May 2019.

This was included in Section 1, clause 22 of the ITT.

22 Social inclusion Proposal for the contract

Dublin City Council has a long-term strategy to fully integrate social and employment related considerations into its procurement procedures. The council wishes to provide employment opportunities for the social integration of disadvantaged persons and members of vulnerable groups. The provision of security services is seen as an appropriate area for the furtherance of this policy. Tenderers are required to describe how they will give effect to a programme of sustainable employment (inclusive of the appropriate mentoring and training) to achieve the goals of this policy. Tenderers must set out what resources will be allocated so that the programme will be sustained over the life of the contract.

And as Criterion D of the award criteria with 20% of the overall marks available as the weighting.

D Social Inclusion contract for the Framework Agreement (20%)

In order to support Dublin City Council's policy of proactively promoting social inclusion and employment, tenderers must set out a programme of sustainable employment (inclusive of all the appropriate mentoring and training) and give details of how it will be implemented and what resources to be allocated over the life of the contract.

The preferred bidder's response demonstrated that they had a clear awareness of the benefits of the social inclusion policy, that they would nominate a specific person to promote CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activity within the DCC contract and they committed to recruiting 40% of new employees from persons who have been job seekers for more than 26 weeks.

The award of this contract is pending and is subject to the outcome of a legal challenge not connected to the social award criterion.

The Social Employment Clause is inserted in all contracts in the Housing Department that we issue for Tender. The initiative applies in respect of Construction Works contracts having a value of equal to or in excess of €5,186,000.

No services have been procured by the Waste Management division in the last calendar year relating to the areas outlined.

No services as listed above have been procured by the Traffic Division.

Road Maintenance Services has procured contractors for the purpose of delivering its annual works programme for 2020, including carriageway resurfacing / reconstruction and footpath repairs and renewals. Social clauses are not included in the award criteria for these works. These contracts are generally of short duration, circa two to six months only and are mobile in nature.

Facilities Management Unit of Corporate Services and Transformation Department engages various facilities management services at Civic Offices at a local level for day to day services.

Baxter Storey Ltd are contracted to provide catering services at Civic Offices and other Council locations and Emerald Facilities Management provide window cleaning services. MCD Ltd provide landscaping services. PMAC provide cleaning services and Tolmac provide office refurbishments.

None of these contracts and services provided at Civic Offices, have provision for social clauses for employment, training, education of young and unemployed people.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what public procurements of Dublin City Council have or will include social clauses in the last five years and in the next five years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are aware of our obligations under Department of Public Expenditure and Reforms Circular 20/2019, Environmental and Social Considerations in Public Procurement and the Office of Government Procurement's (OGP), Information Notice, Incorporating Social Considerations into Public Procurement and are committed to incorporating the Government's ambitious reform programme designed to modernise the public sector and improve public service delivery.

(Both of these above mentioned documents are referenced and linked in section 7.0 of DCC's internal Procurement Policy and Procedures Document.)

In this regard, public procurement can act as a platform to add value by maximising the public policy impact in enabling wider community benefits in areas such as employment, training, assisting SMEs, promoting innovation, environmental and social considerations. Dublin City Council encourages all staff involved in public procurement to consider how social issues can appropriately be integrated into the procurement process when renewing existing contracts and implementing new contracts.

Social issues can be incorporated into many stages of the procurement cycle such as planning, drafting specifications, developing selection and/or award criteria and contract management.

The Europe 2020 Strategy puts forward three main priorities:

- **smart growth:** developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation,
- **sustainable growth:** promoting a more resource-efficient, greener and more competitive economy, and
- **Inclusive growth:** fostering a high-employment economy that delivers social and territorial cohesion.

The main objective of the strategy is to ensure a social focus by: promoting employment and supporting labour mobility, promoting social inclusion and combating poverty, investing in education, skills and lifelong learning, and enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration. There is no fixed definition of a 'social consideration'. The concept is most easily understood by way of examples:

- reducing unemployment,
- seeking to prevent the use of child labour and other forms of labour exploitation,
- preventing discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, disability, sex or sexual orientation,
- encouraging good employment practice,
- reducing social exclusion,
- promoting training opportunities for the young or disadvantaged, and
- Facilitating access to work for people with disabilities.

It is worth noting that a variety of social considerations are already included in public procurement processes and contracts as a result of statutory requirements. These include areas such as health and safety, equality and employment law.

The appropriateness of including social considerations needs to be examined on a contract by contract basis and there needs to be sufficient flexibility to allow each section/department to decide what, how, and when social considerations can be used. EU law allows member states the option to take social considerations into account provided the fundamental EU Treaty principles are respected.

Contracting authorities need to ensure that:

- the social consideration does not result in discrimination,
- social considerations are linked to the subject matter of the contract,
- value for money is maintained to ensure sustainable delivery of public services,
- the objective of the social consideration is proportionate to the contract,
- the targeted benefit is capable of being measured and monitored during the execution of the contract (the necessary staffing, arrangements and resources should be allocated to this task having regard to the principle of proportionality), and
- the clauses do not negatively impact on the SME sector.

In this context DCC will continue to promote the use of social considerations as appropriate within the various stages of the public procurement cycle when existing contracts are being renewed or when new contracts are being implemented.

For the purpose of this response, the social clause referenced hereunder is the community benefit clause in the Construction Works Initiative as adopted by the elected members in July 2018. This community benefit clause has been operating prior to adoption by the members since 2016 and to a lesser-formalised degree for several years prior to 2016 under various pretexts.

All Housing projects exceeding the value contained in the initiative have included the clause as part of the contractual documentation (although not a specific clause within the public works contract forms) since 2018 and are committed to the continued operation of the initiative into the future.

Over the last five years DCC projects where Community Benefit Clause was operational include the regeneration of Dolphin House, Phase 1, St. Teresa's Gardens and Charlemont Street PPP.

The Housing Land Initiative projects in particular will offer an extended opportunity to facilitate local labour in terms of semi and skilled work as the construction period will be delivered over 4/5 years. The Council is committed to working with the relevant stage agencies and local development companies in this regard.

'Community Benefit Clause in Construction Works Initiative' report attached.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the query received from the National Transport Authority (NTA) in relation to the Clontarf to City Centre Project and detail exactly which aspects of the project's scope was queried. Also, to ask the Chief Executive if the traffic disruption implications of the current proposal has been fully considered and to provide me with the workings thereon.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Clontarf to City Centre Project will provide safe segregated cycling facilities along a 2.7km route between Clontarf and Amiens Street, in addition to upgrades to bus infrastructure and public realm.

The project involves extensive construction works along one of the busiest transport corridors in the city, with sustainable development principles as well as to minimise the need for disruption along the route again in the near future. The project is designed to a high specification and includes drainage and public realm improvements as well as a proposal to replace the majority of water mains along the route. This has resulted in a significant increase in estimated project costs when compared to estimates prepared a number of years ago. As the project has expanded to exceed its original scope as a transportation project and now includes a significant environmental aspect, it is necessary to review funding arrangements. Dublin City Council has submitted a Business Case for the project to the NTA. The NTA as the sanctioning authority for the project is required to exercise due diligence in terms of ensuring value for money in relation to this project and all projects it funds. This exercise is currently under way. Arising from this exercise are matters relating to scope and funding, as well as the effects of the proposed traffic diversions on bus services during construction.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following: The recent report to the Central Area Committee (September 2020) reviewing the protected cycle lane on Manor Street states that "While Dublin City Council's Traffic Section would be sympathetic to any businesses suffering a drop in sales, especially in the current climate, we would see it as our role to prioritise cyclist's safety over commercial sales". Having regard to the foregoing statement from traffic can the Chief Executive answer the following:

- A. Is this prioritisation actual Dublin City Council policy and if so, where is it approved and stated?
- B. Does the Chief Executive agree that this statement of priority should be extended to include livelihoods and jobs as it not only logically does but has actually done?

- C. How does the Traffic Section's stated acknowledgement and sympathy for any business suffering a drop in sales (and resultant job losses) manifest itself?
- D. Given that the Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Scheme will possibly have a similar commercial sales and possible job loss impact, can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, the policy which prioritises cyclist safety over commercial sales and jobs will also apply here and that no other options will be examined?
- E. Can the Chief Executive indicate if there are any circumstances where both cyclist safety and job retention can both be facilitated under the above projects?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A) The sentence referred to is taken from a report that addressed a range of issues raised regarding the protected lane in Manor Street. It is not a statement of policy but an explanation of the Traffic Sections views regarding a specific complaint raised during consultation with the local businesses, namely that bollards installed to protect the safety of cyclists were impacting on their sales.
- B) It is not proposed to amend/extend the report which has already been presented to members of the Central area Committee. It should be noted that the majority of the Central area Committee voted to adopt different measures than those options proposed in the report.
- C) The Traffic Section has engaged in extensive consultation with the local business on these matters and introduced measures to mitigate against the effect of these bollards on their business where possible.
- D) On the Clontarf to City Centre Project, a detailed traffic management plan will be developed for the construction stage such that footfall near commercial premises can be maintained as much as possible at existing levels. Where paving works are taking place outside businesses, these will be managed so that access to businesses is maintained during business hours. The long-term aims of the project will include for significant public realm improvements that will have a positive effect on attracting business to the area.
- E) The Traffic Section will continue to consult with local businesses and facilitate their requirements where possible.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the Residential Parking Permit Scheme:

- A. How many individual residential parking permit schemes are there in the DCC area?
- B. How many Residential parking permits are there in issue?
- C. What is the annual income from the scheme?
- D. How many schemes are currently under consideration i.e. applied for, assessed, voted on etc.
- E. What procedures/safeguards are in place to prevent the issue of permits to non-residents and/or businesses and is there an estimate of how many such permits may be in use?
- F. What would the potential loss of income be per permit and in total given the answer at F above (if answer available)?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A. We don't have an exact figure but estimate the number of schemes at 990
- B. 19, 393 live residential parking permits issued for current usage by 28th Sept 2020
- C. €1,187,334.00 for 2019
- D. This figure is not available at the time of writing, but will be made available to the Councillor as soon as it is determined.
- E. Proof of residential status is verified by the provision of a utility bill and one other bill that gives the name and address on them that matched the address that the permit application relates to, also the insurance certificate has to state the address as that of the application. We do not have an estimate of how many non-residents have permits. However, we do audits when we suspect such cases and actively pursue them and have found a number that we have cancelled over the last year. Also, we can check if a building is paying rates for commercial usage and verify that is it not residential also.
- F. We have no figures that we can outline in relation to this.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following: I refer to the National Oversight and Audit Commission Local Authority Satisfaction Survey 2020 and would ask the Chief Executive the following in relation thereto:

- A. The report is carried out on behalf of NOAC by Ipsos MRBI. Does DCC pay anything towards this survey and if so, how much?
- B. Can the Chief Executive comment on the results insofar as they relate to Dublin City Council?
- C. Does the Chief Executive agree that a survey carried out over a three year period and pertaining to LAs with diverse responsibilities, sizes and populations cannot give an accurate indication of either an individual LAs standing or a meaningful comparison with other LAs?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The National Oversight and Audit Commissions' Local Authority Satisfaction Survey 2020 was carried out over a three year period. Dublin City Council was included amongst the first group of 10 Local Authorities and interviews were carried out in March 2018 with approximately 100 households.

- A. Dublin City Council did not contribute financially to this survey
- B. Dublin City Council received an average percentage over a number of the measures but received disappointing scores in relation to households feeling well informed by the local authority; openness and transparency; promoting economic activity; doing a good job.

A number of initiatives over recent times including the Customer Service Action Plan 2018-2020, improved contact channel management initiatives, greater promotion of Council activities through social media and campaigns are all aimed at creating an improved customer experience and visibility of the Council and the positive contribution we make to the City. It is hoped that the positive impact of these initiatives will be reflected in the findings of any future customer surveys.

- C. The methodology and sampling used in the Local Authority Satisfaction Surveys is set out by Ipsos MRBI in the survey report.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Council still intends to implement the Cork Street Greening Strategy and if so could this Councillor be provided with a timeline for next steps and a copy of the Strategy itself.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office initially commissioned a study of Cork Street in late 2018 however this project was suspended pending clarification from the National Transport Authority on the scope of its Busconnects Project on the street (Core Corridor 9 (Greenhills to City Centre) includes Cork Street and St Luke's Avenue). Discussions remain ongoing at corporate level between the Council and NTA on Busconnects and hence no further work has been undertaken on this strategy.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin Bus is consulted directly on changes made as part of the Covid mobility measures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The "Enabling the City to Return to Work Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City" sets out a suite of measures to optimise mobility across the City whilst ensuring social distancing.

This programme sets out a suite of Covid mobility measures that the Covid Mobility Team are currently implementing. As part of the Programme, one of the measures is the installation, where feasible, of footpath build outs to increase footpath widths at busy bus stop locations in order to facilitate safe queueing, whilst also ensuring that pedestrians have space to pass by in a safe manner. Dublin Bus was directly engaged with, both in providing transport for various groups who wish to assess the changes and by providing a bus and staff to directly assess measures introduced as part of the Covid 19 mobility programme.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report on why the JPCs are not meeting to include everything the council is required to do, A timeline of actions to date and an estimated timeline of when this will be completed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Wide Joint Policing Committee and the five local JPC's are scheduled to meet this month (September).

Central Area:

The Steering Group for the Central Area JPC will be meeting this Friday 2nd October and the Central Area JPC will be taking place in early October. The Central Area Manager will ring the Councillor to discuss.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he has an estimated completion date of the cycle tracks on Summerhill Road, Gardiner Street, and Liffey Quays North & South.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The interim Liffey Cycle Route is being designed and implemented in phases. It is anticipated that construction works will be completed end November 2020. There are no current proposals for Summerhill Road and Gardiner Street.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of Dublin City Council's 'Bike Bunkers' that are currently in use across the city. Residents have been in touch regarding some Bike Bunkers (for example, Reginald Street and Hamilton Street in Dublin 8) that are in place but not yet available for use by local communities, can a list also be provided of those that are in place but not yet in use? Given we are encouraging people to stay off public transport, unless essential, and to use their bikes as much as possible, it seems like a waste to have these facilities for safe storage of bikes in place but unavailable.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present the bike bunker service is being rigorously tested to ensure a seamless operation when the scheme opens.

We envisage the successful candidates will be informed via email about opening of the bike bunker scheme in a very short period. This will include the bike bunker located on Reginald Street, just to note we do not have a bike bunker located in Hamilton Street. However we can give this location due consideration for a bike bunker if this location is suitable and meets our criteria for positioning.

The candidates for the bike bunker are selected by who applied for a place first. New locations have being identified, surveyed and are presently dealing with the public consultation.

We are also dealing with request from Councillors and members of the public who are objecting to this service and request for the bike bunkers to be relocated - these also takes considerable time to address.

The first round of bike bunkers that will be opened are located on:

North Side: Ross Street, Black Street.

South Side: Donore Road, Reginald Street, Emor Street.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the roll out of free sanitary products in Dublin City Council buildings. €100,000 was allocated in last year's Council budget for this scheme, can a breakdown of how this money has been spent be provided please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

From December 2019 we have supplied free sanitary items to the public toilets in the Civic Offices. A total of **€1033.20** (incl. VAT) has been spent to date.

As previously reported to the March City Council meeting the process of putting in place a contract to satisfy procurement requirements initially delayed the programme of providing free sanitary products. A trial programme was in place up to February 2020 in a limited number of Sports and Recreation buildings. From March 2020 when the procurement process was resolved a contract was entered into with Bunzl to supply products as required. The products were ordered and due for delivery just as the Covid – 19 restrictions were introduced and the suppliers resources went into transporting urgent goods for the HSE. However a supply of the sanitary products were received in August and are available in those Sports and Recreation centres which are open.

However as Covid 19 restrictions introduced in March 2020 have had a significant impact on the numbers assessing these buildings no meaningful analysis or report can be provided at this time in relation to uptake. The initial costs to the Sports and Recreation Section is approximately €9,000 to date.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full breakdown of the financial support Dublin City Council has provided to Oliver Bond Celtic FC since its founding in 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Oliver Bond FC applied for a grant in 2019 under the small grants scheme administered by the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership. This scheme is funded by Sport Ireland and administered by Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (Local Sports Partnership). The grant application was successful and an amount of €550 was issued to the club.

Oliver Bond FC applied for a grant in 2020 under the small grants scheme administered by the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership. This scheme is funded by Sport Ireland and administered by Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (Local Sports Partnership). The grant application was successful and an amount of €350 was awarded but not yet issued to the club.

Oliver Bond FC applied for a grant in 2020 under a grant scheme for assistance due to Covid related costs. This scheme is being managed nationally for Sport Ireland by the Local Sports Partnerships (Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership). The role of the Partnership is to review the grant application and make a recommendation to Sport Ireland. The recommendation was recently forwarded to Sport Ireland. Sport Ireland issue the grants under this scheme.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to provide household recycling bins and brown bins to residents in Dublin City Council social housing. My understanding is that there is currently no separation of waste provided for. Can the Chief Executive comment on the matter and outline plans to address this issue?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is committed to ensuring waste is disposed of in the correct manner at all council owned complexes. In 2019, a joint Waste Management Services/Housing Maintenance project team was established to introduce segregated waste collections to all housing complexes.

A successful pilot project was completed in South East Area in late 2019, and a plan was put in place to roll the project out to the remaining Areas on a phased basis. South Central Area was chosen for Phase 2 and preliminary work began in March 2020, but was subsequently suspended due to the advent of the current pandemic.

The project resumed in August, with a series of meetings taking place between Waste Management Services and South Central Area Housing Project Estate Officers and Caretaker Supervisors over the course of September. A programme of inspections of complexes in South Central Area to ascertain the requirements needed at each to successfully introduce segregated waste collections is due to begin in October. The introduction of green and brown bins will follow in due course.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to advise as to how the Council will address the following problematic housing situations faced by three different families, all currently homeless, in need of standard housing (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicants surrendered a tenancy in Ballyfermot in 2017. To reapply for standard social housing, an application can be sent to allocations@dublincity.ie. They should contact 012222201 if they require any assistance. They were previously offered emergency accommodation but didn't take it up on that occasion but can be reassessed by contacting the family team on Parkgate Hall at 012226977. See (details supplied).

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will ensure that flattening of cobble in the Temple Bar area is undertaken and if he will install boardwalks for those with mobility issues to ensure safe access to the area for vulnerable pedestrians and others; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services do not have any plans to carry out works in the Temple Bar area at this time other than routine maintenance.

Road Design & Construction will be recommencing the detailed design of works in the Temple Bar Area. These works do not include boardwalks.

The proposed redevelopment of Temple Bar Square is progressing and tender documentation is being developed. In recent months, following the completion of enabling works, the cobbles were removed from some streets and the surface was levelled as an interim measure, in advance of the main redevelopment works.

As part of the proposed redevelopment of Temple Bar Square, it is intended to improve the pedestrian environment and address the needs of those with mobility issues. The opportunity is also being taken to examine the wider Temple Bar area to establish what additional works might be appropriate.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the listing of O'Rahilly House 40 Herbert Park as a protected structure following on from the September Council Meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An updated report has been circulated to all Councillors related to 40 Herbert Park.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will allocate to teachers in Inner City, who are being encouraged not to use public transport and travel in their cars, visitor parking permits as they are essential front line workers and keeping the schools open is a national priority during this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parking charges for on-street parking and the requirement to observe general traffic/parking restrictions have continued as normal in the City Council area, notwithstanding COVID-19. However, in recognition of the special difficulties faced by frontline hospital staff a decision was made not to take enforcement action in respect of vehicles belonging to these staff, which were parked on-street in the vicinity of hospitals in controlled parking areas, without appropriate payment having been made. (The decision to facilitate frontline hospital staff was actually made by Government and announced as part of the initial lockdown announcement.)

The non-enforcement of paid parking restrictions in respect of vehicles owned by frontline hospital staff parked in the vicinity of hospitals was always intended to be a temporary measure. At the time it was introduced it was not a major issue in the various locations where it applied, as there was limited other demand for on-street parking. However, with the resumption in economic activity, there has been a significant recovery in traffic volumes and in on-street parking demand. This led to a situation where residents with Residents Parking Permits, living in the vicinity of major hospitals, were having significant difficulty accessing on-street parking at or close to their homes at certain times. In view of this it was decided that the enforcement concession in respect of frontline hospital staff parking in the vicinity of hospitals, could not be sustained. The concession ended on 31 August - a full parking enforcement service has operated in the vicinity of hospitals since then.

The City Council does not favour the relaxing of paid parking controls and/or the allocation of Visitor Parking permits to any vocational/occupational group for the following reasons:

- It will have adverse implications for residents with Resident Parking Permits in terms of them accessing on-street parking at or close to their homes.
- If a concession is made to one vocational/occupational group it will lead to demand for similar concessions on behalf of other occupational/vocational groups and
- It will add to the financial pressures on the City Council.

It is also worth pointing out that there is no statutory basis for such a concession and if were to be applied it could leave the City Council open to legal challenge.

It is also worth pointing out that under Level 3 restrictions, public transport operates at 50% capacity and it is intended for '**Essential workers and essential purposes only**'. It seems clear that teachers come within this designation. This is relevant as the schools in the inner city are generally very well served by public transport.

If there is a need for car parking to be made available for teachers, then this is a matter primarily for their employers and for the Department of Education to resolve.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive given that raw sewage, not algae, is regularly being washed ashore at the Shelley Banks and Sandymount Strand as a result of leaks from the Waste Water Treatment Plant, what is being done to prevent this at it is unsafe for both humans and dogs; what communication and arrangements have been made with central Government to resolve this issue considering it is in breach of EU law; what measures will be taken to clean the Bay because it is not acceptable to allow raw sewage in Dublin Bay; if DCC will bring in some short term cleaning measures; and to communicate with the Minister responsible to bring about an end to this environmental and public health hazard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council monitors various aspects of environmental quality of this section of South Dublin Bay, which includes designated bathing waters and two Natura 2000 sites designated under the EU Birds and Habitats Directive. These are South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area for Birds and the South Dublin Bay Special Area of Conservation. Based on our direct experience of removal of the waste material at this location and studies by Trinity College Dublin, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National University of Ireland Galway, there is an ongoing process of deposition of a species of subtidal brown algae (*Ectocarpus siliculosus*) at

this location. The algae grow naturally within Dublin Bay and the plant anchors itself to natural reefs formed by tubeworms. However, the plant can become detached during wave and wind action, which varies seasonally and increases during storm events. When this happens, the plant parts are washed ashore and decompose, generating an unpleasant odour (not too dissimilar to sewage) and compacting into dense clumps of vegetative matter. Please refer to the attached information note prepared by Dublin City Council which explains the characteristics of this plant and is provided at all of DCC's notice boards located adjacent to beaches along our coastline, including Sandymount and Shelly Banks.

Due to designation of the site under Natura 2000, management is in accordance with EU law and the Conservation Management Plan for site by the National Parks and Wildlife Service. This means that operations to remove the decomposing vegetation are limited to avoid damage by machinery to the habitats and allowing it to wash up naturally onshore to remove it. The pertinent legislation also sets targets for maintaining and conserving such algae, subject to natural processes, which further limits any actions which may have been considered in managing algae on our shoreline.

As an action of the Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan (N37), the "Assessment of causes and impacts of Ectocarpus brown algal growth in Dublin Bay" will be completed by 2023. To progress this, and also to ensure proper management of the Natura 2000 sites under the Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan, DCC Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services has initiated in 2019 a collaboration with National University of Ireland Galway to study the extents, history, genetics and physical changes of Ectocarpus siliculosus in Dublin Bay. This project is underway and is related to studies carried out by NUIG for the Environmental Protection Agency. The findings from this project will be used to inform future management of Dublin Bay and ensure environmental protection.

Please note, the Water Pollution Control (WPC) section of Dublin City Council monitors and reports on the bathing water quality at six bathing locations in our administrative area, namely; Dollymount, North Bull Wall, Half Moon, Shelly Banks, Sandymount & Merrion beaches. Only Dollymount & Sandymount are designated bathing areas and this year since the beginning of the bathing season on June 1st, our water quality sampling has returned a very high number of 'excellent' water quality results during the 2020 bathing season at Shelly Banks and Sandymount beach. This work is undertaken with powers and responsibilities designated to the local authority by the Bathing Water Regulation, S.I 79 of 2008. DCC publishes bathing water quality results at www.dublincity.ie/bathingwater and also in hardcopy format at the entrance to each bathing water.

Dublin City Council recognises that bathing takes place all year around and not just during the designated bathing season (1st June to 15th September). In that regard we monitor the designated and "other monitored waters" all year, including on twenty separate occasions between 1st June to 15th September (approximately weekly intervals) and water quality is tested on a fortnightly basis thereafter.

Also bathing water quality results are available at www.beaches.ie which is a national bathing water webpage managed by the EPA. It displays up to date content including results on every bathing water in Ireland and should prove a valuable resource to you. Please note, visual inspections of our bathing areas (for pollution purposes) are undertaken at the times water samples are taken.

This sampling particularly focuses on monitoring any presence of bacteria associated with foul sewage being present. Our regular sampling of bathing waters would identify if sewage is regularly washing up on our shoreline and our evidence is that is not the case. If the Councillor has evidence to the contrary that sewage is being washed up

on the shoreline at Shelly Banks or Sandymount, we kindly request that he informs the Water Pollution Control (WPC) section of Dublin City Council as a matter of urgency and immediate actions will be undertaken to confirm its presence and address the incident.

Dublin City Council is satisfied that it carries out its regulatory responsibilities in a professional manner and in accordance with the requirements of the relevant regulations in the area of Bathing Waters.

The National regulatory agencies in this area are the EPA and the HSE and DCC works closely with both agencies. Moreover, these regulatory agencies monitor the performance of all Local Authorities in the performance of their statutory duties under the Bathing Waters Regulations so the need for further external appraisal does not arise. (With regard to Ringsend Waste water Treatment Plant, this is under the remit of Irish Water, licensed and monitored directly by the EPA, notifications are issued to DCC as required).

DCC's responsibilities in this area arise from the Bathing Water Quality Regulations (SI 79 of 2008) which give effect to EU Directives 2000/60/EC and 2006/7/EC. Any changes to these responsibilities would be a matter for national government and the European Union.

I trust this addresses your query and should you wish any further clarification please contact the persons hereunder.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all areas weeded to date in Dublin North West(Ballymun-Finglas) ward and a list of all areas due to be weeded with proposed dates if possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are two different methods of weed removal ongoing in the City presently.

A contractor was appointed for weed control using the environmentally friendly method of Foam Stream. The following areas were all covered by the contractor: The contract only allowed for 32km of weed control in the North West Area.

Ballymun Area:

Marewood, Barnwall, Sandyhill, Balcurris, Poppintree Crescent, Belclare, Sillogue Avenue and Gardens, Gateway, Owensilla, Sallowood, Woodhazel Terrace and Close. Shangan Road, Gardens and Whiteacre Crescent.

Finglas Area:

Northways Estate, Plunkett, Barry, Casement, Kildonan, Mellows, Cappagh Drive, Ave and Road, Wellmount Road, Ratoath Avenue, Deanstown Road and Avenue, Rathvilly Park and Drive, Kippure Park, Berryfield Road, Cloonlara Road, Cres and Drive. Glenties Estate, Sycamore Road, Ferndale Avenue, Glasanaon Road, Griffith Road and Beneavin Road.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the external insulation scheme on Dublin City Council properties; the reason for delay; and can a list be provided of areas due to be insulated?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The programme is temporarily on hold while we await funding confirmation from The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. There is no definitive list however all areas will be targeted and prioritised for upgrade works when funding is confirmed.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide Councillors with a functional organisational chart of DCC staff and their areas of responsibility both centrally and by local area's; and when will the phone directory be updated on the mod.gov app?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Area Offices regularly provide lists of key staff and staff contacts to Councillors. In response to this question an updated list of key staff and contact details for Area Offices will be provided to all Councillors by the 12th October.

The phone directory on the ModGov app has been updated.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of projects agreed in the discretionary budget in 2019 and 2020 for Dublin North West; the status of each project; with an updated timeline of completion if possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Large scale clean-up of both N2(Finglas Road) and R108(Main Ballymun Road) which will be completed before end November 2020.

Contractors have been detailed for winter bedding in large planters on Ballymun Road and Finglas Village.

There has been some monies spent on area improvements including Tree Pits at Poppintree Community Centre and further plans to roll out this in other areas.

We are also planning to enhance/improve green spaces with the installations of wild flowers and path edging to improve visuals. Tables attached.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the voids in each of the council's administrative areas, how many there are, the address and current status of each void, the projected completion time for each one, the costs involved and the labour employed, whether in-house or contractor.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has reduced the number of voids to approximately 1.75% of available housing stock. The tables below show the refurbishment of vacant housing output to date in 2020 as well the current voids and their status.

Void Completions 2020 YTD

Housing Maintenance has managed 627 refurbishments so far in 2020. These are made up of 223 Houses, 213 Apartments and 191 senior citizens units. The senior citizens units are refurbished by Direct Labour and the Houses and Apartments are refurbished through the Term Maintenance Framework.

Current Voids, status and estimated completion times.

Table attached, giving a breakdown of current voids by Council Area with estimated completion times:

Q.63 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install cycle lanes around **(details supplied)** to allow cyclists safely navigate these Roads.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request has been forwarded to the appropriate engineer working on Covid Mobility Measures and will be investigated in due course.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on proposed housing projects in **(details supplied)** including sites associated with the super depot project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently three housing schemes progressing in in **(details supplied 1)**.

The most advanced of these is the development at in **(details supplied 2)**. There are 46 housing units designed for Senior Citizens due to go out to tender before the end of the year with the goal of being on site by February 2021.

A feasibility study has just been completed on a site at in **(details supplied 3)** and it is anticipated that this will be developed in the form of a Rapid Build scheme with a potential yield of more than 100 units. A stage one application is currently being produced for the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Another feasibility study completed recently covers the depot site at in **(details supplied 4)** and early discussions indicate that this would be a good opportunity for Senior Citizens housing with the potential for between 11 and 14 units.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to change the sequence of the traffic lights at the junction of **(details supplied 1)** to allow more traffic exit towards **(details supplied 2)** during evening rush hour as cars are often backed up to **(details supplied 3)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The ITS section has assessed the traffic signals at the junction of **(details supplied 1)** in light of your query.

Please note that as part the response to the current covid19 public health emergency restrictions, Dublin City Council have reduced traffic signal cycle times across the city 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. These measures are designed to make the pedestrian experience safer and more attractive as it has grown as a mode of transport in response to this crisis. The measures encourage more walking in the city and relieve pressure on public transport modes and avoid pedestrian congestion on footpaths, pinch points and narrow islands at crossings thereby better allowing for social distancing to occur.

Information on these measures can be viewed at <https://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-dublin-city-covid-mobility-programme/improving-pedestrian>.

The ITS section are currently reviewing areas with high levels of congestion with a view to making targeted interventions to improve the efficiency of junctions for all road users.

In relation to the junction in question specifically, following a review, the traffic signal cycle time has recently been increased for the PM traffic peak as delays along this route are being increased by the closure of **(details supplied 2)** for construction works until October 2020.

The traffic signal timings have now also been amended to provide for better traffic movement.

Both these measures will assist with any delays at this location and the ITS section will continue to monitor the route and make further interventions where there is scope to do so within current restrictions.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive when works will be completed on the bridge on **(details supplied)** and what will the new Road layout look like.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The temporary road closure order for the works on **(details supplied 1)** is in operation up to and including Saturday 24th October 2020. Construction is nearing completion and it is anticipated that, barring any unforeseen delays to the remaining works, the road could reopen a week or two earlier than that.

The new layout consists of the following:

- 1) A signalised toucan (pedestrian and bicycle) crossing at the canal towpath, which will form a key part of the proposed Royal Canal Greenway. This includes additional underground ducting to avoid excavating the road again during greenway construction.
- 2) A contra-flow bus lane on the one-way section of **(details supplied 1)** to facilitate two-way access for bicycles and buses, specifically the 40E bus route operating between **(details supplied 2)** Luas terminus.
- 3) Shuttle traffic signals on both sides of **(details supplied 1)** to facilitate this two-way access for bicycles and buses.
- 4) Traffic calming in the form of ramps at **(details supplied 1)** and a mini roundabout at the entrance to **(details supplied 3)**.
- 5) Upgraded public lighting along **(details supplied 1)**, between **(details supplied 4)**.

The implications of these changes for the various road users are as follows:

- Pedestrians: access improved as a result of resurfaced footpaths and a safer road crossing at the canal towpath.
- Cyclists: access improved as a result of the provision of two-way access and a safer road crossing at the canal towpath.
- Buses: access improved as a result of the provision of two-way access, which should reduce journey times by avoiding traffic congestion on **(details supplied 5)**.
- Other Motorists: access remains unchanged, one-way northbound as before.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at putting in place traffic speed reduction measures on maidens' row Chapelizod from St Patricks School to the base of Knockmaroon Hill Dublin 20. The current situation on this very narrow road-way gives rise to ongoing accidents in this small village. Dublin City Council done some beautiful work in preserving the unique village environment of Chapelizod over the past few years with kerbs, public lighting, wayleave signs etc. I regret we still have to address the horrendous levels of through traffic which is destroying the life of the residents who live here. I regret over the past few months a number of traffic accidents have occurred due to speeding, traffic volume etc. We need imaginative responses to address the current situation we find ourselves in.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that the request for traffic calming measures will be investigated with an on-site visit in due course. .A request has been created under Ref: 7017116.

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.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to bring forward a proper retail strategy for our urban villages such as Inchicore, Ballyfermot, Crumlin etc. I regret I have brought this issue up for many years without success. The current situation that areas like Ballyfermot have the following is a disaster for the long-term viability of the area, 8 Chemists, 8 Book Makers, 11 take-away's the variety of retail mix is essential for the future of the commercial district. I am not sure but is the Planning Dept. aware when certain businesses are allowed it creates a disaster from the point of view of streetscapes with shutters down all day giving a very poor visual image.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 is the primary document that guides the future growth and development of the city, including key retail areas and urban villages. Ballyfermot is one of the key shopping districts within the City and is identified as a Key District Centre in the Development Plan.

The Development Plan contains policies in Chapter 16 to ensure that an appropriate mix of uses is maintained in retail areas and urban villages such as Ballyfermot and that night-time amenities are protected. In this regard, it is a stated aim in the Development Plan to strictly control take-aways and betting offices and to prevent an excessive concentration of these uses in one area. It is the aim of DCC to strive to enhance the vitality and viability of Key District Centre's such as Ballyfermot and the urban villages across the city.

The commercial areas in Ballyfermot are predominately zoned Z3 and Z4 whereby take-aways and/or betting offices are listed as either permissible uses or open for consideration.

The Development Plan contains robust policies to control the number of fast food take-aways and betting offices across the city which are detailed in Policy RD5, RD9 and Section 16.25, 16.27 and 16.28 of the City Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular,

in assessing planning applications for off-licences, take-aways and betting offices, DCC has to have regard to the number and frequency of the uses within a 1km radius, the existing proliferation of similar uses in the area and the effect on the amenities and vitality of the area. Policy RD05 goes further in specifically prohibiting the expansion of off-licences or part off-licences unless a compelling case is made that there is not an over-concentration of such uses in any one area. Where a grant of permission is considered acceptable, conditions can be imposed to regulate or restrict the proposed development in a particular way e.g. hours of operation.

Overall, the Development Plan contains strong policies to control the number of take-aways and betting offices in District Centres and urban villages across the city.

Under the current Development Plan, Ballyfermot and Crumlin are identified as level 3 District centres and Inchicore is identified as a level 4 Neighbourhood Centre and Local Centre within the retail hierarchy. Appendix 3 of the plan – the Retail Strategy acknowledges that many older inner suburban centres no longer have competitive tenant mixes, suitable shop sizes or attractive shopping environments. The Strategy notes that Dublin City Council recognises and supports the need to revitalise older centres, and the establishment of more diverse and specialist shops and environmental improvements.

The review of the Dublin City Development Plan is currently underway and will formally commence in December 2020. As part of the plan review, a health check of all of the older suburban centres has been carried out. This assessment will help shape the policies and objectives of the forthcoming plan, and in particular appropriate measures to promote the vitality and viability of these centres, their accessibility and amenity.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look upon the idea of including a planning requirement for the provision of public bathrooms in all retail & commercial facilities which engage with the general public. It is next to impossible to find a bathroom in many large supermarkets, stores etc. and when in the suburbs it is even worse trying to get facilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently no statutory planning requirement for the provision of public toilets in retail or commercial facilities which serve the public. However, it is acknowledged that there is a demand for such facilities.

In this respect, every effort will be made to negotiate the delivery of such facilities in upcoming large scale development proposals as part of the development management process i.e. where adequate space can be provided to accommodate these facilities and where there will be a management structure in place to maintain them etc.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the possibility of moving the cleansing division and bring centre at Kylemore Park West Ballyfermot Dublin 10 to a more suitable central location, the current situation lends itself to a lot of dumping outside the gates of the current location and due to the current site size it restricts the potential to expand the range of recycling at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately, with no alternative site available it will not be possible to move this facility from its current location at this time. However, Waste Management Services

intend to reconfigure the site later this year subject to our ability to undertake this project in the current pandemic situation.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if biodiversity officers in DCC and the National Biodiversity Data Centre have been consulted in the preparation of the contract for the new grass cutting company? If so what are the biodiversity officers' recommendations?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The policy of the Parks Service is to eliminate the use of herbicides and promote the public appreciation of wildflower/long grass where appropriate. This is informed by the City Biodiversity Action Plan and the Biodiversity Officer who is part of the DCC Parks team.

DCC Parks/Biodiversity has worked closely with the National Data Biodiversity centre over many years as a consultee to develop guidance for the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. We continue to work with the NDBC in a collaborative way to increase planting for pollinators which has also informed grass management and we in turn share our experience with them.

While the Biodiversity Officer has a good working relationship with the National Data Biodiversity centre, the NDBC is not a relevant consultee in relation to this specific contract.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive how the money not spent on Halloween events by the council will be spent on instead? Could this sum be ring fenced for necessary neighbourhood improvements? How much does it amount to from all events cancelled?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Community Development Officers plan for events in their area all year round. They are broken down into categories like Neighbourhood and Environment, Older Persons, Interculturalism and Social Inclusion, Events, Arts and History etc. This would include Halloween events.

Planning for an alternative way to celebrate Halloween in a virtual setting is ongoing with various communities and youth groups. The City Council is providing funding in 2020 to Community and Youth Organisations to put a programme of activities in place that are localised, family friendly and will comply with the public health guidelines rather than organising large events.

The City Council is using additional funding to promote a "Think and be aware" campaign through the schools, reminding young people that bonfires and fireworks are dangerous, asking them to think of animals that are frightened by fireworks and to respect and be kind to their neighbours. The City Council is supporting local environmental projects to discourage bonfires.

Accordingly, there is no specific budget for Halloween Events as it is incorporated into the annual Community Development Events Programme.

In the absence of professional fireworks displays in the North Central Area this year due to Covid-19 public health guidelines, but to continue to convey the message to young people to avoid danger at Halloween, we hope to engage with primary schools in the Clontarf /Donaghmede Local Electoral Area of the North Central Area to

encourage them to organise a poster competition in their school with the theme '**Keep Safe at Halloween**'. Prizes will be awarded to each participating school. All the above is subject to Covid-19 public health guidelines being adhered to in all respects.

We are in negotiations with a company to provide a Laser Show on Halloween Evening. To avoid crowds gathering we will not be stating where it will be shot from etc. Any funding that may remain surplus after Halloween may be considered for use in necessary neighbourhood improvements. The figures for the North Central Area are not available as of yet.

The Finglas Area Office has successfully run "Finglas Fright Night" each Halloween for many years. Attendance is weather dependent but reached a high of 9,000 in 2018. There is no budget heading in our Revenue Account for the event. However, we provided €60k in our Discretionary Budget for this year's event.

In accordance with the corporate decision we will not have our usual event this year. However, we will have a crowd free programme during the week, which will consist of pre-recorded activities and music to be streamed on Halloween night. The programme is subject to late changes in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines. It is expected that we will spend approximately €40k on the programme. The balance will be spent locally on projects which were postponed due to the significant reduction in our Discretionary Fund allocation this year.

The Ballymun Area Office has also successfully run the "Otherworld" Halloween Festival week for many years. Annually we have provided between €60k and €70k from our revenue budget to facilitate this event. We had provided €60k this year. In accordance with the public health guidelines we are not in a position to run the usual Otherworld event. However, we recognise the need to provide a crowd free programme of events during the mid-term week in the run up to Halloween. We will engage with all stakeholders including Axis, BRYR, Poppintree Youth Project, the Rediscovery Centre, Better Ballymun, all local schools and Global Action Plan. A range of activities will take place some live, some recorded, activity packs will be delivered to households, and we will hold a best spooky garden competition along with workshops and home games amongst other things. The programme is subject to late changes in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines. It is estimated that we will spend a maximum of €30k on the programme. The balance will be spent locally on projects which were postponed due to the significant reduction in our Discretionary Fund allocation this year.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive what is happening within the Fruit & Vegetable market. I was told it was occupied at the moment until Christmas but without any further details. Can we get an update of who is in the market to do what?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Fruit and Vegetable Market closed in August 2019 for redevelopment, which is being progressed in conjunction with the Members Advisory Group. During this time we were asked to consider temporary uses while the tender is being formulated, the first of which was the Chinese New Year Festival in January 2020.

There were numerous other proposals around St Patricks Day, food and beverage events over the summer, Culture Night, Bram Stoker Festival, City Spectacular, Vintage event and a Christmas Market. As a result of the shut down due to Covid19 and the criteria with regard to congregating and restrictions for events, each one has failed to get HSE approval. The proposal for a Christmas Market has not been adjudicated on by the HSE or Dublin City Council yet and is dependent on current level

3 being lifted and a number of other contributing factors. We will keep the Councillor informed.

In the interim, there are a number of building sites in the area, which were negatively impacted by Covid19 requirements in order to reopen. They require additional space for sterilisation stations, screening and welfare for workers as well as storage. Dublin City Council is facilitating with allocation of space within the market for a rental fee, until year-end. This also assists in reducing impact of building works on local residents and public realm and ensures that footpath space is free of hoarding as soon as possible.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to give exact locations of ongoing road surfacing contract work funded by the Government stimulus package as stipulated in paragraph on Protected Cycle Facilities, Contra-Flow Facilities, Cycle Parking and 'Filtered Permeability' in the Covid Mobility measures CE report of 4/9/20: road resurfacing contracts and work on-going to design new road layouts, including protected cycleways where appropriate, resurfacing works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is the list of road locations that Road Maintenance Services plan to carry out resurfacing works as part of the Government's stimulus package (**see attached table**).

Q.75 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the alleged use of funds by Dublin City Council to provide protection on its building sites; when Senior Counsel Patrick Butler's report will be published and whether the Garda investigation has been completed.

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 aware of any further developments in relation to this matter.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive when he proposes to purchase 422 North Circular Road, the former home of playwright Sean O'Casey.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has submitted a bid for the acquisition of the house. The vendor/s have not yet made a decision on the bid.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive where public rights of way have been established in the City of Dublin, what is the requirement to establish a right of way and if existing rights of way are registered in the registration of property.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under common law private rights of way (i.e. easements) could be acquired through prescription. In other words, long user "as of right" (i.e. without force, without secrecy and without permission) for a period of 12 years could have given rise to the presumption of a grant of the right at some point in the past. What is required is that the dominant (the user's property) and servient tenements (the property over which the right is exercised) are sufficiently close to each other for the right to be of actual benefit to the dominant tenement.

Current legislation dictates that, in order to have a prescriptive easement, a formal step, whether by way of application to the Property Registration Authority (PRA) or the obtaining of a court order, will have to be taken for the purpose of registering that right as a burden against registered land. Until that registration is achieved there is no right as such that binds the land.

A right of way can be created on a transfer of property (e.g. reserving a right of access to landlocked property).

Existing rights of way evidenced on a title deed can be transferred to a new owner but, if that right is not already registered on the servient tenement, an application will need to be made to the PRA to have that right registered.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to outline if Dublin City Council has a designated unit dealing with potential EU funding; what EU funding Dublin City Council has received in the past twelve months through ERDF/cohesion funds; if DCC has received funding from the Urban Innovative Actions under the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020; if there are plans to submit projects for the European Urban Initiative under the Cohesion Policy legislative proposal 2021-2027; and if Dublin City Council plan to use Financial Instruments in Cohesion Policy to leverage funding for large-scale projects and if not, why not?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Down through the years, Departments in Dublin City have successfully been involved in European Union Programmes to build local capacity, agree benchmarks for good practice and create plans and actions for new development of infrastructure and services. The city of Dublin has also benefited from European Union structural funds investments ranging from the building of infrastructure such as roads and public transport to social services funded via the European Social Fund.

A new European budget will come into effect in 2021, the question now is how the City Council can benefit from its present standing as a reliable partner in European projects and from the new opportunities arising from the new Multi-annual Funding Framework (MFF). The MFF has been agreed in principle in the Council of Ministers but still awaits approval from the European Parliament.

Dublin City Council has engaged the services of Wessel Badenhorst, Director, Urban Mode Ltd to facilitate an analysis and access to European Union Programmes applicable to the strategies and objectives of Dublin City Council.
Activities proposed:

An evaluation of what worked successfully in previous EU budgets

A survey has already been issued to staff across the organisation who have accessed EU funds to capture a city wide baseline data of existing and past European Projects to prepare for future EU Funding and Projects, providing a summary report with key conclusions. This report will be made available to the Councillor when complete

Organise and facilitate a series of online information sessions with specific elements of EU Programmes, the changes anticipated and what is required to be eligible for participation and funding and include the national contact points to present at these sessions, i.e. Leargas for Erasmus Plus, EMRA for URBACT and UIA, and the Dept of Education and Skills for the ESF

Facilitate a strategy session with key decision makers in Dublin City Council to agree an approach and strategy for participation in the European Programmes for the budget period 2021 – 2027 and produce a concise report that will be the reference document for future decisions

Q.79 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline:

- a) the current number of active apprenticeships across Dublin City Council and the sections these apprenticeships are occurring in.
- b) the gender balance among these apprenticeships.
- c) the recruitment process we employ to attract interested young people to our apprenticeship offerings
- d) the numbers of apprentices that secured a fulltime job through with DCC following their apprenticeship and
- e) our plans for apprenticeships for 2021

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2018, the Human Resources Department ran an open and publicly advertised recruitment campaign for Junior Apprentices for the following four trades: Brick & Stonelaying, Carpentry, Electrical and Plumbing.

At present, Dublin City Council has 26 active apprenticeships across the four disciplines outlined above. These apprenticeships are assigned to the following Housing Maintenance Section, Road Maintenance & Electrical Services Section.

There are two females and twenty-four males taking part in the Council's Apprenticeship Scheme.

In April 2018, Dublin City Council advertised the Junior Apprenticeship Campaign. In the national media. We also participated in the Apprenticeship Fair organised by SOLAS and the ETB.

The majority of apprentices with Dublin City are still in the process of completing their training. To date, one qualified apprentice has taken up a full time position.

Dublin City Council is currently examining a proposal to recruit new apprenticeships through the Technical University Dublin's Access to Apprenticeship Programme. This Programme aims to assist young people aged 16-24 years who may be at risk of social or economic disadvantage and who might be considering starting an apprenticeship. The programme is sponsored by JP Morgan and the ESB and is delivered by TU Dublin.

Dublin City Council has previous experience of engagement with students on this programme. It offers an opportunity of a rewarding career to people who may not otherwise have had the opportunity and demonstrates the City Council's commitment to social responsibility in a practical way.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the communication and decision making protocols employed between DCC and the NTA and TII with regard to agreeing major road project priorities and funding for same?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In answering this question I will draw a distinction between the various organisations and in the case of the NTA its different roles as they relate to DCC.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) are tasked by the government with providing some of the large infrastructure road and Light rail schemes in Dublin. Our main interaction with TII concerns Luas its operation and expansion and also the operation of the M50 and Port Tunnel.

TII are tasked with delivering schemes that have been approved at government level and our interactions with them for a scheme such as Metro Link will be extensive from the preplanning process, through obtaining statutory permission and the construction stages.

The NTA are responsible for the preparation of and implementation of the overall transport strategy for the Greater Dublin Area and the current strategy is 2016 -2035 and within this it sets out the overall transport policy and the major schemes which will need to be developed and brought forward within this timeframe.

The NTA is also responsible for the administration of the sustainable Traffic Management grants which Dublin City Council benefits from on a multi annual basis and which funds the activities in the area of mobility. These projects are either ones which Dublin City Council has brought forward for funding or are ones which form part of the overall strategy for Dublin. For DCC projects a request for funding with description of the scheme on how it aligns with the overall strategy is made and discussed with the NTA, The NTA then decide if the scheme is suitable for funding under the sustainable mobility grant scheme and if the scheme is to proceed it then follows a multi-step approval process with the NTA. Regular progress meetings on all schemes are held with the NTA and the NTA have final approval of all funding under the STMG system.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to a) indicate who has responsibility for the public realm, bin emptying and litter management in the Balgriffin, Belmayne and Parkside areas, in particular Balgriffin Park and the Playground as indicated on the attached map and b) if DCC are not responsible for maintaining the bins in the area and Balgriffin Park and the Playground that they communicate with the person/company responsible and

advise them of their responsibility, in particular for emptying the bins and removing large items of furniture before they are burned out (see attached photos).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office have previously been in contact with the Developer in question & will seek to have this issue addressed through liaising with the Developer in question in a timely manner as possible.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of applications for the Rebuilding Ireland loan in each year since its inception, the percentage of applications granted and refused in each year and to give an indication of reasons for refusal.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of applications received each year since the introduction of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan and percentage of approvals/declines is as follows:

Year	Applications received	Approved and closed	Declined	
2018	428	260 (60.05%)	168 (39.25%)	It should be noted, declined in 2018 includes all expired applications
2019	313	175 (55.91%)	60 (19.16%)	
2020	151 (to 24/9/20)	78 (51.65%)	34 (22.51%)	

There are several reasons why a mortgage application may be declined. The most common reasons to date for the Underwriters recommending refusal include:

1. Repayment Capacity Not Demonstrated
2. Unsatisfactory savings/source of equity
3. Net income ratio outside of policy (cannot afford the amount they are seeking)

Q.83 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the Covid mobility goal of a 300% increase in cycling, to reconsider with regard to installing additional JustEat Dublin bikes on the Northside of the city - particularly out through Fairview into Clontarf and out through Drumcondra into Whitehall. Furthermore, to ask the Chief Executive, if necessary to consider a review of pricing and funding for the Dublin bike scheme to make this feasible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While further expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme to other areas of the city, such as Fairview and Clontarf would be warranted in terms of demand for the service, the reality is that Dublin City Council cannot provide the level of sustainable funding necessary to meet the ongoing annual operational costs for an expanded scheme at this time.

The pricing structure for the scheme was reviewed and adjusted from €25 to €35 for all new memberships and renewals from September 2020. This price adjustment was necessary to support the current ongoing operational costs for the scheme in its existing configuration.

The income generated from this revised membership fee, from journey costs and from other sources would not be sufficient to cover the increased operational costs that would arise from a further expansion. The scheme must remain financially sustainable to avoid impacting on other important services that Dublin City Council must provide in the city. A further membership price adjustment to facilitate expansion would not be sustained by the scheme membership base at this time.

A further factor that must be considered is the impact of stationless bike hire on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of station extension outside the current catchment.

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

Q.84 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what Dublin City Council regard as legal and illegally parked vehicles in public places, particularly on footpaths. What criteria do Dublin Street Parking Services use to take appropriate regarding vehicles that are on footpaths?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parking on footpaths is illegal and the Dublin Street Parking Services clamp vehicles that are parked on footpaths throughout the city. However, there are some areas of the city where residents park on footpaths as the roads where they live are very narrow. In such cases we issue warning notices to residents who park on footpaths to warn them that if they continue to do so their vehicles will be clamped. The main concern is that there is enough space for a person with a buggy or in a wheelchair to pass by on the footpath. Therefore, all vehicles that obstruct such movement on the path are clamped. In residential areas we try to balance the needs of residents to park and the needs of pedestrians and people with disabilities to use footpaths.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if an issue regarding a parking permit for a **resident (details supplied)** could please be revisited.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit has been in contact with the resident and she has been advised of what her entitlement is in respect of a parking permit.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive, the Parking Enforcement Section and the Planning Department to work together on revisiting the request of a resident for a residents parking permit **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit will review this application, however the planning department does not have input into the allocation of parking permits.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to please address a number of issues in Glasnevin Village and to please provide an update on the following:

A) Following requests from residents to DCC for Welcome to Glasnevin Village signage to be placed at both ends of the village, could this please be provided by DCC and is there a timeline as to when the signs may be installed?

B) Could Glasnevin Village please be prioritised for the weeds to be removed from the road network throughout the whole village and is there a date as to when this may be carried out?

C) Seven street light poles near the National Botanic Garden entrance were painted by DCC in September. All light poles in Glasnevin Village need painting, could this please be prioritised?

D) Could the ongoing issue of illegally parked vehicles in cycle lanes and on footpaths at Glasnevin Village please be addressed, it is particularly a problem outside the National Botanic Gardens. The loading bay outside McMahon's Café in the village is also continually used for parking. The village is being used as a 'park and ride' facility. Could DCC also engage with the Bon Secours hospital to ensure that hospital staff are parking in designated parking areas provided to them.

E) Could the black steel bollards which are placed outside the Botanic Gardens be extended to the bridge at Glasnevin Hill, which would also help against the ongoing issue of illegal parking and to ensure a safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians.

F) Could the following footpaths in the Glasnevin Village area please be reinstated due to the bad condition of them: Lower Ballymun Road, Mobhi Drive and Botanic Road outside the National Botanic Gardens on both sides.

G) To request the Council ensure that Waterways Ireland clear the overgrowth at the River Tolka in Glasnevin Village.

H) To request an update from DCC regarding the closure of the walkway at St Mobhi Boithirin in Glasnevin as residents would like the laneway opened again for access.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A) Can the residents identify the locations where the signs are to be sited, bearing in mind that a minimum of 1.5 meters clearance is required for buggy and wheelchair access. We can survey the sites for safety and line of sight etc. There is no funding in place for the purchase and installation of the signage.

B) DCC will arrange with the contractor to treat the weeds in Glasnevin village with foam stream. This should be carried out before the end of the month.

C) If the councillor provides details of the poles they are requesting painting for (street names and pole numbers are required), we will then examine those poles and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to the list for future painting programmes subject to available finances.

D) The Dublin Street Parking Services are patrolling this area near the National Botanic Gardens on a regular basis and will continue to clamp illegally parked vehicles.

E) The recent alterations of the cycle lane times have reduced the issue of parking at the location particularly on Sundays. In terms of the installation of bollards to prevent illegal parking, due to there being a lack of available carriageway width, the cycle lane itself cannot be protected with bollards. However the Covid mobility team will investigate the potential to install bollards on the footpath subject to investigation and report back in the next 2-3 weeks.

- F) The footpaths on Lower Ballymun Road and Mobhi Drive will be considered for inclusion in the 2021 annual works programme, subject to comparison with priorities of other locations under consideration and budget allocation. The footpaths in the vicinity of the Botanic Gardens are in a generally satisfactory condition at the moment, but Road Maintenance Services Division may carry out localised repairs during the next 12 months should they be notified of specific locations.
- G) Dublin City Council will write to Waterways Ireland asking them to clear the overgrowth at the river Tolka in Glasnevin village.
- H) The footpath linking Church Avenue to The Haven was closed earlier in the year due to concerns about the stability of an adjacent boundary wall at St Mobhi's Church following an inspection carried out by engineering consultants on behalf of the Church. This wall is a protected structure and the consultants have been working on a solution to determine the most appropriate intervention to stabilise the wall. Road Maintenance Services Division has been advised that site works are expected to commence in October and should be completed by the end of November. Once confirmation is received that the wall is in a safe and stable condition, the lane will be re-opened.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in detail what are the costs involved in building city council 1, 2 & 3 bedroom houses and 1,2,3 bedroom apartments on council owned land?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In response to the above query it is would be very difficult to outline in detail the costs associated with the delivery of city council homes on council owned land. Projects vary in scale, size, location, typographies, site constraints, planning conditions and other incumbents that all effect the economics of a project. No two projects are the same and can only be compared with tenuous links (rate per square metre, unit costs etc.) with little or no provision afforded to context. However, below a table is provided to give examples of average unit costs through some of the City Council's more recent developments.

The sites are not identified as they are currently on site and are commercially sensitive:

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5	Site 6
Tendered (Year)	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019
Unit Cost	€398,000	€330,000	387,000	384,000	356,000	401,000

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on progress made on Government's affordable housing models, both affordable rent and affordable to buy?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We expect that a new Affordable Purchase Housing Scheme will be announced by Government later this year. Details of the Scheme are not available as yet.

A new National Policy Framework for a Cost Rental Scheme is also expected in the coming months.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive what has been the total cost of buying Part 5 units in 2018, 2019 and so far in 2020 and how many were bought in those years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

66 Units were acquired with an average cost of €222k per unit. The total acquisition cost for Part V's in 2018 was €14,639,626.

123 units were acquired with an average cost of €247k per unit. The total acquisition cost for Part V's in 2019 was €30,393,001.

28 units were acquired with an average cost of €278k per unit. The total acquisition cost so far for Part V's in 2020 is €7,649,468.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive what extra resources will be deployed to tackle the gathering of bonfire material in the run up to Halloween and how much funding has been allocated for this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South East Area Office has set aside a sum of €18,000 to cover the cost of removing combustible materials in the lead up to Halloween and for clean -up operations post Halloween.

The Public Domain team in the North West & North Central area will have contractors at their disposal including waste management, parks & housing teams. Through these different channels we will remove all reports of stock piling to prevent bonfires & anti-social behaviour.

Funding has been made available from the area discretionary budget.

The Halloween response group has begun to coordinate the resources available from the various departments involved tackling the issues of bonfire stockpiling. Waste Management Services will provide normal day-to-day removal of materials in cooperation with the Area Depts. Additional resources including an on call response service will be provided in the 10-day period leading up to Halloween night with the availability of removal services provided up to 9pm each night.

The group comprises of the Waste Management Division, Waste Enforcement Unit, Area Departments, Parks and Landscape Services and the Housing Department who will all contribute a variety of resources dedicated to addressing stockpiling in their respective areas in the lead up to the Halloween period. Further support and input into the group will be provided by the customer services centre, media relations team and Dublin Fire Brigade.

The funding for the Waste Management element of the resources dedicated to tackling the issues including the provision of staff, vehicles and waste disposal costs are contained within normal annual budgeting provisions for the delivery of service and the costs directly attributed to the activity are expected to be in the region of 30-40K.

In addition to Waste Management, the Central Area Office will be bringing in crews on weekends to remove stock piling and illegal dumping. An additional grab truck and operator will be available to respond to reports of tyres and combustible materials being stored in the weeks before Halloween and to assist with the clean up afterwards. The estimated cost of the extra resources is approximately 10K.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plans to make the City Development Plan online version accessible and searchable prior to its expiration, beyond PDF's? Additionally, can an update be provided around plans and a timeframe for replacing the current planning portal, which can be difficult for the general public to navigate? Can he make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Corporate Project Board, under the Chief Executive's Department was set up in early 2018 to oversee the development of a new website for Dublin City Council. This project is nearing completion and it is expected that the new look website will be live by October at which stage the City Development Plan online version will be accessible and searchable.

In relation to the current planning portal work is ongoing on improving the user experience. The Planning Department has been engaged with the national ePlanning project as well as the other planning authorities who use the same APAS system in order to progress a user friendly online planning service. Following consideration of how best to integrate the APAS planning system (operated by the four Dublin local authorities and Wexford County Council) into the new e-Planning portal the national e-Planning Portal Project Board in September advised that documents submitted via the portal, will be transferred by integration to the relevant back-end planning management system and document management system where they will be processed and managed thereafter. Accordingly the LGMA Project Management Team have advised this office that they will support the development of this integration job with the relevant parties.

The City Council, in conjunction with the other Dublin authorities have continued to work with the APAS software providers in order to identify and progress improvements that can be made to the existing service. As a result a completely new portal underpinned by modern technology that is more user friendly is under development however delays have been experienced which are in the process of being rectified. It is expected that considerable progress will be made by year end in this regard.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on why the 30kpm speed limit fell, why was it not possible for it to be amended, and if there is a way for things to be amended after consultation happens.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The recent Phase 5 Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (Covid-19) were not passed by the Council primarily due to some elected members raising different concerns including car design constraints for prolonged driving at lower speeds, delays for busses, difficulties to focus on the road while monitoring speedometer etc. The outcome of the related public consultation which resulted in 56% of people opposing the Bye-Laws could also be a contributory factor to the Bye-Laws not receiving Council's approval. Amendments to the above Bye Laws were proposed by some councillors to change speed limit on arterial roads to 40km/h in consultation with relevant local representatives, however, implementing of these would require another round of public consultation.

DCC is currently assessing next steps in the process of reducing speed limits in the City and if necessary, another public consultation will be launched. As described in "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland" 2015 with reference to

“Road Traffic Act” 2004 Sections 9(3) and 9(4) adequate consultations must be carried out with relevant stakeholders before implementing Speed Limit Bye Laws.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive if he will provide an update report on the process of adding 40 Herbert Park to the list of protected structures as agreed at the September City Council meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

An update Report has been circulated to all Councillors related to 40 Herbert Park.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a list of claims upheld against Dublin City Council due to deficiencies in:

(a) Footpaths and (b) roads for each of the last five years for which figures are available, and can he make a statement on the matter?”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

All records are stored in a document management system, to retrieve this information would require a file by file review.

A Report can be provided on the numbers of claims for the two categories and the number of claims concluded per year.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implementation of the Integration Strategy 2016-2020 and on what plans may be in place to renew this strategy beyond 2020?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Lord Mayor Hazel Chu has agreed to chair a sub-group to develop the new Integration Strategy. This group will be formed by end of Oct 2020. It is anticipated that the draft Integration Strategy document will be completed by end of February 2021. This draft will be forwarded to elected members for adoption.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implementation of the Water Animation Strategy for the Liffey and the ambition to advance it or review the strategy in the year ahead?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Dublin City Council, in partnership with Dublin Port Company and Waterways Ireland, prepared a draft water animation strategy for Dublin Docklands as required by the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ. The strategy is a complimentary document to the Public Realm Masterplan for the SDZ area, published by DCC in 2016. The Strategy outlines the approach of all three agencies as to how areas of the water are used or planned to be used in the future and sets out how all three agencies will work together to promote greater use of the water bodies of Docklands for the benefit of the local, visiting and working population.

The purpose of the document is to provide clarity regarding the vision by Dublin City Council, Waterways Ireland and Dublin Port Company for the water bodies within the Docklands. It is a non-statutory document and will be reviewed a minimum of every 3 years and updated as necessary. This document will also inform more detailed plans

that may be prepared for smaller sections of the rivers or docks in this area. This Strategy may be expanded in the future, or form part of a wider Liffey wide strategy.

In late 2018 Dublin City Council decided, in partnership with the relevant authorities, to begin implementation of the first phase of the Strategy which envisaged a number of new leases of between 5-8 years duration being issued to vessels for three locations on the Liffey. Dublin City Council sought expressions of interest from people, groups or companies who had a viable and visually attractive proposal, and which complied with various strict criteria. At the end of the process, the City Council in partnership with Dublin port issued letters of offer to two entities to allow them moor ships on the River for use as a Hotel/Restaurant, subject to compliance with various requirements of the Dublin Port Harbour Master and the Welcome Standard for Hotels as set by Fáilte Ireland.

Unfortunately, after more than 2 years of work to bring these projects to fruition, neither entity was able to secure the necessary funding or consents to complete their projects and as a result the offers to both parties were withdrawn in 2020.

The Docklands Office in partnership with Dublin Port and Waterways Ireland intends to review the Animation Strategy in 2021.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the expected timeline and strategy for examining long term pedestrianisation for the South William Street area and other surrounds of Grafton Street following on from the very positive public feedback?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report is currently being prepared on the recent trial pedestrianisation of South William Street and other streets in the Grafton Street area. This report will detail the outcomes and recommend next steps.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the current total number of DCC owned homes, of these how many have a B2 energy rating; how many are in need of retrofit, and has DCC engaged with DPHLG in order to access some of the existing or potential funding available for retrofitting these homes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We currently have 25,000 housing units. We have carried out 8,871 of retrofits under our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme to date. 1,864 units of our total stock have a BER rating of B2 or higher. It is not possible to confirm how many remaining units are in need of retrofit as all housing units would require surveying to establish what proportion are in need of same.

We have ongoing engagement with the DPHLG however are currently awaiting funding confirmation to continue with The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive at the current rate of retrofitting DCC housing stock to B2, how many years will it take to retrofit all DCC houses to carbon neutral standard? Has DCC costed this, and if so, how much would it be estimated to cost per annum to 2050 to achieve?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not possible to confirm the total cost to retrofit all of DCC's housing stock to such a standard as all properties would require surveying to establish the work requirements and associated costs involved to bring them up to such a standard, which would vary across the entire stock.

The timeframe then involved to achieve this would be dependent on the level of and continued Departmental Funding to execute the programme in its entirety.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide an up to date list and a map of all the proposed new bridges and bridge upgrade projects along the Liffey, and can he please provide a status update and timeline of delivery for each of these bridges.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Liffey bridge projects currently on DCC's Capital Programme are as follows:

1. Dodder Public Transportation Opening Bridge: The Preliminary Design Report and draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be complete in October this year and a planning application can then be made to An Bord Pleanála. Depending on the progress of this application and funding approval, construction could commence in 2022.
2. Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Widening Works: Procurement of a designer for these works is near completion and design work will commence before the end of this year. The project is for a new pedestrian and cycling bridge as well as the widening of the southern fixed spans of Tom Clarke Bridge to allow a right turn onto the proposed new Dodder Bridge. It is too early to give a definitive timeline for delivery of the project
3. Blood Stoney Bridge: The Preliminary Design Report and draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report are complete. An Bord Pleanála recently rejected a second application to amend the SDZ to allow a bridge to be built in this location. This project is therefore currently under review.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what plans he has to increase the amount of vehicle charging points in car parks under the control of the City Council, and whether it would be possible to require that future planning applications for car parking would include charging points and to make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently a regional strategy being developed for EV charging across all four Dublin local authorities. The recommendations from this strategy will inform the new Dublin City Development Plan.

Ten per cent minimum of all car parking spaces in new developments are required to be provided with EV charging infrastructure. However, all other car parking spaces are future proofed for EV charging with ducting provided at the outset.

DCC have recently consented to a sub-lease between the operators (QPark) of Dawson Street Carpark/Schoolhouse Lane and ESB to allow ESB to install and operate EV charge points in Dawson Street car park.

This is a 10 year licence with the ESB to install and operate EV charge points at designated spaces in the car park.

This is something that DCC will examine in relation to the other car parks currently leased to Park Rite which includes Drury Street and ILAC car park.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following: can a form to avail of the mobility aids housing grant scheme please be posted to **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An application form under the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability has been posted to **(details supplied)**.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following: can the footpath and kerb outside **(details supplied)** be repaired as it is currently in bad need of repair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request has been added to the Confirm database for repair by our Road Maintenance crew.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following: can you please contact **(details supplied)** to have the laneway cleaned at the back of her house.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I have contacted the resident and made the necessary arrangements.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following: can the children's playground at **(details supplied)** be upgraded. It is badly in need of investment as it is gone very dated and old. The protective matting to protect young children when they fall should be extended to the full playground.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An assessment of all the playgrounds maintained by the NW Parks District (which includes **(details supplied)**) was carried out last year. A 3 year renewal program was envisioned with **(details supplied)** included in the second year of this. It is anticipated an upgrade of **(details supplied)** Playground will happen during 2021/2022, subject to necessary funding being secured.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to install Sheffield stands for bike parking at the junction of the Finglas Road and the Tolka Valley Road. The junction is at the edge of the Bleeper Bike 'purple zone' but there is nowhere for users to store the bikes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area will be investigated and if a suitable location can be identified cycle parking will be installed as part of the next batch of cycle parking.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the footpath at **(details supplied)**, as this has been on a repair list for several years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that all service requests are scheduled according to a priority queue and the availability of a road maintenance crews in the area.

According to our records, the request was received on 5/2/2020.

The above-mentioned service request was rated priority 8. It should be noted that a service request ranges from Priority 1 (high) to Priority 8 (low). A 'low priority' job is attended when it can be scheduled with other works in the area.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to install speed ramps or other appropriate measures on **(details supplied 1)**, as cars speed from the adjoining **(details supplied 2)** despite the 30km restriction and children at play sign.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that the request for traffic calming measures will be investigated with an on-site visit in due course. A request has been created under Ref: 7017136

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.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to review and repair the uneven pavement levels at **(details supplied)** as the pavement dips due to the chicane and poses a trip hazard for vulnerable pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection at this location and will add any identified defect to a works list and it will be scheduled for repair subject to a priority-based job queue and when a crew will be available in the area.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the exact piece of Covid-19 legislation that is underpinning the placement of cycle lanes and knock on effect of reorganizing traffic flow to accommodate the cycle lanes, in particular in Strand Road, Sandymount.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The relevant legislation is already in existence under Section 38 of the Road traffic Act 1994. Please also see attached the advice note issued by DTTAS which specifically references using this section.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to issue the Strand Report on one-way system on one motor lane, in September for information to Sandymount Residents rather than the local residents having to wait until October SEAC meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The report is being prepared as requested for the next meeting of the South East Area Committee. If the members of the SEA Committee agree to it being released in

advance of the meeting then we can do so but otherwise it will be circulated to members of the SEAC next week.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if Rathfarnham Road, Rathgar Road, Terenure Roads, Kimmage Road Lower, and all other Dublin City arterial roads with 50kmh proposed to 30kmh, potentially reduced to 40kmh, will soon be reduced and when will this speed reduction take place? As the 10kmh difference between 30 and 40kmh is 6.2 miles per hour, is it going to be supervised by traffic wardens to ensure that there will be no speeding beyond 40kmh?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following recent rejection of Phase 5 Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (Covid-19), the proposed implementation of 40km/h on arterial roads requires another round of public consultation. DCC is currently assessing the best course of action before any decisions in relation to the above are made.

In the meantime, DCC will continue to implement 30km/h speed limits in residential areas as per approved Phase 4 - Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020. This process was delayed due to temporary redirecting resources to Covid-19 related actions.

Please note that Traffic Wardens hold no legal or statutory powers to enforce speed limits. This role is reserved for Garda Síochána who carry out speed enforcement in the City according to their resources.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can Waste Management please increase bins and waste collection throughout Dublin communities, in particular, Crumlin, Kimmage, Terenure, Harold's Cross, Rathgar, Rathmines, Clonskeagh [Dodder Bank] due to Dublin's new lockdown causing more people to sit, eat, drink outdoors and leave extensive illegal dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The servicing of litter bins and removal of dumped rubbish and litter has and will remain a priority activity throughout the Covid pandemic. We have been returning to more normal levels of service and this will lead to more regular cleaning and more frequent servicing of litter bins in the above mentioned areas.

There are no current plans to increase the number of public litter bins in the above mentioned areas.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to update the councillor on the protected cycle and walk way on the Bull Island Causeway and could a 15 kmph speed limit using parks bylaws be used rather than the 50 kmph and other measures rather than the water filled plastic barriers which are unsightly and not a sustainable longer term solution, perhaps a trial cycle road could be introduced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The speed limit on the Causeway road will be reduced from 50km/h to the limit stated in the Parks byelaws.

The water filled barriers are not a long term solution. It has always been stated that they are an interim means of protecting the shared cycle/pedestrian greenway which is now completed. Longer term solutions are being considered.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could start the process of introducing 30 km speed limits in the city as standard again.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is currently assessing next steps in the process of wider implementation of 30km/h speed limits in Dublin City. Following rejection of recently proposed Phase 5 Speed Limit Bye Laws 2020 (Covid-19), a new round of public consultation will have to be carried out if revised proposals are made.

In the interim, DCC will continue to implement 30km/h speed limits in residential areas as per approved Phase 4 - Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020. This process was delayed due to temporary redirecting resources to Covid-19 related actions.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if any decision has been made with regards to metrolink and the use of DCC park land in Albert College for a shaft.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

TII have informed us that the provision of an Intervention Shaft in Albert College Park remains part of MetroLink design and will form part of their Railway Order Application. TII intend to engage further with local residents in advance of the Railway Order application being made

**RECORD of DIVISION FOR VACANCY MOORE STREET ADVISORY GROUP AT
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Councillor Daryl Barron	X				Councillor Deirdre Heney	X			
Councillor Racheal Batten	X				Councillor Jane Horgan Jones				X
Councillor Janice Boylan		X			Councillor Janet Horner	X			
Councillor Tom Brabazon				X	Councillor Vincent Jackson		X		
Councillor Christy Burke				X	Councillor Dermot Lacey	X			
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	X				Councillor Darcy Lonergan	X			
Councillor Claire Byrne				X	Councillor John Lyons				X
Councillor Danny Byrne		X			Councillor Micheál MacDonncha		X		
Councillor Mary Callaghan	X				Councillor Briege MacOscar	X			
Councillor Daniel Céitinn		X			Councillor Tina MacVeigh		X		
Lord Mayor Hazel Chu	X				Councillor Ray McAdam		X		
Councillor Anthony Connaghan		X			Councillor Paddy McCartan				X
Councillor Keith Connolly	X				Councillor Eimer McCormack	X			
Councillor Caroline Conroy	X				Councillor Séamas McGrattan		X		
Councillor Deirdre Conroy				X	Councillor Declan Meenagh	X			
Councillor Donna Cooney	X				Councillor Carolyn Moore	X			
Councillor Joe Costello	X				Councillor Darragh Moriarty	X			
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin		X			Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	X			
Councillor Daithí de Róiste	X				Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí		X		
Councillor Tara Deacy	X				Councillor Claire O'Connor	X			
Councillor Máire Devine		X			Councillor Cat O'Driscoll	X			
Councillor Kevin Donoghue	X				Councillor Damian O'Farrell		X		
Councillor Daithí Doolan		X			Councillor Colm O'Rourke		X		
Councillor Pat Dunne		X			Councillor Larry O'Toole		X		
Councillor Anne Feeney				X	Councillor Cieran Perry		X		
Councillor Declan Flanagan		X			Councillor Michael Pidgeon	X			
Councillor Terence Flanagan				X	Councillor Noeleen Reilly		X		
Councillor Anthony Flynn		X			Councillor Nial Ring	X			
Councillor Mannix Flynn		X			Councillor Patricia Roe	X			
Councillor Mary Freehill	X				Councillor Catherine Stocker				X
Councillor James Geoghegan		X			Councillor Michael Watters	X			
Councillor Alison Gilliland	X								

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