# **COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar 16 Samhain 2020 sa Seomra Cruinn ag Teach an tÁrdmhéara, Sráid Dhásain agus físchomhdháil cianda, ag 6.15 i.n,i láthair an tArdmheara Hazel Chu sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Christy Burke

Danny Byrne

Racheal Batten

Deirdre Conroy

Daniel Céitinn

Daithí Doolan

Mannix Flynn

Janet Horner

Alison Gilliland

Darcy Lonergan Briege MacOscar

Paddy McCartan

Declan Meenagh

Cat O'Driscoll

Larry O'Toole

Sophie Nicoullaud

Declan Flanagan

Tara Deacy

Anthony Connaghan

Michael Pidgeon Patricia Roe	Noeleen Reilly Catherine Stocker
<u>Oifigigh</u>	
Oliver Douglas	Ruth Dowling
John Flanagan	Michael Gallagher
Yvonne Kelly	Brendan Kenny
Coilin O'Reilly	Eileen Quinlivan
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh	Celine Reilly
Mary Taylor	•

# Comhairleoir: Janice Boylan Dearbháil Butler Mary Callaghan Keith Connolly Donna Cooney Hazel de Nortúin Maire Devine Pat Dunne Terence Flanagan Mary Freehill Deirdre Heney Vincent Jackson John Lyons Tina MacVeigh Eimer McCormack Carolyn Moore Naoise Ó'Muirí Damian O'Farrell Cieran Perry Nial Ring

Michael Watters

Caroline Fallon

Owen P. Keegan

Brendan O'Brien

Richard Shakespeare

Kathy Quinn

# 1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by calling for a moments silence to remember the following individuals who had recently died:

- Robert Fisk, renowned Journalist, Author and Historian who died on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.
- The three individuals who died in the attack in Nice on Thursday 29th October 2020
- The four people who died and those injured in the attack in Vienna on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

The Lord Mayor informed Members that she had received a request that Dublin City Council support a campaign to have 32 Medals recommended by Comdt Pat Quinlan to be awarded to his men for the Siege of Jadotville during the Congo Crisis in September 1961. Twelve of the men were from Dublin. Other Councils in Ireland have also submitted motions of support to acknowledge these men as Irish heroes. The medals are 5 Military Medals for Gallantry and 27 Distinguished Service Medals to the Irish Soldiers of A Company 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion who bravely defended the Siege of Jadotville serving under a UN mandate in the Democratic Republic of Congo. On Wednesday last, Minister for Defence Simon Coveney told Seanad Éireann that the issuing of these medals will be considered by an independent group of experts.

It was agreed that Dublin City Council approve support of this campaign and the Lord Mayor will forward a letter from Dublin City Council to the Minister of Defence and the President advising of the approval of the City Council for these medals to be awarded.

The Lord Mayor expressed solidarity with the women of Poland who are currently protesting the ruling of the Constitutional Tribunal regarding abortion.

The Lord Mayor extended congratulations to all those involved in the setting up of the first Women's Committee on Dublin City Council.

The Lord Mayor announced that the Task Force on Homelessness has continued to meet on a weekly basis and is benefiting from input from both Service users and Service providers. Minister for Housing, Minister Darragh O'Brien has confirmed his attendance for the Lord Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

The Lord Mayor has met with staff of Dublin City Council's Social Inclusion Unit and will continue to work with them during the preparation of the Integration Strategy for the City as provided for within the Corporate Plan

The Lord Mayor's Award for October (Nursing Homes category) was presented to Nurse Trish Donegan. The November Award is for staff in the Transport Sector and nominations close tonight. In December the category is Hospital Services Staff and nominations will be open from 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December.

2 Report No. 317/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (D. Ní Raghallaigh) - Amendment 8 to Standing Orders 2020.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council hereby adopts the revised Standing Orders as set out in Report No 317/2020. The motion was put to a vote and was carried. Details of the vote can be found in **Appendix A** of these minutes.

It was moved by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 138 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix B** to these minutes.

# 4 Correspondence

(a) Letter dated 29th September 2020 from Louth County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting that Louth County Council calls on the Minister of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to ensure supports are put in place to compensate all local authorities for the negative financial impact of COVID-19 and ensure that there is no reduction in the essential services provided by the Council to the community as a result of this crisis.

It was moved by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter. The motion was put and carried.

(b) Letter dated 2nd October 2020 from Galway County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting that Galway County Council calls on Debenhams grant their former Debenhams employees an additional two weeks redundancy payment, in addition to the two weeks statutory payment, in recognition of the years of loyal service they have given to the company.

It was moved by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter. The motion was put and carried.

(c) Letter dated the 7th October 2020 from Meath County Council conveying the terms of two motions passed at their recent meeting in relation to details of confirmed COVID-19 cases on a townland basis and to introduce a remunerated "Dump" to reduce pharmaceutical waste in the environment.

It was moved by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter. The motion was put and carried.

(d) Letter dated the 9th October 2020 from Wexford County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting that Wexford County Council call on the government to amend the remit of Irish Water to fund the County Councils to allow them to deal with, increase capacity in and manage rural waste water systems.

It was moved by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter. The motion was put and carried.

(e) Letter dated 5th November 2020 from Mid Ulster District Council concerning 40 Herbert Park.

It was moved by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter. The motion was put and carried.

5 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 5 October 2020.

The minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

- 6 To fill vacancies on the following committees and outside bodies:
  - (a) One vacancy on the Protocol Committee.

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

(b) One vacancy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Racheal Batten.

It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by Councillor Racheal Batten that Councillor Eimer McCormack be appointed as a member of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

7 Report No. 289/2020 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 289/2020. The motion was put and carried.

8 Report No. 278/2020 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive and City Engineer (J. Flanagan) - Update on the implementation of proposed Cycling Projects.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 278/2020. The motion was put and carried.

9 Report No. 307/2020 of the Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Committee - Climate Change Action Plan Annual Report 2020.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 307/2020. The motion was put and carried.

10 Report No. 318/2020 of the Executive Managers (C. Reilly & M. Taylor) - Halloween 2020 in the Areas.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 318/2020. The motion was put and carried.

11 Report No. 319/2020 of the A/Executive Manager (B. O'Brien) - With reference to the Proposed Construction of Strand Road Cycle Track: Notification under Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 319/2020. The motion was put and carried.

12 Report No. 310/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Oscar Traynor Road, Coolock, Dublin 5 to Glenveagh Living Limited.

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The following amendment to Report No. 310/2020 was proposed by Cllrs. Heney, Batten, Connolly, De Roiste, McCormack, Watters, Barron, Brabazon, O'Connor and D. Conroy.

"That this City Council notes the contents of report number 310/2020 and agrees to defer taking a decision on the proposal outlined therein, in order to allow for:

- (a) Consultation, as promised, to take place between the proposed developer and the local residents' and public representatives consultative forum and
- (b) Discussions to take place between Dublin City Council, the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage and all other stakeholders, to try and achieve a better outcome in terms of a reduced cost of affordable housing."

This amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. Details of the vote can be found in **Appendix C** to these minutes.

It was then proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 310/2020 and

assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put to a vote and was defeated. Details of the vote can be found in **Appendix D** to these minutes.

13 Report No. 311/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Development of Dublin City Council Land at Oscar Traynor Road in Coolock.

As report 310/2020 was not agreed by the Members, Report 311/2020 was not taken.

14 Emergency Motion(s)

The Lord Mayor 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:**

"This Council welcomes the government's recent decision on access to information for those affected by "historical" abuse and their commitment to work with the Data Protection Commission to fully vindicate the rights of people who experienced forced family separation abuses. We ask that the Lord Mayor write to the Minister on behalf of the Council stressing the urgent need to establish the swift recruitment of data protection law expert committees who are independent of government Departments and Tusla, and who will administer the data protection obligations."

Submitted by Councillors Máire Devine, Cieran Perry, Catherine Stocker, Michael MacDonncha, Tina MacVeigh, Hazel De Nortúin, Alison Gilliland, Declan Meenagh, Darragh Moriarty, Donna Cooney, Daithí Doolan, Seamas McGrattan, Daniel Céitinn, Larry O' Toole, Dermot Lacey, Pat Dunne, Colm O'Rourke, James Geoghegan, Deirdre Conroy, Janice Boylan, Mannix Flynn. Anthony Connaghan, Michael MacDonncha, Ray McAdam, Deirdre Heney

# **Emergency Motion No. 2:**

"Dublin City Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the racist tweets sent to An Ardmhéara Hazel Chu. Dublin City Councillors stand with our Lord Mayor against these objectionable tweets. Racism has no place in Irish society and we, as members of political parties from across the political spectrum, will call out every time all of those involved in such behaviour. Dublin City Council is committed to social inclusion, celebrating diversity and to tackling racism where ever and whenever it raises its head."

Submitted by Councillors Daithí Doolan, Claire Byrne, Mary Callaghan, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Caroline Conroy, Donna Cooney, Hazel de Nortúin, Tara Deacy, Dearbháil Butler, Janet Horner, Darcy Lonergan, Tina MacVeigh, Carolyn Moore, Sophie Nicoullaud, Cat O' Driscoll, Michael Pidgeon, Patricia Roe, Catherine Stocker, Cieran Perry, Ray McAdam and Deirdre Heney

# **Emergency Motion No. 3:**

"This motion seeks that City Councillors are urgently updated on the progress of adding the Player Wills Factory Building to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS), recommended by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) following the adoption of a motion by the Dublin South Central Area Committee on 21 November 2018, almost two years ago. Furthermore, this City Council immediately mandates the Executive begin the process of adding this building to the RPS."

Submitted by Councillors Darragh Moriarty, Máire Devine, Michael Pidgeon, Tina MacVeigh Michael Watters

# **Emergency Motion No. 4:**

"The City Council calls for equality of treatment for traditional Christmas street traders on Henry Street. We regard it as fundamentally unfair that resumption of the market should be completely ruled out this year even where restrictions are eased to the extent that shops on Henry Street are open as normal. We call on City Council management to work with street traders to facilitate the resumption of the market this Christmas, subject to all necessary public health measures appropriate to the level then in place."

Submitted by Councillors Janice Boylan, Christy Burke and Daniel Ceitinn.

#### **Emergency Motion No. 5:**

Aware that the Government proposes to allow shops to open next month; this City Council expresses its disappointment at the contradictory decision by the City management not to allow any traditional trading outdoors on Henry Street this Christmas while the Government allows indoor trading in all the Henry Street shops; we call on the Chief Executive to rescind his decision and explore all options to allow casual trading on Henry St this Christmas while ensuring that all protocols and precautions re public health are observed

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

# **Emergency Motion No. 6:**

"Dublin City Council emergency motion to be sent to Eamon Ryan Minister for Transport. We the undersigned city councillors are very concerned at the way NTA have bye passed elected members of Dublin City Council from participation in the 3rd round of public consultations. We received 48 hours' notice of a briefing for Councillors on 4th November, quite a few of us had already committed to other meetings which couldn't be changed at such short notice. The Rathfarnham to City Centre forum meeting is set for the same date and time as the Council's Statutory Budget meeting. The NTA were informed of this fact and rather than facilitate democratically elected representatives they responded by saying that 'they would make our apologies to the Community Forum'.

These actions are a very serious assault on our ability to represent those who have elected us, and an attack on the democratic structures of The State, furthermore its unacceptable behaviour of a non-elected State Body towards the democratic process." Submitted by Councillors Mary Freehill, Mannix Flynn, Anne Feeney, Dermot Lacey, Kevin Donoghue, Alison Gilliland, Joe Costello, Declan Meenagh, Darragh Moriarty, Ann Feeney, Christy Burke, Daniel Ceitinn, Vincent Jackson, John Lyons, Tara Deacy.

# **Emergency Motion No. 7:**

"Recently Dublin City Council and Clúid announced that they would be reducing the redevelopment of Labre Park by 50%. This redevelopment has been planned for over 20 years and considering the repercussions of this development and lack of documentation to qualify this decision, this Council agreed to bring the issue to the Housing SPC, including all related documents, before a decision is finalised. This will allow all members to be aware of the unfolding situation."

Submitted by Councillors Sophie Ni Coullaud, Hazel de Nortúin, Anthony Flynn and Daithí Doolan.

# **Emergency Motion No. 8:**

"In the event of the rejection of Report 310/2020 Dublin City Council requires the drafting of a new plan that would see Dublin City Council lead the design and oversee the development of public housing on the site. That this new plan would draw on our learnings from the development of St. Michael's Estate and our engagement with the EIB for funding and would also seek full support from the Department of Housing. That this new plan would be drafted in collaboration with the Public Housing Working Group of the Housing SPC and would appropriately engage with the Oscar Traynor Lands Consultative Forum. To this end we call on An Ardmhéara to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Housing to discuss with the CEO, the Housing Manager, the Chairperson of the Housing SPC and Group Leaders putting this approach in place for the Oscar Traynor lands."

Submitted by Councillors Alison Gilliland, Donna Cooney, Patricia Roe, John Lyons, Michael MacDonncha and Tina MacVeigh.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm and in accordance with Standing Orders all other items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 7th December 2020.

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LORD MAYOR	MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Item: ReportA1:B50 No. 317/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (D. Ní Raghallaigh)

- Amendment to Standing Orders 2020.

Vote No. 1 To approve Report No. 317/2020 to amend Standing Orders 2020:

Recorded Vote Status: Carried

Councillor Daryl Barron	For
Councillor Racheal Batten	For
Councillor Janice Boylan	For
Councillor Tom Brabazon	For
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	For
Councillor Claire Byrne	For
Councillor Danny Byrne	For
Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan	For
Lord Mayor Hazel Chu	For
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	For
Councillor Keith Connolly	For
Councillor Caroline Conroy	For
Councillor Deirdre Conroy	For
Councillor Donna Cooney	For
Councillor Joe Costello	For
Councillor Daniel Céitinn	For
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	For
Councillor Daithi De Roiste	For
Councillor Tara Deacy	For
Councillor Maire Devine	For
Councillor Kevin Donoghue	For
Councillor Daithi Doolan	For
Councillor Pat Dunne	For
Councillor Anne Feeney	For
Councillor Declan Flanagan	For
Councillor Terence Flanagan	For
Councillor Anthony Flynn	For
Councillor Mary Freehill	For
Councillor James Geoghegan	For
Councillor Alison Gilliland	For
Councillor Deirdre Heney	For
Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones	For
Councillor Janet Horner	For
Councillor Vincent Jackson	For
Councillor Dermot Lacey	For
Councillor John Lyons	For
Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha	For
Councillor Briege MacOscar	For
Councillor Tina MacVeigh	For
Councillor Ray McAdam	For
Councillor Paddy McCartan Councillor Eimer McCormack	For For
Councillor Seamas McGrattan	For
	For
Councillor Declan Meenagh Councillor Carolyn Moore	For
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	For
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	For
Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí	For
Councillor Claire O'Connor	For
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	For
Councillor Damian O'Farrell	For
Councillor Larry O'Toole	For
Councillor Cieran Perry	For
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	For
Councillor Patricia Roe	For
Councillor Catherine Stocker	For
Councillor Michael Watters	For

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

# Q.1 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an update as to when the repair request logged for the roadway outside (details supplied 1) Castle Avenue/ (details supplied 2) Kincora Avenue will be attended to? Ref: Q63 NCAC May 2019.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services completed carriageway resurfacing at Castle Avenue. A follow up inspection will be scheduled to ensure this issue has been resolved following these works.

# Q.2 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive when replacement will tree planting at Clontarf Park, requested since 2018 take place. When is it scheduled to take place?

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

The Parks Service has been in contact with the residents here and advised that some of the tree planting as requested was neither desirable nor practicable. Arrangements have been put in place to have the existing empty tree pits examined and providing the previous occupant has sufficiently degraded to allow for new planting these pits will be planted as part of this winter's tree planting programme Nov-Mar.

# Q.3 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive, in respect of **(details supplied)** Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3. Is there planning permission in place for use of this property as a Bed and Breakfast facility? Is planning permission required? And if so is there an enforcement file in place in respect of this property.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

(details supplied) Vernon Avenue, Dublin 3 is currently under investigation by the Short Term Letting Unit of Dublin City Council. The Planning Enforcement Officer dealing with the case has carried out a recent inspection and will update the Councillor directly once a decision is made as to whether enforcement action is appropriate in this case.

# Q.4 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if the laneway between Haddon Road and Castle Avenue is in the charge of DCC – and if it is not, when was it last in charge and how did the process to privatise it come about?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The laneway in question (coloured green in map extract below) was never in-charge of Roads Maintenance according to our records (please see attached map).

# Q.5 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a comprehensive update on every aspect of the proposed Parnell Square Cultural Quarter project.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following the withdrawal of Kennedy Wilson from involvement in the project, the Chief Executive advised Elected Members that the City Council would assume full responsibility for the development of the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter. Work was

undertaken to examine the feasibility of pursuing a two phased approach to delivering the project and to identify alternative funding sources.

Feasibility work was undertaken in the 4th quarter of 2019 and resulted in a plan to deliver phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 will develop the new library building and all works to house No 27 together with limited works to the other Georgian buildings.

During this period the project has been submitted for URDF funding. Announcement on the allocation of the funds is expected shortly

In early 2020, as the challenges posed by Covid 19 became apparent, the Chief Executive instructed that the project should be placed on hold.

# Q.6 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could quantify how much a person's estate would have to pay on a deferred LPT application if payment was deferred for the full period since the LPT was introduced and cleared at the end of 2020 on a house valued at:

200,000, 300,000, 400,000, 500,000 and 900,000

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Revenue Commissioners administer the Local Property Tax in the State and as such are the appropriate authority to respond to this query. DCC approached Revenue who advised that Mr. Tom Cleary, Local Property Tax, should be contacted directly at 065 6849081. Mr Cleary will discuss the matter, looking at the specifics of the case and provide the appropriate advice.

# Q.7 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive when the local authority took over ownership of the lands formerly known as the Boys Brigade Fields at St Teresas Gardens, Donore Avenue and whether there were any conditions attached to the ownership transfer in relation to future use.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council acquired two fee farm grants in respect of this land in 1976 and acquired the fee simple interest in 2013.

Dublin City Council's freehold title is registered in the Land Registry under Folio DN150942F.

As the Council has freehold title there are no restrictions or conditions in relation to future use of the lands.

# Q.8 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full Maintenance Inspection and repairs at **(detail supplied)**. DCC bought this home back in August 2019. The tenant reports that an Inspector called at the time and said that several areas needed work but there has been little work carried out since. The upstairs toilet is not working, radiators cannot be bled, walls were to be re plastered, front porch needs work as well as several other items. Can this be arranged ASAP please?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance carried out works to this property on the heating, plumbing and electrics in January 2020. To date we have not had any other requests from the tenant in relation to other maintenance issues. An inspection will be arranged and works which are not the tenant's responsibility will be carried out.

# Q.9 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the road surface in Magenta Crescent to be re-instated as it is in a poor state.

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

Road Maintenance Services has scheduled a number of localised pothole repairs at this location. These will be completed when a works crew is available at this location.

This location will be considered for carriageway resurfacing in 2021 as part of our annual major works program. Project selection is based on carriageway condition and funding availability.

# Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what funding has been provided from the DOE to Dublin City Council for the repairs to voids in the city of Dublin?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has a budget of €13.5 million in 2020 to refurbish vacant housing stock. It is anticipated that 50% of this amount will be funded by the Department of Housing, Community and Local Government.

# Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if his Department would ask Irish Rail to address the overgrowth along the rear of (details supplied).

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A letter has been forwarded to Irish Rail and the Councillor will be notified when a reply is received.

# Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for the rough sleepers count from March 2020 to Sept 2020.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions the April rough sleeper count did not take place. However the number of engagements between the Dublin Simon Outreach team and people who are rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping are recorded, and information in relation to these engagements is provided in the monthly update to Councillors.

# Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to set up an apprenticeship panel to recruit staff.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At present, Dublin City Council has 26 active apprenticeships across the following disciplines:

- Brick & Stonelaying
- 2. Carpentry
- 3. Electrical
- 4. Plumbing.

We are currently seeking to recruit additional apprentices 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.

Successful applicants will be assigned to the Carpentry and Plumbing Trades.

Dublin City Council is committed to our apprenticeship programme and continue to keep it under review.

# Q.14 COUNCILLOR TARA DEACY

To ask the Chief Executive how many DCC vacant sites Registrations were appealed in 2019. How many were confirmed and how many refused. Can I receive a summary of the reasons for refusing and also how many sites were put on Register by DCC in 2020? How much levies have been paid so far and on what regeneration or housing projects they have been spent by DCC.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

# How many DCC vacant sites Registrations were appealed in 2019? How many were confirmed and how many refused?

The table below shows the number of appeals lodged in 2019 and a breakdown of the decisions made by an Bord Pleanála and the Valuation Tribunal:

Appeal type	Number of appeals (2019)	Decision
An Bord Pleanála	5	1 entry upheld
		3 entries cancelled
		1 appeal cancelled
Valuation Tribunal	1	Pending

# Can I receive a summary of the reasons for refusing?

3 entries to the Vacant Sites Register were cancelled by an Bord Pleanála, as a result of the appeals lodged in 2019. The decisions to cancel these entries was based on the following:

- <u>2 decisions:</u> Works carried out on site, after the entry was published on the Vacant Sites Register. Site no longer considered vacant.
- <u>1 decision:</u> Site forms the curtilage of a dwelling and is required for the amenity and convenience of this house.

# How many sites were put on Register by DCC in 2020?

Due to Covid-19 emergency measures it was not possible to carry out site inspections in line with the criteria outlined in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 (as amended) "the Act". Therefore no additional sites have been published on the register in 2020 to date. Site inspections have now recommenced and sites are currently being reviewed in line with the Acts criteria.

#### How much levies have been paid so far?

To date (2018 & 2019 levies) €868,450 has been paid.

# What regeneration or housing projects they (levies collected) have been spent by DCC?

Due to the criteria outlined under Section 17 of the Act (change of ownership) the proceeds of levies collected cannot be spent until such times as the provisions of Section 17 no longer apply. Where there is a change of ownership, there are no levies for the year of sale or the preceding year. This might therefore result in a refund of the levy paid. Also, the Vacant Sites Unit is currently establishing the procedure to ensure

that the criteria outlined under Section 23 of the Act is adhered to. In this regard no money from levies collected has been spent to date.

# Q.15 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the average length of time it takes to approve HAP applications on a month by month basis since the start of 2020 and how many DCC applicants are waiting for their applications to be processed?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The monthly timescale for processing complete and valid HAP applications has been 10-15 working days since the start of 2020.

There are currently 133 HAP applicants waiting for their applications to be processed. These applications were received on or after the 14<sup>th</sup> October and are at various stages of the application process. It is expected that they will be processed within the 10-15 working day timeframe, subject to all documentation being in order.

# Q.16 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if (details supplied) can transfer to another flat, as the tenant is experiencing anti-social behaviour and wishes to move.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the first instance, the applicant should report all incidents of anti-social behaviour to An Garda Síochána. It is also advised that the applicant link in with the South East Area Office in this regard.

The above applicant may apply for a transfer as they do not have an active transfer application at present. The transfer application form can be found on <a href="https://www.dublincity.ie">www.dublincity.ie</a>.

The applicant may also consider registering their interest in Homeswapper.ie and create an account with a view to liaising with other applicants seeking transfers. Should the applicants be successful in finding a match, and all criteria is satisfied, it may decrease their waiting time.

#### Q.17 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the amount owing in Development levies to Dublin City Council.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The amount outstanding in development levies as at 30/09/2020 is €47,695,342.

# Q.18 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the amount owing in social housing rents to Dublin City Council.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, net rent arrears for Dublin City Council tenancies amount to € 33,014,522.42.

# Q.19 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

- a) what is the total payroll of Dublin City council,
- b) what is the average salary.
- c) how many employees are paid in excess of €100,000 pa.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

a) The Payroll expenses included in Dublin City Council's Annual Financial Statement for 2019 are as follow:

Payroll Expenses	Amount €
Salaries and Wages	€294,907,093
Pensions	€ 96,924,873
Other	€ 9,129,618
Total	€400,961,584

- b) Salary scales are set for the Local Authority Sector for each grade by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The salary scales are available on DubNet, in the HR Section under Pay and Superannuation, Pay Scales. It is not possible to compute an average salary as some staff are paid an hourly rate and others are paid a salary.
- c) The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible for setting the terms and conditions of employment for each grade within the Local Authority Sector, including Dublin City Council. Salaries are set in line with central Government pay policy.

The following Dublin City Council posts are remunerated at a salary scale that includes a point, or points, over €100,000 per annum:

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Chief Executive
Assistant Chief Executive
City Engineer
Dublin City Planning Officer
Head of Finance
Chief Fire Officer
Chief Quantity Surveyor
Chief Valuer
City Architect
City Parks Superintendent
DCPO - Head of Development Management
Deputy City Architect
Deputy Dublin Planning Officer
Director, Dublin Regional Homeless Executive
Dublin City Librarian
Executive Manager
Executive Manager (Engineering)
Financial Accountant
Head of Enterprise
Head of Technical Services
ICT Manager
Management Accountant

In total, there are 32 officers serving at a grade listed above. Although, not all 32 employees may yet have reached a point on their scale above €100,000 per annum.

# Q.20 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at the following 2 families (details supplied) who have expressed a desire to be considered for a suitable Allotment in Chapelizod or Grattan Cresent Inchicore when one becomes available.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Due to the growing demand and the limited availability of allotment sites there is a circa 3 year+ waiting period. Interested parties should submit their name to be placed on the Allotment Grower Applicant waiting list. When an allotment comes available and the applicant is next in line they will be informed by email/phone. For this reason applicants are requested to update contact details if changed (email to <a href="mailto:southcentral@dublincity.ie">southcentral@dublincity.ie</a>) as this is the means by which we would contact them and if we cannot make contact we would be obliged to move on to the next person on the waiting list.

Applications for Grattan Crescent - Allotment Grower Waiting Lists should be sent to:

Email: southcentral@dublincity.ie
Or post to:
South Central Area Office,
Eblana House,
Marrowbone Lane,
Dublin 8
D08 E120

Allotment Grower plots are licensed to applicants on an annual basis and are subject to Allotment Grower License Terms & Conditions which apply throughout the license period. The main requirement is that a licensee has the time available on a weekly/ongoing basis to commit to working, planting and rotating crops (annuals allowed only) and tending, weeding and maintaining the plot area provided.

The cost of a DCC Allotment Grower License is €120 per annum plus an initial once off key deposit of €25 (- refunded when the key is handed back).

Interested individuals might also like to look around to see what other non DCC Allotment Sites/Community Gardens are available. The following web site; http://dublincommunitygrowers.ie/gardens/ might be of assistance.

# Q.21 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please have the following housing query looked into (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	Bedsize	Position
Area J	2	530
Area K	2	667
Area L	2	554

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 10/02/2020.

Dublin City Council allocates 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.

The applicant should submit her Notice of Termination from her Landlord and her file will be updated to reflect same.

Based on the information provided above in respect of the applicant's son, the applicant may wish to submit an application for a medical priority, which if she is successful in obtaining same it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe.

# Q.22 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please ensure that the overgrowth from various trees, shrubs adjoining traffic lights when travelling from Ballyfermot towards Chapelizod / the Chapelizod by-pass are cut back as the signals are now totally blocked until you are almost on-top of them, some overgrowth from the Californian Hills path along the footpath also needs attention here.

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

The area mentioned above was cut with the flail mower in the last week or so, which gives clear lines of sight to the traffic lights and cut back the growth from the park out onto the footpath.

# Q.23 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please ensure that the urgent need for LUAS extension from the City Centre to Lucan coming through Inchicore Bluebell. Ballyfermot. Liffey Valley Lucan is firmly put at the centre of the next NDP. I regret we are the only area of the City with a big population growth forecasted without modern transportation available. If we want to try and encourage people to move to public transport, we need modern infrastructure.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council proactively engages with national transport agencies and government departments with a view to advocating for strategic infrastructure that would enable the sustainable development of the city. The Council will highlight the need for the expansion of the public transport network including the Luas network in discussions regarding the preparation of the NDP and other Strategic Planning and Transportation strategies.

# Q.24 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the current efforts by the local authority to reclaim control of the Iveagh Markets.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Mr Martin Keane who alleges he has a legal interest in the Iveagh Markets has sought and been granted leave for a judicial review of the invalidation of a planning application lodged by him in December 2019 in respect of the Iveagh Market, Mother Redcap's and other property and he has also sought and been granted leave for a judicial review of the placing of his property at Back Lane/Lamb Alley (Mother Redcap's) on the Vacant Sites Register. The Council is unable to take any action in respect of the Iveagh Market until these proceedings are concluded.

# Q.25 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a report on the housing application status of (details supplied) from when he first went on the list in 2011 to the present date.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 20/01/2015, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area M	1	298

It may benefit the applicant to increase his areas of choice as it may increase his chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday via phone 2pm – 5pm) to discuss options with the applicant should he wish to amend his application to include additional areas of choice.

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet his household need becomes available and according to his position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocates 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.26 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for full details of the business case on the Clontarf to City Centre Cycle route submitted to the NTA and, in particular, to address the following:

- a. What were the original funding arrangements which have now been queried?
- b. In last month's report to members (report No 266/2020) it was revealed that the scheme also includes the provision of 5.8km of water mains. Please give details of this scheme including, background, necessity and basis for new/repaired water mains, locations, funding requirements, crossover works, additional disruption anticipated, and confirmation on whether, or not, this scheme can go ahead without the parallel cycle route scheme.
- c. What "value engineering" work is being carried out and why, at this stage, would this be carried out with the objective of minimising the risk of cost escalation during the construction stage?
- d. Why was the work at c above not carried out at an earlier stage?
- e. Why would DCC intend to issue construction tender documents by the end of November if there is, as stated in the report, the possibility of amendments to the scheme?
- f. Does the action at e not leave DCC open to a successful tender being subject to amendment (i.e. increases) without DCC having control over the process i.e. the successful company could, in theory, charge what they like if the process is in train just like, for example, the Children's Hospital?
- g. Should DCC even contemplate putting itself in the position of having less control on costs as may be possible under the scenario outlined at e and f above?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Details of the business case submitted to the NTA for the Clontarf to City Centre Project cannot be provided at this time, as the procurement process has not yet been concluded.

- a) The project is fully funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and as the Sanctioning Authority, they have a responsibility to carry out due diligence in accordance with the Project Management Guidelines. The NTA raised concerns with the overall cost of the scheme, temporary traffic management arrangements, materials applied to the scheme and utility works. The estimated costs were very high due to the total works involved in the project and the complexity of delivering project of this nature in this city centre location.
- b) As the project involved substantial changes to the public realm, including disruption to traffic over an extended period, it was considered prudent at detailed design stage to include water main replacements in the scheme scope, so that further significant disruption along the route would not be required in the years after completion. A portion of these water mains (approx. 20%) were required to be replaced as a result of the cycle scheme due to the construction of new tree pits and traffic chambers close to existing water mains. The remainder (80%) of the water main replacements were included as the network consists mainly of cast iron mains that are over 100 years old and subject to leakage and bursts.

Initially, significant drainage works were also included in the project, which involved the construction of a trunk surface-water sewer in the middle of the road, and new spine surface-water sewers on each side of the road. These works would have required a complete road reconstruction, and so, not to include water mains replacements would have been a wasted opportunity. Including water mains replacements in the project would allow for savings to the exchequer in the long term as a result of reducing total excavation and disruption costs, as well as aligning with climate action objectives by reducing the total carbon emissions associated with construction activity. Irish Water was minded to commit funding towards a portion of these works. However, this was before a full construction cost estimate had been prepared.

- c) The value engineering work that is now being carried out is to reduce the project scope to include only the minimal works required to deliver the new transport infrastructure while complying with the Part VIII planning conditions. Any reduction in project scope will have the effect of improving cost certainty at construction stage.
- d) At the end of 2019, a de-scoping exercise was carried out by the DCC project team in order to simplify the project and reduce costs. It was decided at this time not to de-scope the water mains replacement. In balancing the overall cost savings that could be achieved by including the replacements in the project with the increased costs of the project, it was considered best to include water mains replacement in the scope. It is estimated that the water mains replacement costs would be approx. 30-40% higher if carried out as a separate project.

The DCC Project Team formally presented its recommendations, including the business case and traffic management plan, to the NTA in June 2020. The NTA did not approve the proposals. Engagement with Irish Water took place in order to achieve final agreement and appropriate contribution towards the project costs. Unfortunately, agreement was not reached.

Working with the NTA, the scheme it is agreed that the scheme will include only replacements of water mains where absolutely necessary. In addition, the traffic management plan for the scheme is being revised to eliminate the need for bus diversions that were envisaged for the entire construction period. Other

modifications relate to materials and kerb heights. A revised business case was required, taking into account these changes.

- e) The planned issue of tender documents of November 2020 was on the premise that agreements on Irish Water contributions could be achieved in early October. This was not achieved. As a result revisions to the programme have become necessary. The project team are working through the necessary revisions. It is now intended, subject to NTA approval of an updated submission, to issue tender documents in December 2020.
- All tender submissions will be based on the agreed final modifications to the scope of works.
- g) The actions being taken by both the NTA and DCC will ensure that DCC has even better control over costs on the project.

# Q.27 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, further to the answer to part D my Question (No 42) at the October City Council meeting can the Chief Executive explain the basis for the statement that the "long-term aims of the project will include for (sic) significant public realm improvements that will have a positive effect on attracting business to the area". In particular, can the Chief Executive confirm the following:

- a. Whether, or not, he is aware of the number and nature of the businesses in the area and if so, can he provide a comprehensive list thereof.
- b. What is the evidence base for the statement above given that the actual situation is that passing trade may be dramatically affected by the cycle route i.e. has any research been carried out on the ratio of local footfall to passing trade customers for each of the businesses along and adjacent to the route?
- c. Please list the local businesses who have been contacted directly on this project.
- d. Will a report be prepared outlining the traffic implications of the project, particularly during the construction stage?
- e. Is there documentation/studies with particular reference to traffic implications for Fairview Strand, Ballybough Road, Summerhill Parade, Summerhill and Portland Road and the side roads therefrom as well as the implications for the Marino area prepared and if not can the CE commit to their commissioning. If they are available already, can the CE provide on to the local businesses in the area?
- f. Can the CE detail the costs incurred in this project to date and confirm whether, or not, these costs are over, on or above budget?
- g. Finally, can the CE advise whether, or not, it is feasible at this stage to re-examine the initial proposal to use Fairview Park facilities for part of the route?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

While there are a multitude of factors at play regarding the relative attractiveness of commercial areas to potential customers, areas that have had significant public realm improvements tend to be more attractive to potential customers than areas that have not had such improvements.

- a) We do not have a list of the number and nature of businesses in the Clontarf to City Centre Project area at this time.
- b) No research has been carried out thus far regarding the ratio of local footfall to passing trade custom for each and every business along and adjacent to the project route. This would be a significant undertaking and the conducting of such research is currently not possible due to the severe Level 5 Covid-19 lockdown measures in place. Moreover, the Covid-19 pandemic has significantly altered shopping and travel patterns, meaning that the ratio would be skewed towards local footfall for the foreseeable future and that

such research would not be representative of the historic ratio. Therefore, it is not planned to carry out such research.

c) A list of all non-anonymous submissions that were made during the Part 8 process is included in Appendix 1 of Report 300/2017 to the City Council. This list includes 28 local businesses that were contacted by letter in the summer of 2017 to notify them of further public consultation dates in June 2017 and inviting them to meet with the project team on a one-to-one basis.

During the detailed ground investigation contract in 2019, telephone contact was made with Grainger's Bar, 51 Talbot Street, in order to reschedule the works to minimise the impact on the operation of their business.

The following businesses are members of the Clontarf to City Centre Consultative Committee:

- Little Sport Bikes, 3 Merville Avenue.
- Martin's Off Licence, 11 Marino Mart.
- Costello's Pharmacy, 25 Marino Mart.

These businesses are invited to each meeting and also receive a copy of the minutes.

- d) Following the rejection of the proposed outline construction traffic management plan by the National Transport Authority (NTA), a new outline traffic management plan is being prepared for approval by DCC and the NTA. More detailed, local traffic management plans will be prepared by the contractor prior to and during construction.
- e) Further to response d) above, the impact on these roads was considered during the previous traffic management plan and will be considered also in the revised plan. The revised traffic management plan can be made available once it has been approved by DCC and NTA senior management.
- f) Total project costs incurred from inception in 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 are €2,190,418.49 inclusive of VAT. In the context of the significant changes that have occurred to the project's scope since inception, these costs are within budget.
- g) It is not feasible at this stage to reroute the cycle tracks through Fairview Park.

# Q.28 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the gully cleaning programme:

- a. Approximate number of gullies in the city.
- b. Target number of gullies to be cleaned per guarter.
- c. Number cleaned in Q1, 2 and 3 this year
- d. If Covid 19 work restrictions have impacted on the cleaning programme.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a. There are approximately 55,500 gullies within the Dublin City Council area.
- b. Gully Cleaning is one of the 15 services in Dublin City Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan. Performance in the delivery of gully cleaning is measured using the standards set out in this Plan. The target is to complete one full cycle of cleaning the 55,000 gullies every 18 months at a minimum. Approximately 3,100 gullies are required to be cleaned each month to achieve this figure.

There are a number of separate cleaning programmes continually in operation which run alongside the regular gully cleaning programme i.e. Priority List Cleaning (gullies which require constant rotational cleaning as they are located in low spots and/or areas with high leaf fall which means gullies get blocked up more frequently, resulting in ponding and surface water flooding), gully cleaning on High Speed Roads, Advance Work for Parades & Road Races, Advance Preparation for high tides / possible flooding during Christmas Break.

c. Gullies cleaned in 2020 as reported under the Service Delivery Plan are as follows: Jan – 8,364

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Feb – 8,128

Mar – 7,827 **Quarter 1 – 24,319** 

Apr – 100 (estimate)

May - 3,654

Jun - 3,626

# **Quarter 2 - 7,380**

Jul - 7,396

Aug – Figure was not requested and is not on file. My estimate is 7,000.

Sep - 6,668

# **Quarter 3 – 21,064**

These figures include gullies that are priority. However the majority are from the regular gully cleaning programme.

Monthly variation in gullies cleaned can be attributed to holidays being taken by staff. Additionally, severe rainfall weather incidents will result in days where crews are searching for blocked gullies and clearing as they go. Subsequent to weather events crews respond to any flooding complaints received.

d. Covid-19 restrictions were restrictive initially, particularly from mid- March to mid-May. Additional cleaning requirements and the breaking of crews into Pods & the introduction of staggered starting and finishing times have resulted in some reduction in efficiencies.

#### Q.29 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, in noting that a key objective of Parking Enforcement i.e. clamping, is to keep primary routes clear, particularly during peak house, can the Chief Executive detail the following?

- a. Total number of vehicles clamped in the city in 2019?
- b. How many of these vehicles were clamped in parking bays (clamped due to time expiry or non-payment)?
- c. How many vehicles were clamped in Disabled bays?
- c. How many of these vehicles were clamped in non-parking bay area's excluding clearways?
- d. How many were clamped on clearways during clearway hours?
- e. In also noting that 95% of clamped vehicles are de-clamped within one hour, is it policy that those parked in traffic flow obstruction areas e.g. clearways, are de-clamped as a priority and, if so, what is the de-clamping time (average) for this service?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

a.	Total Number of Clamps 2019	45,958
b.	No Valid Paid Parking	15,348
	Paid Parking Transaction Expired over 10 minutes	7,362
C.	Parking – without displaying a valid disabled badge	465
d.	Clamped in non-parking bay area's excluding clearways	12,128
e.	Parking on clearway	4,279
f.	95% of clamped vehicles are de-clamped within one hour while the service level agreement for this is 85%. When a vehicle is illegally parked on a clearway during clearway hours, the vehicle is relocated to	

a parking bay nearby and clamped. There is no priority given based on specific offences. Priority is given based on time of payment. However, de-clamping requests regarding obstructions are prioritised.

# Q.30 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath at **(details supplied)** to be reinstated as it is in a poor state and is an accident waiting to happen via trip hazard.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has added this service request to the work list and it will be scheduled for completion subject to priority queue and crew availability.

This service request is rated Priority 6 and it should be noted that a service request ranges from Priority 1 (high) to Priority 8 (low). As this is a low priority service request, we cannot give a definite timeline as to when these works will be carried out.

# Q.31 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a secure bike bunker in Finglas village.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

BikeBunkers are secure hangars for city residents to securely stow their bicycles close to their home and under cover, saving space and worry. The BikeBunker service is for local residents only, and provides households with alternatives to storing them in hallways or in tiny back yards.

BikeBunkers originated from a Dublin City Council <u>BETA Project</u> in 2015 (please see the link <a href="http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/residential-bike-hangars">http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/residential-bike-hangars</a>)

This project has now moved into the scaling BETA stage. This means that Dublin City Council now seeking to learn more about the delivery model for this service (eg funding, legals, branding, pricing, locations, etc). We are beginning with a "minimal viable service" and will aim to iterate and improve it as it goes.

Phase 1 of this service will be limited to the city centre of Dublin "inside the canals" as per the below map. Dublin City Council currently only considering registrations of interest "inside the canals" whilst this new service establishes itself. Once the service is running well, we'll then look at how we can expand it to other areas. Please see this link for more details <a href="https://bikebunkers.ie/">https://bikebunkers.ie/</a>

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# Q.32 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm that all monies allocated in any way for spending on cycling infrastructure is being as intended and that no monies intended for same are being spent on road maintenance or resurfacing.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Sustainable Mobility and Traffic Project's response:

Cycling infrastructure is funded under the NTA's Sustainable Transport Measures Grants Programme. Funding intended for these projects is used on same.

Road Maintenance Services' response:

Twenty percent of Road Maintenance Services' revenue budget for 2020 was allocated to the maintenance and improvement of cycling infrastructure. This equated to €700,000. The table below presents an overview of the investment that has made by the Division, in cycling infrastructure maintenance and improvement, in the current year. These works are being funded from two sources, the revenue budget and the National Transport Authority's 'July Stimulus for Active Travel Measures'.

The introduction of this 'Stimulus' presented the Division with an opportunity to secure additional funding to carry out additional maintenance and improvements on the road network, including footpath, cycling lanes and carriageway maintenance and improvements, whilst also reducing the cost burden on Dublin City Council in 2020. Funding that has been secured from the National Transport Authority, by Road Maintenance Services, is being invested in accordance by the particulars of the Division's application to the National Transport Authority.

Location		Cycling Infrastructure		Length / Area to be resurfaced	Indicative cost estimate	Status - October 2020
Lincoln (SEA)	Place	Shared and Lane	Bus Cycle	110m / 511m <sup>2</sup>	€62,000	Works complete.

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Westland Row (SEA)	Shared Bus and Cycle Lane	240m / 166m <sup>2</sup>	€20,000	Works complete.
Merrion Road (SEA)	Shared Bus and Cycle Lane	115m / 405m <sup>2</sup>	€100,000	Works complete.
Inns Quay and Ormond Quay Upper (CA)	New cycle lane (part of COVID-19 measures, Liffey Cycle Route) <sup>1</sup>	c.600m/1,460m <sup>2</sup>	€75,000	Works complete.
Harold's Cross Road (Between Bridge and Mount	Cycle Lane	72m (both sides of the road) / 205m <sup>2</sup>	€14,965	Works Complete.
Drummond Estate) (SEA)	Shared Bus and Cycle Lane	63m (both sides of the road) / 440m <sup>2</sup>	€32,120	Works complete
Christchurch Place (SEA)	Cycle Lane	30m / 53m <sup>3</sup>	€3,869	Works complete.
Camden Street	Cycle Lane	130m / 195m²	€14,235	Works complete.
Upper (SEA)	Shared Bus and Cycle Lane	110m / 385m <sup>2</sup>	€28,105	Works complete.
Redmond's Hill	Cycle Lane	110m (both sides of the road) / 301m <sup>2</sup>	€21,973	Works complete
(SEA)	Shared Bus and Cycle Lane	55m / 193m²	€14,089	Works complete
Pembroke Street Upper (SEA)	Shared Bus and Cycle Lane	53m / 186m <sup>2</sup>	€13,578	Works complete
St. Stephens Green North (SEA)	Cycle Lane	72m / 108m <sup>2</sup>	€7,884	Works complete
James's Street/Mount Brown (SCA)	Cycle Lane	36m / 63m <sup>2</sup>	€4,599	Works complete
	Cycle Lane	283m / 991m²	€72,343	Works complete
Crumlin Road (SCA)	Shared Bus and Cycle Lane	194m / 679m²	€49,567	Works complete
Long Mile Road (SCA)	Cycle Lane	59m / 180m <sup>2</sup>	€13,140	Works complete.

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Parkgate Street (SCA)	Shared Bus and Cycle Lane	210m / 735m <sup>2</sup>	€53,655	Works complete.
Constitution Hill/ Church Street (CA)	Cycle Lane	TBC	€290,000	Works ongoing.
North Frederick Street/Parnell Square/Cavendish Row (CA)	Shared Bus/Cycle Lane	395m/1,225m <sup>2</sup>	€210,000	Works ongoing.
Kildare Street	Shared bus and cycle lane	TBC	€200,000	Works complete.
Malahide Road (NCA)	Shared buscycle lane	500m/1750m <sup>2</sup>	€111,000	Works complete.
		Total	€1,122,122	

#### Q.33 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will confirm when the Flood Protection works along Strand Road, Sandymount will commence.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The current works programme is to commence construction in Q2 2021, however, the COVID 19 crisis and its effect on construction activities may alter this. The estimated construction period is 12 months.

# Q.34 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he has received any reports of dead seals being found on Sandymount Strand (I have received them) and if he can investigate if there is any circumstances leading to this and which Dublin City Council can address.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following recent high tide events, the remains of one dead seal and the partial remains another were washed up on Sandymount Strand. The first was a large bull (male) seal with no signs of injury or circumstances indicating any suspicious or unusual activity. The second was badly-decomposed and appeared to have been dead for some time. In response to reports from the public, this Division contacted the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the Irish Seal Sanctuary (ISS). The NPWS has stated that they only conduct testing in circumstances where there are no signs of suspicious injury. Therefore, DCC Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services staff have photographed the seals for the ISS records on seal mortality prior to removing them.

# Q.35 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if the manager of the Parks Department and Traffic Department will arrange an outdoor meeting with some residents of the Rathdown Park/Avenue area outside Bushy Park in order to consult on the trees, parking, ambulance access issues. Such a meeting was held on Sandymount Green with Council staff, residents and councillors, to discuss local alterations openly. So, please

provide a date and time when this is possible, and I will forward the response to Rathdown Residents.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Currently the area engineer for the south east section of Dublin City is actively engaged with the Schools Mobility Programme.

The Schools Mobility Programme has been highlighted as a priority by the Senior Management of DCC to all area engineers.

The area engineer is sympathetic to the concerns raised by the residents of Rathdown Avenue/Park. Unfortunately at this time he is unable to meet with the residents to address the matters raised.

The Area Manager and the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent have discussed the issues raised and continue to keep them under review, however it is not proposed to hold a meeting with members of the public at this point in time.

# Q.36 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to communicate with HSE Estates on whether the Primary Care Unit will be developed at the Evergreen site on Terenure Road North. If the Primary Care Unit is developed in an alternative site, can the long car park site be transferred to City Council? And if this land is transferred, can City Council provide a children's playground on part of this long car park site please? Local children cannot play outdoors due to the level of traffic and narrow road parking in the area.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

While the disposal of the Council's interest in a site at Terenure Road North to the HSE has been protracted it is fully expected to proceed as planned and the Law Agent is in current correspondence with the HSE's Solicitors with a view to finalising the matter.

Dublin City Council is unaware of any proposal by the HSE to seek an alternative site for the construction of a Primary Care Centre.

# Q.37 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a traffic/cycle/covid mobility team/department managers meeting with local residents [South Georgian Core Residents Association] about the un-notified alterations on Fitzwilliam Street in order to assess the issues of the high, multiple bollards in the South Georgian Core and the low versions which the residents say are dangerous to children [in creche and Montessori] and elderly [clearly] who will trip over them. I have been sent these photographs by the Residents Association.

SGCRA state that their key aim is to reduce the visual pollution in the area which distracts from the historic streetscape and say there may be a need for signage at pinch points along the route but see no justification for this visual distraction in this historic streetscape.

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

Residents were notified of the implementation of the interim Fitzwilliam Cycle Route via email on Friday 10th October. This email notification informed the residents that the interim Fitzwilliam Cycle Route broadly follows the alignment of the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route and is temporary in nature until the permanent scheme commences construction in Q2 2021 and that the works comprise of minor resurfacing works,

relining and the provision of bollards. Dublin City Council has held several meetings with the South Georgian Core Residents Association in relation to the permanent scheme.

The interim scheme does not provide the more permanent type of infrastructure such as kerb upstand segregation on junction approaches and exits as provided within the permanent cycle route scheme. Minimal bollard installations is provided on the scheme to aid legibility for drivers. These are on transition areas such as wide hatched areas, and to protect cyclists from left-turning vehicles on the approach to junctions. This is necessary to ensure that the cycle route is suitable for cyclists of all ages and abilities. In all other areas, no bollards are provided. The lower level bollards are used in order to minimise visual impact. Most of the bollards are likely to remain in place until the implementation of the permanent scheme in 2021.

In the short term, consideration will be given to alternatives for making the large hatched islands inaccessible for cars subject to a review of their conservation impact.

# Q.38 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive why some protected structures are not granted an alteration to a pedestrian gate, yet a significant Georgian house, protected structure, such as the James Joyce "House of The Dead" 15 Usher's Island RPS 8198 is granted permission to be turned into 56 bed units for tourists, with access by hundreds of people per day [outside COVID19] which is the most irreversible contribution to a protected structure, other than its demolition. Built in 1775, its upper floors were rented by Joyce's great-aunts in the 1890s and the writer himself often visited them there. Most importantly, it is the setting of "The Dead", widely considered Joyce's and indeed the world's greatest short story. The atmosphere in the house and the way the rooms are configured are mostly untouched since Joyce's time.

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

The City Council is fully aware of the architectural importance of no. 15 Ushers Island, an 18<sup>th</sup> century building as well as its literary associations with James Joyce and 'The Dead'. This was reflected in its decision to grant planning permission back in 1996 for works to restore the building to a state which would substantially replicate its condition in 1904 and for a change of use to create a public cultural facility celebrating James Joyce.

Work began on the implementation of the planning permission in the 1990s, including the rebuilding of the whole top floor and more than half of the rear elevation, unfortunately using modern techniques and materials and unsympathically implemented. A modern 2 storey extension was also constructed to the rear which is now in poor condition and needing repair. While some other repair works were carried out to repair the house and facilitate its conversion, they were never finalised and all works ceased in and around 2008. Since them the house has been left vacant and neglected. As a consequence, the current condition of the building is of serious concern, showing signs of water ingress, dampness, rot infestation and general degradation of the fabric.

It is considered that the approved development which will permit and support extensive repair works to the building will secure the sensitive refurbishment and restoration of the building. Proposals to provide a modern 4 storey extension have now been omitted and the approved works within the building will allow for a 'light touch' to ensure the maintenance of the historic fabric and retention of the historic layout of the rooms. While the concerns regarding the proposed use as a holiday hostel with 'canteen' are understood, it will ensure that a wider public will have access to the building which has

not been possible for a long time and will help sustain the building in the long term. The reversible nature of the proposed works is also supported, providing for the repair of the building in the short to medium term, without compromising its future adaptability to another use(s).

The retention and repair of the authentic architectural structure and fabric, while sensitive, are not critical. However, it must be recognised that the works required to stabilise and water proof the building and secure the retention of the remaining historic fabric will require significant investment which will not be secured by leaving it in its current use/condition.

# Q.39 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to (details supplied):

- (a) if he can examine the condition of same and say if there is any possibility that it can be overhauled as local resident feels its old and needs a revamp
- (b) if he can agree to provide new big belly bin(s) as currently the bins are being filled with domestic rubbish and leaving the area in a dreadful state.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) While certain repairs are scheduled the playground here is actually in reasonable condition and scores highly in the annual safety inspection and is not due for a refit for a number of years. The priority for the playground upgrade budget in the short to medium term is to bring the poorer playgrounds in the area up to standard.
- b) Waste Management Services will monitor bin usage at this location to see what is required to deal with this issue.

#### Q.40 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to works currently ongoing at (details supplied) and say:

- 1. if the work consists only of raising the edge of footpath or what other work
- 2. please explain why this is necessary or why recommended
- 3. if both or only one side of road will be done
- 4. what the contracted/estimated cost is
- 5. if it was scheduled on the 2020 programme or decided on later
- 6. If he will undertake not to put yellow lines on this stretch and confirm that the work is not part of a plan to discourage or prevent parking
- 7. if he will make a statement on the matter

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- The works consist of localised repairs to the kerbs which will be followed by asphalt footpath resurfacing. The coast side of the road was completed the week ending 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020. There are snags required on the kerb.
- 2. The footpath at this location was in poor condition with extensive kerb damage and a disintegrating footpath surface.
- 3. The coast side has been completed. Works are due to begin on the opposite side in the coming weeks.
- 4. The estimated cost for the works at this location is €171k
- 5. This work was not included in the 2020 Road Maintenance Services works program. It was funded by the NTA as part of the July 2020 Stimulus Active Travel Measures Programme.
- 6. There are no plans to install parking restrictions as part of the current works. This request can be directed to TAG for consideration.

# Q.41 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to his reply to my question of City Council meeting in June 2020 in relation to **(details supplied)** and say at this stage if he can give a timeline for the City Council to carry out an inspection of this property and advise (1) how to advance taking in charge and

(2) how to get Dublin City Council to maintain the property in question, pending the taking in charge process. My constituent has a transfer of ownership letter and map of the area which she received from the developer;

My constituent has not heard anything from the Council on this matter since June and following my requests to communicate with her.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- (1) The area of trees that Councillor Heney is referring to was included in the Taking in Charge of a development called **(details supplied)** which was finalised in September 2018 (Managers Order NCA108/2018) The full extent of the Taking in Charge can be seen on the attached drawing R.M. 36568A.
- (2) The Parks Department are responsible for maintaining this area as it is in the charge of DCC.

It has been established that this section or roadside planting was taken in charge with the carriageway, cycle lane and footpath approaching the school. A commitment has been given to cut back the shrubbery from the footpath as part of this winter's shrubbery maintenance programme.

# Q.42 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to answer the following question please: Has DCC any legal interest in the two properties below

- a) (details supplied 1) Buckingham Street Lower Dublin 1 D01 4HU
- b) (details supplied 2) Beaver Street Dublin D01 WF59

Has DCC spent money enthuse properties? Has Dublin North East Inner City Central Area HQ Sean McDermott Street got any interest in these two properties? Has DCC a plan to place them on the derelict sites register? Has DCC entered into discussions with the owners or tenant of either properties?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC has no record of ownership of these properties. The Derelict Sites Unit has no active files on these properties. The Unit will arrange for an inspection of the two sites and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of their condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

Central Area Office understands that the last owner of the site at **(details supplied 1)** was dissolved on 22/5/2009. Pursuant to Section 28 of the <u>State Property Act 1954</u> the property of a dissolved company vests in the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. Queries in relation to the status of the site should therefore be directed to the Office of Public Works <u>www.gov.ie/opw</u>.

# Q.43 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full clear update with regards to the ongoing investigation and report into alleged corrupt payments relating to the building of social housing in the Cherry Orchard area.

This report to include when Dublin City Councillors will get sight of the document and the investigations findings?

Also, what measures have been put in place since the allegations and investigations to protect sites and other building constructions within the city from such attacks and extortion threats?

# **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.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards to the attempted rebranding of large part of the city centre of Dublin by the BID company We Are Dublin Town?

These areas include Henry Street area which Dublin Town Company are branding The Dublin 1 area. Also, the Grafton Street area which this company are promoting and branding as the 'Grafton Quarter'. There are other examples like 'The Dame District' and the 'South William Creative Quarter'

These labels and descriptions and commercialised branding seriously undermine the historic place names within our city. They also undermine the curiosity of history and heritage and bleach out the long cultural identity of these unique places. The terminology 'the Grafton Quarter' was a site works description that was used for improvements in this area and is now being hijacked and used in a very philistine manner to undermine Dublin as a place.

Has the City Manager given any consent to this rebranding by this company? Has any department given any consent for this company to use this branding? It is simply unacceptable that a private company would simply come in and rebrand large parts of our historical city without the local authority raising any objections. Can the city manager ensure that this sort of behaviour is stopped in the same way as we stop illegal planning through enforcements? It is important to note that these areas of the city of Dublin are in the charge of Dublin City Council, the local authority and that they need to be safe guarded, in all their integrity, for the present and future generations.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Centre, and particularly the traditional retail core comprising Henry Street, Grafton Street and surrounding streets, is facing unprecedented challenges. These

challenges are not only related to the Covid-19 pandemic but also underlying trends such as e-trading. These challenges are best addressed in a collaborative, manner between the City Council and the variety of businesses which contribute to the vitality and energy of the city centre. For its part, the City Council has embarked on a number of initiatives to extend the public realms and encourage activities on the streets.

In the longer term we must bring forward and implement policies to retain the primacy of Dublin City Centre. These policies may include structural shifts such as increasing the residential population of the city centre including vacant upper floors, achieving a "15 minute city" and promote an evening economy. The new City Development Plan, consultation on which is commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> December, will be an important process for exploring these major issues.

It is important to collaborate with all stakeholders who have an interest in keeping Dublin City as a prime destination, for residential, work, culture and retail. Of course, an integral part of this approach is protecting the essential character of the city centre, its buildings, and its streets which make it a unique place.

The City Development Plan contains strong policies on all these fronts (see especially Chapter 7 Retail and Chapter 11 Heritage). The Plan also contains a policy to support Dublin Business Improvement District (BID) as a means to maintain and revitalise the city centre environment (RD16).

As part of this approach branding city centres is an internationally recognised means of promoting city centres. In Dublin's case, whilst the use of the word "quarter" may be considered somewhat repetitive, the names do reflect their historic, geographical areas e.g. Grafton St, Henry Street, South William Street, Dame Street Quarters. They are not new or contrived names and do not undermine the integrity of Dublin's character. It should be noted that none of the streets in charge to DCC have their historic names changed as a result of this promotional/branding campaign.

# Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report as to how many staff of Dublin City Council have contracted Covid 19? Also, what departments do the staff come from? Can the CEO issue a full report with regards the guidelines for front line staff of DCC for health and safety around Covid 19 with particular reference to those staff that are in waste management depots, maintenance depots and parks department as well as those in the Civic offices.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Up to the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 a total of 47 Dublin City Council staff excluding Dublin Fire Brigade Operational/Clerical staff have reported to be COVID -19 positive

•	Environment & Transportation	25
•	Housing & Community	10
•	Corporate Services	3
•	Culture Recreation & Economic Service	7
•	Finance`	1
•	Planning & Property Development	1

Since March 2020 and on foot of HSE/HSPC, Government Guidance and that of the Local Government Management Agency the Council's Business Continuity Team along with the Corporate Health & Safety Office have developed comprehensive suite guidance protocols and standard operating guidelines on all aspects of working during COVID -19.

These protocols include specific protections for staff working in in both office and operational settings. Local Health & Safety officers are also working on the ground to support workers and managers in this regard.

The Council has also developed its own contact tracing system with the support of Dublin Fire Brigade, which facilitates early action in relation to staff who may be symptomatic or identified as close contact of confirmed COVID cases. This function helps the Council to take pre-emptive action where there is a potential for workplace transmission.

The City Council via the Business Continuity Office along with the Corporate Health and Safety office continue to support Line Managers and staff in dealing with issues and concerns on matters relating to COVID-19 in the workplace. We are further supported in this work by our Corporate Health provider and the HSE as required. Staff safety and service resilience is to the forefront of all action in this regard.

# Q.46 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if a review of the case of residential parking permits for **(details supplied)** Waterloo Place which is off the Leeson Street, end of Waterloo Lane, Dublin 4 could take place and enable the residents of this premises obtain parking permits on Waterloo Lane. This residence has no parking place on Waterloo Place whereas all other residents on Waterloo Place have informal parking spaces on Waterloo Place.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The parking policy and Enforcement unit will make contact with Cllr Geoghegan to clarify the information needed.

# Q.47 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if the significant accumulation of leaves on Clyde Road, Raglan Road, Clyde Lane and Wellington Road which are adjacent to a school and near the widely used Herbert Park could be cleared as they are creating significant hazards to vulnerable pedestrians.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services operate a leaves removal programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leave removal is labour intensive and time consuming, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. Also some resident groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their area. We will ensure that the above mentioned streets are included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

# Q.48 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if segregation infrastructure could be added to the existing cycle lane between Milltown Road and Dartry Road which is a main thoroughfare for a primary and secondary school at Alexandra College and a Montessori school beside Dodder Walk; if there is any safe cycling infrastructure that could be installed to support a safe crossing between Milltown Road outbound towards Dartry and inbound towards Milltown village to enable cyclists to use Richmond Avenue South to access the Milltown Luas and Alexandra College school. Crossing that junction which is done by many cyclists is dangerous.

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

Dublin City Council will arrange that the Covid Mobility Engineers consider a preliminary assessment to see if there are possibilities to use segregation infrastructure to be added to the existing cycle lane between Milltown Road and Dartry Road.

The engineers will also assess if safe cycling infrastructure could be installed to support a safe crossing between Milltown Road outbound towards Dartry and inbound towards Milltown village to enable cyclists use Richmond Avenue South to access the Milltown Luas and Alexandra College School.

# Q.49 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether Rathgar Junior School has applied for a school zone initiative.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Rathgar Junior School have not applied for a School Zone. If they wish to do so, they should complete the application form online, <a href="https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/">https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/</a>.

# Q.50 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full and comprehensive response to Q 48 on the September 2020 meeting as follows as no such response has been received despite the decision on the extension application having been made on 22nd September.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Under Section 251A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the 56 day period of the Covid emergency could be disregarded when "calculating any appropriate period, specified period or other time limit". In this context, residential development to the front of Chanel College up to the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 is authorised under plan ref.3245/15 and plan ref.3563/09X1. The extension of duration application under plan ref.3563/09/X2 was refused permission on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. As the scheme permitted under plan ref.3245/15 and plan ref.3301/19 are substantially the same at lower levels, the applicant may now seek to implement the development permitted under plan ref.3301/19 subject to compliance with relevant conditions. Alternatively, the applicant may seek to apply for permission for a 'retain and complete application' incorporating any amendments that they may now wish to implement.

# Q.51 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to review the positioning of the road bollards at the intersection between Schoolhouse Lane and Magenta Crescent (Santry) with a view to preventing vehicles from diverting around the bollards by using the footpath.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Engineer has reported that an on-site examination and investigation will be carried out at this location within the next four weeks .The Area Engineer will report back to the Councillor within the next five weeks on this matter.

#### Q.52 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the amount, type, and use of funding sourced from EU funds in the last 3 years.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In late September 2020, the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Working Group on International Relations & European Affairs, sought to ascertain details on existing and past EU projects and EU funded national projects that Dublin City Council has participated in or applied to. This was in order to prepare for future EU funding and project opportunities and to gain an understanding of the level and scope of EU funded projects under the 2014 to 2020 EU budget cycle and to assist in raising awareness of funding opportunities in the new EU budget cycle (2021-2027).

# Internal organisation survey:

In the first week in October 2020, a survey questionnaire was issued to all departments and sections across the organisation. Submissions were received from 8 Departments and 14 sections. All data was collated, reviewed and presented to the SPC working group on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Survey response details of the amount, type, and use of funding sourced from EU funds in the current European programme 2014 - 2020:

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No	Project Title	Funding	Project Period	Focus and Outcome
1	Build Upon 2	Programme H2020	2020 - 2022	Energy retrofit of all buildings.
				Framework for aligning EU, National and Municipal policies and programmes, improved reporting of energy saved, emmissions cut, money spent, co-benefits.
2	RE-GREEN (there is a new project with same name!)	H2020	2012-2014	Wide range of energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives. Dublin outcome is a report on energy upgrade of housing stock.
3	TEFCE -	European	2018-2020	Focus: The objective of the TEFCE
3	Towards a European Framework for Community Engagement in Higher Education	Commission, Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 3, Forward LookingCooperatio n Projects (grant agreement: 590200-EPP-1- 2017-1-DE- EPPKA3-PI- FORWARD)	2010-2020	project is to develop innovative and feasible policy tools at the university and European level for supporting, monitoring and assessing the community engagement of higher education institutions. Outcome: Development of resources - TEFCE Toolbox for Community Engagement for Community Engagement in Higher Education; Policy Brief: A European Framework for Community Engagement in Higher Education
No	Project Title	Funding Programme	Project Period	Focus and Outcome
4	Diversity Connectors for Start-ups: The Art of Mixing	The Council of Europe / Intercultural Cities Programme	2016-2017	Focus: Migrant entrepreneurship and how incubators can act as diversity hubs / connectors for integrating migrants into local enterprise / innovation ecosystems. Outcome: Workshop hosted with project partners. Guidelines / project report

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				produced and disseminated to enable interested parties to support incubators
5	European Social Economy Regions 2018 pilot project	European Commission - Commission Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs Directorate General - Project	2018	to be diversity connectors.  Focus: Build networks of Social Economy and Social Innovation stakeholders and to raise awareness about the Social Economy at regional and local level. Outcome: Pilot Project complete across Europe. DCC led Dublin's involvement and hosted: 3 events to encourage networking, collaboration and awareness of the Dublin Social Economy
6	European Social Economy Regions 2019 Project	European Commission's Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	2019	Focus: The aim is to build effective networks of social economy and social innovation stakeholders, raise awareness of EU support. DCC led Dublin's involvement and hosted: 3 events to encourage networking, collaboration and awareness of the Dublin Social Economy (Social Enterprise Social; DC Social Enterprise Awards, Social Enterprise Summit
7	European Social Economy Regions 2019 Project	Commission's	2020	Focus: Social Economy awareness raising, collaboration, networking. / Outcome: DCC led Dublin's involvement. Hosted SE Stories during LEW, Supported the DCU Hack4CHange as an ESER Dublin Event. DC Social Enterprise Awards will be held late October as a virtual event. Expo postponed because of C19 crisis.
8	Permission to Wonder	Erasmus+	2017-2020 / 36 months	Learning From Visual Art - Supporting Schools to Implement the Visual Thinking Strategies Method
9	Looking to Understand Social Inclusion	Erasmus+	December 2020- December 2022 (from 2020 budget)	Building on learning and research in previous Erasmus project, this project looks at image selection as a vehicle for supporting dialogue for social inclusion.
No	Project Title	Funding Programme	Project Period	Focus and Outcome
10	Ecostructure	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	2017-2021	Ecostructure is producing stakeholder- focused tools and resources designed to raise awareness and facilitate uptake of opportunities to employ coastal eco-engineering solutions to climate change adaptation. It includes citizen science initiatives and two UNESCO Biospheres.

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11	DELI Diversity in the Economy and Local Integration	Co-funded by the Council of Europe and the European Integration Fund	2014-2015	Focus: Migrant Entrepreneurship / SMEs. Outcome: Development of: local partnership platforms, report, guidelines, tools
12	Project Ireland 2040	DCCAE Climate Action Fund	Ongoing	Up to €20 million is being invested to capture waste heat generated at industrial facilities, in particular, the Dublin Waste to Energy Plant in Ringsend and piping it into homes and businesses in the Poolbeg, Ringsend and Docklands areas of Dublin city.
13	Operandum	Horizon 2020	Ongoing	OPERANDUM will deliver tools and methods for the demonstration and market uptake of Nature-Based Solutions to reduce hydrometeorological risks. https://www.operandum-project.eu/
14	EU H2020 'Tomorrow' Project	Horizon 2020	2019-2022	Creating a low-carbon transition roadmap for Dublin with citizens at the centre
15	Decarb City Pipes	Horizon 2020	2020-2023	Creating a roadmap to decarbonise the heating sector in Dublin with local working group (incl. DCCAE)
16	Redap Project	EU Era-Net Smart Energy Systems Fund	2019-2021	Creating an online 'digital twin' of the Dublin energy demand
17	Senator	Horizon 2020	4 year project beginning September 2020	Project in partnership with An Post, UCD and DCC Traffic focusing on smart logistics / last mile delivery innovation
18	BE-GOOD	Interreg NWE	May 2016 to May 2020	BE-GOOD will deliver 11 pilots to extract commercial value from PSI. This is estimated at € 50 million and will also contribute to delivering 15% to 20% reduction of cost that big data is expected to enable. The project uses a novel demand driven approach, starting with public service delivery challenges across North West Europe.
No	Project Title	Funding Programme	Project Period	Focus and Outcome
19	BE-GOOD - Capitalisation Project	Interreg NWE	Oct 2020 to March 2022	The objective of the BE-GOOD Capitalisation Work Package is to build on and perpetuate delivered BE-GOOD innovative solutions, demonstrating their impact in new contexts, targeted sectors, new or wider geographical areas and engaging new Target Groups. Illustrating successful replicability or extension of BE-GOOD results and maturing the BE-GOOD Ecosystem. The capacity to generate business

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20 21	FLOW VAVEL	Horizon 2020  H2020 Research and Innovation Framework Programme	2015 - 2018 2015 - 2018	opportunities from public open-data will be further demonstrated and support organisational digital change based on BE-GOOD.  Congestion reduction through walking and cycling  VaVel aims at making fundamental advances in addressing the most critical inefficiencies of current (big) data. The project received aan excellent review from the project officer
22	HANDSHAKE	Horizon 2020	2018 - 2021	in January 2019 Collaboration on innovation
23	INSIGHT Intelligent Synthesis and Real-Time Response using Massive	FP7	September 2012 - August 2015	INSIGHT seeked to make use of data sets that DCC generate which include SCATS traffic data, Dublin Bus location data etc. In using these data sets INSIGHT sought to identify in real-time where issues arise in the road network e.g. unusual congestion patterns, flooding and other unusual weather events that cause issues along the road network. This information was intended to be used in the Traffic Control Room to assist with traffic management in the Dublin City area. Project was viewed as successful by the project officer and the consortium was encouraged to continue working together. As a result the VAVEL proposal was successfully submitted and funded to a successful conclusion.
24	Housing First Programme Evaluation	EC PROGRESS	2011-2013	Transnational Programme Evaluation resulting 5 project meetings; knowledge transfers; 1 public synthesis conferences and publication
No	Project Title	Funding Programme	Project Period	Focus and Outcome
25	ReaLsMs	H2020	2017-2021	Citizen Engagement and Digital Technology Impacts
26	ROUTE-TO-PA	H2020	2014-2018	Encouraging the publication and promotion of open data, through citizen engagement and data visualisation tools.
27	SENATOR	H2020	2020-2024	The idea is to use Urban Consolidation Centres (UCCs) which take in large consignments of packages, and redistribute these in smaller consignments on low or no emission transport modes such as cargo bikes and e-assist vehicles. All of which will be enabled by new technology

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28	Synchronicity	H2020	2019-2020	including satellite tracking of freight, a cloud-based IoT platform, and route optimisation algorithms which should provide for a more efficient and environmentally sustainable urban logistics system.  Dublin was a pilot site for rolling out smart bike lights crowdsourcing cycling data on near-miss, frequency of routes information and road surface quality as
29	Smart Impact	URBACT	2016-2018	part of a wider European project.  Development and launch of a smart district - Smart Docklands
30	WiFi4EU	https://wifi4eu.ec.e uropa.eu	2020-2023	The WiFi4EU initiative provides municipalities with the opportunity to apply for vouchers to the value EUR 15 000. The vouchers are to be used to install Wi-Fi equipment in public spaces within the municipality that are not already equipped with a free Wi-Fi hotspot. Dublin successfully received 4 vouchers and the Dept. of Rural Affairs and Comms will match fund €60,000.
31	iSCAPE	H2020	2015-2019	It is envisaged that Dublin City will be used as an end user test bed for the out puts of the iSCAPE project. It will provide and facilitate access to its air pollution monitoring network and monitoring datasets. If will facilitate the identification of test sites and where possible provide access and logistic support for these sites. It will provide historical datasets here possible to facilitate
No	Project Title	Funding Programme	Project Period	Focus and Outcome
32	OPERANDUM	H2020	2017-2022	Focused on introducing nature based solutions to flood risk areas and monitor ing the impact of these installations.
33	NesT	H2020	2021-2024	Follow on from ReaLsMs project looking at citizen engagement around digital technologies in smart districts.
34	FLOW	Horizon 2020	2015 - 2018	Congestion reduction through walking and cycling
35	HANDSHAKE	Horizon 2020	2018 - 2021	Collaboration on innovation and knowledge transfer on cycling

# Q.53 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the current approach used by DCC to identify and source EU funding including staffing and cross department line management communications.

The Economic Development & International Relations Offices are currently progressing a preparation process in advance of the upcoming European Funding Programme 2021 – 2027.

In late September 2020, the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Working Group on International Relations & European Affairs, sought to ascertain details on existing and past EU projects and EU funded national projects that Dublin City Council has participated in or applied to. This was in order to prepare for future EU funding and project opportunities and to gain an understanding of the level and scope of EU funded projects under the 2014 to 2020 EU budget cycle and to assist in raising awareness of funding opportunities in the new EU budget cycle (2021-2027).

#### Progression to Date:

An external co-ordinator, Urban Mode Ltd, has been appointed to progress European project proposal potential. A project proposal has been developed to examine the Council's capability and capacity for developing European funding opportunities for the upcoming 2021 – 2027 European Funding programme.

#### The preparation process involves a 3 stage approach being carried out:

Stage	Process	Timeframe
Stage 1	Complete Internal Organisation Survey	October 2020
Stage 2	Develop & Deliver Staff Information Sessions	November 2020
Stage 3	Develop European Programme Strategy Document	December 2020

The Corporate Policy Group, which met on 25th September, has been informed of this approach.

#### Stage 1: Internal organisation survey: Complete

In the first week in October 2020, a survey questionnaire was issued to all departments and sections across the organisation. Submissions were received from 8 Departments and 14 sections. All data was collated, reviewed and presented to the SPC working group on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

#### Stage 2: Information Sharing Events: Progressing

European Programme Information sharing meetings were developed and scheduled to be held in collaboration with National Contact Points for various programmes. It is noted there has already been a seminar with Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly and the European Investment Bank on 29<sup>th</sup> July with the SPC Working Group. Four information sessions have been arranged for internal Dublin City Council staff in November and a full overview information session with the full council on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### Stage 3: European Funding Strategy for Dublin City Council

Following the data gathering and information sharing process stages, development of a strategy document for Future Funding for Dublin City Council will commence.

#### Q.54 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the cleaning of the laneway that runs to the rear of Annadale Crescent and Annadale Drive, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. This laneway is accessed adjacent to 19, Annadale Crescent. Also to organise for the carriageways at Annadale Crescent and Annadale to be cleansed please.

The above mentioned laneway is not in charge of Dublin City Council and does not come under our cleaning remit. Arrangements have been made to have the above mentioned carriageways cleaned before the end of October 2020.

#### Q.55 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive for a full report on the progress made to replace all the ornamental pear trees in the Marino Scheme please. The report to include the total number of said trees at the beginning of the project, the number of trees targeted for replacement each year and the estimated completion date for the project please.

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

The Parks Service had been replacing these trees on an ad hoc basis for a good number of years but formally engaged with the residents association on this matter in 2017 and over a series of meetings agreed a 12 year multi-annual prioritised replacement programme for the ornamental pear trees in the area. The residents association petitioned their residents and identified the largest and heaviest fruiting trees and most vulnerable residents in the area and prioritised these trees in the early rounds of replacement. The main aim has been to replace the most problematic trees first without removing too many trees from any one road at any one time. The residents association has been happy to modify the programme as issues have been brought to their attention.

Of the 143 pear trees identified by the residents for replacement over the lifetime of the agreement 46 have been removed to date and another 15 are scheduled for removal this winter. While the programme is to run for another 10 years as the agreed plan is front-loaded the numbers for replacement each year in the latter part of the programme are quite low.

#### Q.56 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the removal as a matter of urgency of the fallen ornamental pears in Marino please. The CEO is aware of the danger the pears cause each year as left to rot on the ground they are a slip hazard. Unfortunately as DCC are aware a number of elderly residents have had life altering falls over the years.

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

Waste Management Services operate a leaves and fruit removal programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaves and fruit removal is labour intensive and time consuming, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. Also some resident groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their area and we remove the bagged leaves for them. We are currently clearing leaves and fruit in the Marino area and we will ensure that this area is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

## Q.57 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the repair / replacement of footpaths at **(details supplied)** Hollybrook Road, Clontarf please. The footpaths at these locations in particular are in a very poor state of repair and pedestrian accidents / falls have occurred. A fall can result in a life changing injury particularly for an elderly pedestrian. Separately, I understand there are several personal injury claims pending against DCC due to accidents / falls on our footpaths and repairing the particularly hazardous footpaths above would be far more cost effective.

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location in the coming weeks and will schedule footpath repairs as required. These repairs will be complete when a works crew is available at this location.

### Q.58 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to report on progress towards SCO6 under the Dublin Development Plan: To carry out an audit of existing street furniture poles and signage in the public realm, with the aim of removing at least 20% of such redundant elements, in order to reduce street clutter and to seek the multiple uses of poles for road and directional signage including butterfly bike locking.

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

The 2019 Sign Cleaning & GPS Asset Management Survey commenced in July 2019. It was fully completed in June 2020.

The Survey identified 653 vacant Sign Poles in the DCC Area.

The list was furnished to the newly appointed Single Party Small Scale Works Contractor in July 2020.

Whilst undertaking the daily maintenance and installation duties required under this contract, they have managed to remove 316 vacant poles to date 22/10/20 and this work is ongoing.

### Q.59 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive if all newly installed protected bike lanes will be prioritised for street clearing and gritting if necessary, over the winter months.

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

Waste Management service have recently hired two Bucher City Cat V20 sub compact sweepers. These machines are smaller in width than our compact sweeper and will be used solely for the prioritised cleaning of the protected cycle lanes.

The list of roads that are prioritised for treated can be found on the City Council's website at: <a href="http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-road-maintenance-and-street-repair/salting-roads-icefrost">http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-road-maintenance-and-street-repair/salting-roads-icefrost</a>

Road Maintenance Services that whilst maintaining the continued safety and accessibility of Dublin City Council's road network is a key objective of the Division, it is not feasible to treat all roads. A prioritisation system has therefore been established which provides for the treatment of three hundred kilometres of the City's road network, including all major regional roads, arterial routes, Quality Bus Corridors, main commuter routes, access to Dublin Airport and Dublin Port, major public hospitals, fire stations, bus stations, major railway stations and Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance depots.

## Q.60 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive if all homeless facilities in DCC are "Section 10" funded and if not for a breakdown of the number of beds and facilities under alternative funding mechanisms?

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

All homeless facilities utilised by the DRHE in the Dublin Region are Section 10 funded and the subject of an SLA. Some of the services are also in receipt of funding from the

HSE and Tusla. There are other facilities in the DCC area that provide emergency accommodation e.g. Regina Ceili Hostel, which is not in receipt of Section 10 funding as we have no access to placement of individuals in such facilities or knowledge in relation to capacity. There is no other funding mechanism available for the provision of homeless services other than Section 10 funding, which is always subject to an SLA with the DRHE and conditional on the DRHE having access to the emergency beds directly via our Central Placement Service.

## Q.61 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for an overview of the timetable and proposed process for the independent review of homeless facilities by both NGOs and private operators and whether such a review will include recommendations?

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

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), in collaboration with the Health Service Executive (HSE), is in the process of commissioning a Consultant to carry out an independent review of homeless facilities/services funded by both organisations. This will involve reviewing facilities provided by both NGO/Charity Sector and private operators. Reference will also be made to the integrative role of targeted inner city healthcare services provided for people who are homeless.

While it is always the aim of the DRHE and the HSE to deliver the best response to homelessness, housing and health supports, the review will pay attention to the efficiency and effectiveness of providing high standard, appropriate services which meet with the current policy guidelines and needs. The Review will assess the integrated working structures by key stakeholders for the provision of services and supports for people who are homeless.

The Terms of Reference for this review are almost complete and a meeting has been arranged with the Consultant for early next week in order to set this process in motion. Items to be reviewed will include payroll, operation costs, procurement requirements and whether or not they are being adhered to, value for money and whether or not services meet the needs of the homeless households and are adequately funded.

The Consultant involved has vast experience in homeless services and he will deliver an independent view on existing accommodation and ancillary services for homeless individuals/families, including recommendations on what should be done now and in the future to improve service delivery for service users.

## Q.62 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to get JC Decaux to upgrade the vehicles they use to transport Dublin Bikes to electric ones like seen on the continent. This will help DCC to reduce pollution.

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

The operators of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme JCDecaux, were requested to investigate the feasibility of transitioning existing servicing vehicles to electric or zero emissions vehicles to further improve the positive environmental impact of the cycle scheme.

JCDecaux have clarified that in line with their environmental policy, they are eager to complement the existing fleet of all electric, zero emissions cleaning vehicles used on the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme with appropriate electric vehicles for the redistribution of bikes.

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They have been in close contact with suppliers but as of yet an appropriate vehicle is not available on the Irish market that would meet the constraints and demands of the scheme.

JCDecaux are keeping this situation under review and are confident that in time, with improvements in battery and vehicle technology it will be feasible to move to electric vehicles for this purpose.

#### Q.63 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to require the NTA to have live time posts at bus stops near every school not to discriminate against pupils and students without at phone to take the bus.

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

The location of RTPI (Real Time Passenger Information) poles is determined by the NTA. DCC do not determine these positions. DCC will pass this request onto the NTA.

#### Q.64 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to commit to provide this council with the draft tender bid documents of any large contracts that the council intend to issue.

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

The preparation of tenders is an executive function. When tenders are published they can be accessed by those parties interested in tendering and also by members of the public and elected members if they so wish. Full information is available on the etenders website (www.etenders.gov.ie). As elected members have no role in the preparation of tenders it would be inappropriate to share draft tenders with elected members before they are published.

#### Q.65 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the council tenant arrears progress and what action has been taken since last October to tackle the historic arrears.

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

As of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, net rent arrears amounted to € 33,014,522.42. Action that has been taken to date to address rent arrears includes:

- The recruitment of an 8 additional Executive Housing Officers (EHO) to increase the capacity of the Arrears Management and Recovery Team. These staff commenced in May 2020, bringing the total staff on the team to 22.
- An EHO has been assigned to RAS full-time to manage arrears.
- 125 cases have been referred to the Legal Department to commence court proceedings to seek Orders for Possession.
- A new application LAVA has been developed by the LGMA and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. This application provides local authorities with the information on household income that previously was submitted in paper form by tenants. A review of all accounts with assumed incomes (applied when we are pending information from tenants) will take place in the first half of 2021, resulting in a more accurate determination of the rent charge and arrears.

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- A sub-committee of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee was established earlier this year to make recommendations on new initiatives to manage rent arrears. This group met on six occasions and its report was presented to the October meeting of the Housing SPC.
- A pilot project is being initiated with our Legal Department to trial the seeking of judgement orders for RAS arrears cases.
- An ongoing evaluation of serious arrears cases is being conducted in order to prioritise cases for early court hearings.
- New Transfer applications will be cancelled where an account is in arrears.
- Housing Rents is working with Housing Allocations to identify transfer applications
  which are nearing offer stage to target those accounts for arrears recovery. Applicants
  within the housing offer range will be advised of the need for a clear balance and
  consistent record of payment.
- An additional solicitor is being engaged by the Legal Department to expedite Housing issues.
- No routine maintenance will be carried out where an account is in arrears until an agreement is in place and has been adhered to for at least six months.
- A communications plan is being developed to publicise the importance of paying rent/returning Household Detail forms/payment methods for rent/availability of financial advice through MABS/consequences of accruing arrears. The social media element has commenced.
- An application for mobile devices which would facilitate payment of rent, checking balances and notification of income changes is being considered.

All rent arrears are considered to be recoverable debt and are therefore subject to the agreed rent arrears recovery protocols.

## Q.66 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Housing Minister to highlight the concerns raised in Santry village with the volume of developments that have approved recently. The lack of infrastructure and resources will cause difficult in council providing appropriate services.

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

A total of 651 no. residential units together with new office / commercial (retail) floor space and hotel have been approved on three brownfield sites close to Santry village since 01-Oct-2019. The three applications, two of which were determined by An Bord Pleanala were subject to a full planning assessment. Each application was assessed to determine that it was in compliance with the Dublin City Development Plan including the Z4 zoning objective "to provide for and improve mixed services facilities" (district centre) and to establish that the existing physical and social infrastructure has sufficient capacity to service the proposed developments. In each case, it was concluded, that the proposed developments would constitute an acceptable quantum and density of development in an accessible urban location. Hence, it is not anticipated that there will be a difficulty in providing the appropriate level of service in this location.

#### Q.67 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the housing Minister and ask that there be a pause put on all existing and new SHD applications during level 5 lockdown as proper public consultation cannot take place.

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

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic the Government extended the timelines for making decisions on planning applications due to the unprecedented nature of the virus. Since then the City Council has put in place mechanisms to ensure, in so far as possible that the planning system can operate having regard to health guidelines and the Government decision that the construction sector, and the work of Planning Departments were both essential services in that they provide for new homes and employment.

The Planning Department has ensured that since the start of this pandemic the level of consultation with the elected members and the public to the information on SHD applications has been maintained. As such, full consultation in accordance with statutory requirements has been taking place in relation to SHD applications, and there is no need for a further pause at this stage. However the matter will be kept under review.

## Q.68 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for referral details for the Foods Banks now operating in Ballymun and Finglas by Crosscare.

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

We are aware of one Food Bank operating in Ballymun that is a partnership between Cross Care and St. Vincent De Paul. All referrals are via St. Vincent De Paul. This Food Bank operates from Poppintree Sports Centre. However, the Manager of the Poppintree Sports Centre has recently being informed that the service will cease in the coming week.

Crosscare does not run a foodbank in the Finglas area, plans to run a foodbank this year in conjunction with the local branches of St Vincent De Paul never materialised.

Crosscare operates a Foodbank from Poppintree Sports & Community Centre 1 day a week for a couple of hours and provides food parcels to vulnerable people in the community that have been referred by St. Vincent De Paul.

#### Q.69 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report on the Insulation progress in Finglas, what is the schedule for the next number of months, how many homes have been completed and how many are outstanding.

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

Phase One of The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme saw 371 homes upgraded in the Finglas area. Phase one of the programme is now complete. Phase Two of the programme commenced in March 2018 and has seen 323 homes upgraded in the Finglas area to date from a stock of 547 homes that would be categorised under this phase of the programme. These areas/estates included Northway, Kippure, Barnamore, Valeview, Berryfield and most of Glenties. We then plan to progress to Cloonlara and Fairlawn in the South Finglas area and Mellowes and Casement in the West Finglas area however, the programme is currently on hold while we await funding confirmation from the Department.

#### Q.70 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the number of Dublin City council units and to give a breakdown by area.

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

Dublin City Council currently has a total of 24,804 tenancies.

DCC Area	Number of tenancies		
Dublin Central	3897		
Dublin North Central	3798		
Dublin North West	6241		
Dublin South Central	7396		
Dublin South East	3472		

### Q.71 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the value and details of outstanding invoices to the Department of Environment.

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

The Quarter 3 2020 accounts are currently being completed and this information will not be available until after mid-November. When completed a report will be compiled for Cllr. Reilly and will issue to her in due course.

## Q.72 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to re-install the No Parking signage outside (details supplied) Finglas Road Dublin 11. The sign was knocked down about two years ago and has never been replaced with the result that trucks and cars mount and park on the footpath for the purposes of collection from nearby premises.

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

The query is in reference to an old SYL Time plate (10.00-16.00 Mon-Sat), that contained a No Parking Logo. The SYL's were upgraded to DYL's (24 Hrs Mon-Sun, No time plate required).

Vehicles can "actively" deliver for up to half an hour on both SYL's & DYL's.

#### Q.73 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that on the grounds of cost effectiveness that road resurfacing takes place in **(details supplied)** immediately after a water mains had been replaced on that road.

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

Irish Water have a current roadworks licence to carry out rehabilitation of the water main on **(details supplied)**. Work has started on replacing the water main along the length of road plus connections into the houses. As per DCC policy, The Superintendent from The Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU) and the Irish Water site agent agreed areas of reinstatement that will be required of Irish Water on completion of the water main rehabilitation work. The areas of reinstatement are as per *The Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads 2017*, which in this instance does not include for the resurfacing of the whole road. It should be noted that the IMU will monitor the Irish Water rehabilitation works and a taking in charge inspection will be carried out by The IMU, whereby the reinstatement must meet the

required standard to be accepted. Also Irish Water will be using trenchless technology which will minimise the area of excavation required on **(details supplied)** and so resurfacing the entire road is not considered to be necessary.

## Q.74 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if contractors maintaining DCC houses are given advice on customer service and disability awareness. If people have a complaint on an issue related to this who do they contact?

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

Contractors are given inductions in dealing with DCC tenants when they are put on the Term Maintenance Framework. This is particularly important as they have to liaise with residents of neighbouring properties when carrying out works. The contractors have considerable experience in this and we receive very few complaints.

Contractors working on the Disability Adaptations Programme work closely with the surveyors / clerks of works. Anyone with an issue can contact the programme manager in Voids and Disability Adaptations directly.

## Q.75 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to install a yellow box at the junction of North Strand and Ossory road to allow the safe exit for cars from Ossory Road and the East Wall area.

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

A yellow box is currently in place in the southbound lane of the junction which allows appropriate room for vehicles exiting Ossory Road to turn left onto North Strand Road. The yellow box at this location will be extended into the outbound lane to reduce queuing of vehicles on the junction and allow vehicles appropriate room to exit Ossory Road.

## Q.76 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the promised cost rental model. This is urgently required to progress several proposed projects like Emmet Road in Inchicore.

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

DCC is awaiting the details of a cost rental scheme to issue from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The details regarding the operation or implementation of the cost rental model have not yet been defined.

## Q.77 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for a report in tabular form from 2010 revenue received from the paid parking, residents and visitors permits.

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

Below is the requested breakdown of the Parking Enforcement Income from 2010 to Date. It is not possible to breakdown the Residential Permits revenue into permits and visitor permits.

Year	Coin Collection	UTS Credit Card	Credit Parking		Total
2010	€22,486,222	€0	€1,420,956	€884,122	€24,791,300
2011	€21,722,548	€0	€2,238,044	€992,229	€24,952,821
2012	€21,509,507	€0	€3,083,863	€1,033,853	€25,627,223

2013	€19,439,688	€212,832	€4,094,551	€1,083,965	€24,831,036
2014	€17,858,704	€288,981	€5,759,462	€1,036,882	€24,944,029
2015	€16,765,782	€365,248	€8,024,521	€1,127,525	€26,283,076
2016	€15,807,061	€375,935	€10,427,459	€1,126,105	€27,736,560
2017	€15,361,059	€432,373	€12,300,817	€1,176,294	€29,270,543
2018	€13,351,876	€642,323	€13,938,030	€1,169,171	€29,101,400
2019	€12,200,334	€1,258,098	€16,595,335	€1,190,489	€31,244,256
To 11/10/20	€5,018,446	€1,105,530	€8,482,665	€865,141	€15,471,782

## Q.78 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a strong public statement regarding Co Living that reflects most elected representatives view and furthermore and given pandemic, endorse the call to ban these pro tempore?

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

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government issued Design Standards for New Apartments in March 2018. These new Guidelines introduced a new concept of professionally managed residential accommodation, 'Shared Accommodation', aimed at new employees arriving into the city and seeking short term accommodation while they establish themselves. The advantage of such schemes is that they provide an opportunity for residents to participate in a shared community environment while building up a new social / support network. It is considered that such developments can provide an appropriate (niche) response to a very specific housing need in certain key locations such as the city centre and the Docklands. Therefore, it is not considered appropriate or justified to endorse any proposal for an outright ban of this format of housing, especially in view of the housing crisis and ongoing problems of overcrowding. Under the Planning Act an applicant is entitled to submit a valid planning application and have it assessed in accordance with policy and due process. Instead, the Chief Executive would support and welcome an upward review of the minimum floor space standards that should be applied by Planning Authorities (including An Bord Pleanala) and for much tighter guidance / restrictions on the location of such schemes.

## Q.79 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive the status of all LAP's, how many have expired and what implications/consequences this has on the individual area's development?

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

Dublin City Council has six current LAPs, and three Strategic Development Zones (SDZ) one expired (LAP).

#### LAPs in Place:

Dublin City Council has 6 no. Local Area Plans and 3 no. Strategic Development Zones in place across the City as set out below. Of the LAP's four have had their time-line extended as provided for under the Planning and Development Act, with the option available to extend the remaining two in the future.

**George's Quay LAP**, adopted 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012. On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 a resolution was passed to extend the life of this plan until 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

**Clongriffin – Belmayne (North Fringe) LAP**, adopted 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2012. On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 a resolution was passed to extend the life of this plan until December 2022.

**Naas Road Lands LAP**, adopted 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013. On 6<sup>th</sup> November a resolution was passed to extend the life of this plan until January 2023.

**Ashtown – Pelletstown LAP**, adopted 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2013. On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 a resolution was passed to extend the life of this plan until December 2023.

**Ballymun LAP**, adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. This plan has a statutory time frame of 6 years, with the option after 5 years to extend the life of the plan for a further 5 years.

**Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP**, adopted 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019. This plan has a statutory time frame of 6 years, with the option after 5 years to extend the life of the plan for a further 5 years.

## **Expired LAP:**

Dublin City Council has one expired Local Area Plan, the **Liberties LAP**, which was adopted in May 2009 and expired on the 10<sup>th</sup> Mary 2020. The March report to the South East Area Committee provided an update on the overall objectives of the LAP, which concluded that the overall objectives of the LAP had either been achieved, or robust foundations had been set for the overall improvement of the area. The Development Plan contains a sufficiently robust policy direction with which to influence and manage further public and private sector change within the area. SDRA 16 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 relates to the Liberties and contains a number of Guiding Principles which can be used to inform the Development Management process going forward.

# Strategic Development Zones:

**Grangegorman SDZ**, approved 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012

North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ, approved 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Poolbeg West SDZ approved 9th April 2019

In conclusion, LAP's and SDZ's are specific mechanisms to facilitate the regeneration of areas of the city, particularly those areas requiring economic and social renewal, and likely to be the subject of large scale developments. In this regard all of the LAP's have provided robust foundations within the 6/12 year lifespan for the redevelopment and regeneration of their respective areas.

#### Q.80 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to apply for national cycling and walking funds to expand the Dublin Bikes scheme, in terms of new stations, expanded areas, more bikes, or electrification.

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

The recent technological advancements in the provision of bike share mean that there are a number of possible options, or indeed a combination of options that could be available to Just Eat dublinbikes in future growth phases to meet user demands. This is being examined at present. The NTA have indicated that they would review a future application for funding along these lines subject to the normal criteria that apply.

The operation and maintenance of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme is supported through a combination of outdoor advertising, commercial sponsorship and membership fees. The NTA support capital works. The current priority is fully funding the existing scheme to enable the consideration of future development phases. The

pricing structure for the scheme was reviewed and adjusted from €25 to €35 for all new memberships and renewals from 3rd September 2020. It is likely to be early 2021 therefore before Dublin City Council will be in a position to make a final determination on the next course of scheme development.

### Q.81 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report in all associated planning issues arising from the planning permission approved for the redevelopment of **(details supplied 1)**; including issues involving enforcement, impact of works on site on neighbouring and adjoining lands, particularly that relating to **(details supplied 2)**; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

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

There are outstanding works required in respect of a boundary wall and ground drainage at the development concerned. It is the understanding of the Planning Enforcement Section that works commenced by the developer recently to build the required boundary between the site and the existing apartment complex but there have been disagreements in respect of access arrangements to carry out the works. I understand that communications are continuing between the developer and the owners of the apartment complex with a view to resolving outstanding the issues concerned. The Councillor can contact John Downey A/Planning Enforcement Manager at any time to further discuss this matter.

## Q.82 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive when is it his intention to have the white line along the middle of **(details supplied)** realigned following the installation of measures associated with the Arbour Hill Traffic Improvement Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

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

The road markings between the junction with **(details supplied)** will be installed within the next 3 weeks.

### Q.83 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive the nature of discussions between the Planning Department, the Defence Forces and the Land Development Agency with regards the possible redevelopment of **(details supplied)**; when these discussions occurred and what, if any, outcomes or objectives have been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

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

The Planning and Property Development has not engaged in discussions on the possible redevelopment of **(details supplied)** with either the Defence Forces or the Land Development Agency.

## Q.84 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the amount per tonnage, per administrative area since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 of illegally dumped rubbish that has been collected by Dublin City Council, the District Electoral Divisions where the largest amount of illegal dumped materials have been removed; and to comment on the findings of the recent IBAL survey with regards to the city overall and specifically with regards the position of the North Inner City in said survey; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

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

During the initial period of Covid 19 restrictions illegal dumping was being removed and disposed of as part of ongoing daily service provision. As such it was not possible to identify what proportion of the overall waste collected during this period was illegally dumped material as this would normally be recorded by carrying out the removal of illegally dumped waste separately from normal day to day operations. That being the case the waste management division estimates from feedback from staff operating on the ground that the total tonnage of illegally dumped waste that was removed in the period was in the region of up to a 25% increase over what would normally have been experienced.

The tonnage of illegally dumped material removed throughout the city for the year to date is set out in the table below for reference.

Month	Tonnes Removed and Disposed of
Jan	271.98
Feb	260.12
Mar	173.64
Apr	Covid Service Restrictions - accurate statistics unavailable
May	Covid Service Restrictions - accurate statistics unavailable
Jun	Covid - accurate statistics unavailable
July	242.66
Aug	261.70
Sept	301.46

The emergence of Covid 19 created a challenging environment in respect of all aspects of life, business and service delivery not least on how waste management services could continue to be delivered operationally within the city.

The Waste Management Services Division took steps to ensure business continuity and to protect the health and safety of its staff that resulted in many fewer resources being available to deploy than would normally have been the case.

This included a reduction in services carried out over weekends, a general reduction in overall staff numbers operating on normal day-to-day shift patterns, the removal of the bulky household waste collection service and the temporary closure of our network of civic amenity sites and bring centres.

Dublin City Council highlighted through its social media channels and local and national media the challenges this presented and the experience during the period of witnessing an increase in the dumping of household waste, household junk and litter generally.

#### Appendix B - Council Questions and Replies

There is no doubt that the period proved extremely challenging to manage. For example between April and May 2020 an increase of waste management related service requests of 36% was experienced in comparison with the same period in 2019. 5700 service requests were dealt with across the range of waste management services during this period.

#### **IBAL Surveys**

The results of the IBAL surveys were disappointing particularly in the context of the challenges faced in the period leading up to the surveys taking place. It should however be noted that in general the outcome of the surveys nationally was poorer than in previous years as highlighted by IBAL.

Waste Management Services have now returned to a full schedule of service delivery throughout the city including the resumption of additional weekend cleaning resources being deployed, the resumption of the collection of dumped waste overnight in certain areas such as the north inner city and the resumption of our household junk collection service. This has been achieved in the context of continuing to implement guidelines relating to Covid 19 including physical or social distancing.

The City Centre is continually cleaned to a high standard and this is reflected in the results of the majority of the streets surveyed. The results of the core city centre areas surveyed were in fact largely positive with a few exceptions; Henrietta Place, Loftus Lane and Castle St whose poor results will be addressed through Waste Management Services operations.

Other poor results in the areas surveyed within IBAL's city centre survey relate to locations that are made up of derelict sites not maintained by the city council, waste ground or privately operated locations. The condition of these sites will be addressed with the persons or entities responsible.

It is expected that the city centre will obtain improved results given the return to full service delivery.

The North Inner City area scored badly again in the annual survey results largely due to the prevalence of dumping of household waste bags within the locations surveyed. This issue persists in this area and there has been little success achieved in changing the behaviour of those responsible.

Despite the presence of additional cleaning resources both during the day and overnight small areas within the North Inner City score poorly on a continued basis. Particularly locations where there is high concentrations of multi let properties remain difficult to maintain to a high standard.

It cannot be ignored that despite increased resources and cleaning activity and the implementation of various initiatives certain areas continue to receive poor ratings including the recycling facility at East Rd, the North Circular Rd and Buckingham St Upper and Summerhill.

Other locations surveyed such as those within the confines of the waterways and railways are also noted in the surveys as being problematic and there is ongoing liaison with the agencies responsible for the upkeep of these in relation to the management of litter.

It should be noted that there are some areas of success within the North Inner City survey including the ratings achieved in respect of Diamond Park, James Joyce St, the new cycle way between North Strand and Sheriff St and specific properties on Seville

Place where intervention by Dublin City Council after many attempts to address ongoing issues including the regular large scale dumping of household waste have finally been successful.

Challenges remain not least in the area of enforcement of the correct disposal of household waste particularly from the rental sector where the absence of overall responsibility for the provision of waste disposal services for tenants does not sit with the Landlord. Secondly the challenge of identification of responsible persons, tenants and property owners, is increasingly difficult and certain restrictions remain on our ability to carry out certain enforcement activities as was the case prior to the emergence of Covid 19.

Each site which has received a grade of C or D within the surveys will be examined to see what alterations or amendments to cleaning schedules and the resources deployed might improve the outcomes in any future surveys.

Finally it should also be stated that IBAL also surveyed both the Ballymun and Ranelagh areas in this round of surveying with Ballymun achieving its most successful survey outcome to date and the Ranelagh area also scoring successfully.

## Q.85 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive the current position regarding 40 Herbert Park, the unlawfully demolished O'Rahilly home; where stands the City Council's legal proceedings under the Buildings Control Acts, the basis of the proceedings and their desired outcome from the Council point of view; if all works have been halted on the site; if the developer is being required by the Council to rebuild the demolished house, given that, on the basis of the motion passed by the City Council, the building is a proposed protected structure within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

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

The current position is that No 40 Herbert Park was demolished as part of the Planning Permission granted under SHD legislation by An Bord Pleanala. The building was not on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) at the time of the Boards decision.

On foot of a Motion agreed by the City Council on 5<sup>th</sup> October, the Assistant Chief Executive has written to An Board Pleanala with the City Councils request that the decision to grant Planning Permission for 40 Herbert Park be formally revoked by An Bord Pleanala. A response is awaited.

In addition an Enforcement Notice has been issued under Section 154 of the Planning Act in relation to the commencement of development prior to compliance with the conditions of the Planning Permission. A number of compliance conditions has since been submitted, which are currently under assessment.

We are currently checking whether there are any legal mechanisms to rebuild a demolished house on foot of a permission granted by An Bord Pleanala and for which a notice proposing to add the building to the RPS in accordance with the Planning Act had not been served on the owner/occupiers.

#### Q.86 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the Local Area Offices are notified of all council or council contractor works in an area where the public realm is affected, such as drainage works, footpath repairs etc....

The Drainage Division will give the Area Office a copy of its daily route sheet if they so wish and we will agree this addition to the circulation emails.

Road Maintenance Services can advise both Area Offices within the Central Area of works that are being carried out by the contractors, which are part of the annual works programmes for both footpaths and carriageway. However, it is not possible to provide this information with regard to our direct labour crews as their work is quite often emergency related with daily location changes.

Please note also that Road Maintenance Services related works only form a fraction of works that are being carried out in the public realm at any one time – Traffic Division and Utility companies, to name but a couple have numerous crews working on public footpaths/carriageways on any given day.

All parties listed on the attached schedules are contacted a minimum of 10 days prior to works taking place.

#### Q.87 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of planning applications in the past two years for each category below, by location, date, number of units and whether successful or not?

- a) Strategic Housing Development applications
- b) Co-Living applications
- c) Build to rent applications
- d) Student Accommodation applications

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

Due to the volume of records that have to be checked on APAS (planning system) we will not be in a position to provide the information to the Council meeting. We will provide the information within the next fortnight and will contact the Councillor directly.

## Q.88 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive detail the financial assistance given to animal welfare groups and charities over the last 5 years?

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

Dublin City Council made contributions to animal welfare organisations who provide assistance to the Council in the delivery of its Control of Horses and Control of Dogs service. In the last five years contributions were made as follows:

Charity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Dundalk Dog	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€4,000	€20,000
Rescue						
Heathlands	€6,000	€6,000	€6,000	€6,000	€6,000	€30,000
Animal						
Sanctuary						
Irish Horse	€7,000	€7,000	€7,000	€7,000	€7,000	€35,000
Welfare Trust						
Irish Blue	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€50,000
Cross						
DSPCA	€7,000	€7,000	€7,000	€7,000	€8,000	€36,000

The Cat and	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€1,000	€4,000
Dog					
Protection					
Association					
of Ireland					
					€175,000

#### Q.89 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state the number of social housing units owned by Dublin City Council and the number of social housing owned/managed by Approved Housing Bodies in the following LEAs:

- A. Cabra Glasnevin
- B. North Inner City

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

There are 4,849 Social Housing Units owned by Dublin City Council in Cabra/Glasnevin and North Inner City:

Cabra/Glasnevin: 690 unitsNEIC: 4,159 units

Approved Housing Bodies in the Central Area:

There are 1116 units of Social Housing in the Dublin Central Area (Cabra, Glasnevin, North Inner City) which are owned/managed by Approved Housing Bodies.

343 units (Capital Assistance Scheme Properties CAS) 367 units (Capital Loan Subsidy Scheme CLSS)

218 units (CALF leasing)

188 units (Managed by AHB owned by DCC)

### Q.90 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the Report of Medicines for Ireland, MFI, that €293 million can be saved on medicines in Dublin over the next five years and if there is any action he can take to help make those savings.

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

Medications purchased by Dublin Fire Brigade are generally of a specialised emergency medical nature e.g. medications administered via an inhaled, intramuscular or intravenous route. In the majority of instances the product purchased is the only product available for the required purpose. Where there is more than one supplier of the same product we do not insist on a brand name product. It is important only that the medication meets the requirements for use in the emergency situation.

## Q.91 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to write to Irish Rail in support of the construction of a station at Croke Park on the proposed Maynooth Dart line.

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

This matter will be discussed with Irish Rail at a DCC Irish Rail Dart meeting.

## Q.92 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will outline the timeline for construction and completion of the Liffey Cycleway.

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

The Liffey Cycle Route will be delivered in two stages; the interim scheme and the permanent scheme. It is anticipated that the interim Liffey Cycle Route will be fully complete by March 2021.

Tenders for the appointment of a design team for the Permanent Liffey Cycle Route will be issued in Q1 2021. A detailed update is provided in the Assistant Chief Executives' Monthly Report on Cycling Projects.

#### Q.93 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive what, if any, consultation took place with residents of the Georgian Inner Core area in respect of the installation of bollards on Fitzwilliam Street Lower & Merrion Square East. To further ask the manager if they might be willing to meet with residents, online if necessary, to discuss the changes that have been introduced.

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

Residents were notified of the implementation of the interim Fitzwilliam Cycle Route via email on Friday 10th October. This email notification informed the residents that the interim Fitzwilliam Cycle Route broadly follows the alignment of the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route and is temporary in nature until the permanent scheme commences construction in Q2 2021 and that the works comprise of minor resurfacing works, relining and the provision of bollards. Dublin City Council has held several meetings with the South Georgian Core Residents Association in relation to the permanent scheme. The South Georgian Core Residents Association recently wrote to Dublin City Council and Dublin City Council has already issued a response.

The interim scheme does not provide the more permanent type of infrastructure such as kerb upstand segregation on junction approaches and exits as provided within the permanent cycle route scheme. Minimal bollard installations is provided on the scheme to aid legibility for drivers. These are on transition areas such as wide hatched areas, and to protect cyclists from left-turning vehicles on the approach to junctions. This is necessary to ensure that the cycle route is suitable for cyclists of all ages and abilities. In all other areas, no bollards are provided. The lower level bollards are used in order to minimise visual impact. Most of the bollards are likely to remain in place until the implementation of the permanent scheme in 2021.

In the short term, consideration will be given to alternatives for making the large hatched islands inaccessible for cars subject to a review of their conservation impact.

#### Q.94 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if land at **(details supplied)** is in ownership of Dublin City Council.

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

The two plots form part of land originally in the ownership of the Earl of Pembroke. The land was transferred to Dublin Corporation on the dissolution of Pembroke Urban District Council in 1930 but while there is evidence of an agreement made in 1912 between the Earl of Pembroke and Pembroke UDC for the transfer of the land to the UDC there is no record of this transaction ever having been completed.

The plots have been gated for many years and an individual has claimed title to them by means of adverse possession.

Having considered the history and current position it is the opinion of the Law Agent that it is not possible for Dublin City Council to claim clear unencumbered title to the land.

### Q.95 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether contracted bin companies are required to collect all properly marked and paid for bin bags e.g. yellow bags on streets which have been designated for such bags.

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

Authorised waste collectors are required to collect all correctly paid for and identified waste bags (pre-paid branded bags or with labels attached) correctly presented for collection on the appropriate collection days.

There is no requirement for authorised waste collectors to collect bags that have been presented outside of the designated collection days or times. For example bags presented after the collection has taken place on a specific collection day or presented for collection on a day that is not a collection day. Further to this bags may only be used for the presentation of household waste on streets that are designated as areas where bags may be used. Collection of household waste bags from streets that do not have this designation is in breach of the waste collection permit issued to the authorised waste collectors.

Bags presented at incorrect times or days may be investigated for the purposes of enforcing the Dublin City Council Waste Bye Laws.

#### Q.96 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive about plans for living with Covid during the winter and how businesses can be supported in providing outdoor amenities such as heating facilities etc.

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

The Public Spaces Working Group (PSWG) established by the Chief Executive comprises a multi-disciplinary team from Director of Services, Street Furniture Unit, Dublin Fire Brigade and Covid Mobility Team. The Covid Mobility Team have a dedicated Business Liaison Officer to assist businesses. All enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to <a href="covidmobility@dublincity.ie">covidmobility@dublincity.ie</a>. Failte Ireland are in the process of finalising a document outlining and advising on all aspects in relation to street furniture to assist businesses. Free 6 month temporary Covid street furniture permits are being issued where sufficient space is available to accommodate street furniture while ensuring traffic and pedestrian safety and complying with public health directives. On street interventions such as footpath build outs are being carried out where possible to assist businesses with street furniture. All existing street furniture licences have been extended by 6 months free of charge. PSWG have dealt with over 200 applications to date.

#### Q.97 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many bins have been removed from the Finglas area in the last two years; what are his plans to replace these bins; if there an update on the bin supply contract for the city; and when can we expect to have new bins at **(details supplied).** 

Waste Management Services removed one litter bin permanently from the Finglas area in the last two years. This was located on the Finglas Road at the Bottom of the Hill Pub. This bin was constantly vandalized and set on fire. All other damaged bins in the Finglas area were replaced or are awaiting replacement. We are currently in the tender process for the bin supply contract for the city and the contract will be awarded by the end of this year. There are no plans at this time for new bins at (details supplied 1). We replaced the damaged dog dirt bin on (details supplied 2) with a standard litter bin on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

#### Q.98 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to prioritise the resurfacing of the cycleway on the old Finglas Road, it is in a bad state of repair, especially outside Glasnevin Cemetery.

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

This section of cycleway will be considered for upgrade as part of Road Maintenance Services Annual Works Programme for 2021.

## Q.99 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the tree outside (details supplied) with a view to removal. The tree is preventing the resident from installing a driveway on his property.

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

Roads Maintenance Section informs that the householder must contact this office (phone 2228936 or 2228937) in order to apply for a vehicular dishing and arrange a meeting with the Area Inspector.

The Area Inspector will check that the conditions for the installation of a vehicular dishing are fulfilled (i.e. 1. Planning approval for the existing driveway/front yard <u>or</u> a sworn affidavit to state that the existing driveway has been in use for the last seven years <u>and</u> 2. The driveway must be constructed upon application).

If the above conditions are satisfied, the Area Inspector will issue a quotation for the installation of a vehicular dishing.

In addition, prior to the application for a vehicular dishing, the owner must contact Parks Services in order to obtain their approval for the removal of tree.

The removal of a tree outside a property to facilitate a dishing of the footpath will require the permission of the Parks & Landscapes Services Division.

An application can be made to Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Services by emailing <a href="mailto:parks@dublincity.ie">parks@dublincity.ie</a> to arrange for subject tree to be inspected.

#### Q.100 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the closure of the Abigail Centre.

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

The proposed lease for the emergency accommodation to replace the Abigail Centre is with the Law Department to begin working on completing a formal lease. The property owner's design team are working through a number of queries for the planned refurbishment of the property with the Planning Department. This will determine the time frame for the closure of the Abigail Centre. The Dublin Region Homeless

Executive (DRHE) team will in due course set out a specific period when all the prelease and planning queries are completed.

## Q.101 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on the proposed housing development on St. Michael's site, please include the timeframe for design, submitting Part 8, start of construction, completion of construction and details of the funding model proposed for both the social and affordable rent units?

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

In May 2020, Dublin City Council appointed an Architect led integrated design team Bucholz McEvoy to design, obtain statutory consents and deliver a new sustainable neighbourhood on the Emmet Road site in Inchicore. The project is currently at feasibility stage of the design process. The design team are evaluating the key aspects of the potential development through researching local site history, reviewing planning policies and assessing the overall condition of the site including the constraints and opportunities.

In September 2020, Dublin City Council with the support of Bucholz McEvoy and our consultation partners (Connect the Dots) began a four-phase public consultation process.

From September 15<sup>th</sup> until November 6<sup>th</sup> Dublin City Council ran a survey: online, by phone and hard copies available in Richmond Barracks and copies distributed to all schools in the area. This first phase of consultation will give the community the opportunity to share their insights and ideas.

Phase two consultation is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> November with a community exhibition on display in a newly designated project office on Tyrconnell Road. The purpose of the exhibition is to display the progress of the design team to date using the research gathered and design principles being explored.

Due to the changing requirement brought about by Covid-19 the event organisers (Connect the Dots) recognise that not everyone will be able or comfortable attending an in-person workshop. We will be monitoring the latest public health guidance to ensure we can organise the event in a safe and socially distanced manner. The restrictions of Covid-19 have limited the options for public consultation.

Phase three and four of the public consultation are proposed for January and February 2021. An outdoor community exhibition/workshop to be located on the site of the former St Michael's Estate is planned for phase three in January 2021.

The development will be subject to the planning procedure as set out in Part 10, Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A Part 10 planning is the submission of a planning application to An Bord Pleanala and accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The proposed date for lodge of planning is April 2021.

At this early stage in the project programme, indicative dates for commencement on site is 2022 and completion of the development 2025. These milestone dates will be subject to a number of factors including approvals, planning timeframes, funding

While subject to various approvals, the proposal is that funding will be provided by Department of Housing Planning and Local Government for the 30% social housing and by the European Investment Bank for the cost rental housing. Funding for the cost

rental element of the project will be sourced by Dublin City Council at a low rate of interest directly from the European Investment Bank (EIB). The EIB has extensive experience supporting cost rental housing developments across Europe. The cost of developing the project, including the cost of servicing the debt, will be directly linked to the rent paid by tenants. Engagement with potential funders will be accelerated once the project has obtained full planning permission.

## Q.102 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on how the proposed redevelopment of Labre Park will now be delivered?

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

Following extensive consultation as part of the Pre-Part 8 process and its outcomes, it is anticipated that the redevelopment of Labre Park will be now be delivered as follows:

- 1. Establish a High Level Regeneration Committee to oversee all elements of the redevelopment. Proposed membership includes residents of Labre Park, key statutory agencies and Dublin City Council. It will be modelled on regeneration committees that have successfully delivered elsewhere in the city. The committee will report to the South Central Area Committee, and provide regular updates to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee. We propose that the Regeneration Committee be Independently Chaired with a nominee to be mutually agreed by Residents and DCC.
- 2. The redevelopment team led by Clúid Housing Association will agree with residents the preferred options for housing on the area of Labre Park where housing will be permitted and resubmit for Part 8 planning permission at the earliest opportunity.
- Dublin City Council with the support of Clúid will immediately seek rehousing options for families who are agreeable to their housing needs being met outside of Labre Park.

#### Q.103 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how much funding has been made available by the Department of Environment to DCC to compensate for the decline in commercial rates, parking levies and development levies?

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

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have extended the commercial rates waiver to cover the period 27th March to 27th December for ratepayers with a number of exceptions. The estimate recoupment value is approx. €150M of which €44.4m has been received to date with the balance due following submission of claims over the coming weeks.

As part of the current budget process, the Chief Executive has notified the Department of the estimated €48.1M material losses of income in 2020 and 2021 of all goods and services and is awaiting a response.

The Dublin City Development Contribution Scheme provides that contributions are payable prior to commencement of development or as otherwise agreed by the Council. Contributions are payable at the rate pertaining to the year in which implementation of the planning permission is commenced and the Council may facilitate the phased payment of these contributions. No exchequer funding will be required in respect of development levies.

## Q.104 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a report in tabular form outlining how much money has been spent on emergency accommodation and other homeless services for each month of 2019 & 2020?

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

Expenditure by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is recorded on a quarterly basis and our financial management IT system does not allow us to present the information requested on a monthly basis. The tables below shows the quarterly expenditure in 2019 and the expenditure incurred for the first two quarters of 2020.

Table 1

2019 Section 10					
	Per Quarter	Cumulative			
Q1	€40,679,368	€40,679,368			
Q2	€41,590,257	€82,269,624			
Q3	€43,581,331	€125,850,955			
Q4	€44,483,637	€170,334,592			
Total	€170,334,592	€170,334,592			

Table 2

2020 Section 10				
	Per Quarter	Cumulative		
Q1	€42,559,339	€42,559,339		
Q2	€40,172,045	€82,731,385		
Total	€82,731,385	€82,731,385		

### Q.105 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if the reasons given by the design team for delays to Clontarf to City Cycleway can be resolved by a meeting of all stakeholders with Dublin City Council , NTA, Irish Water, members of the consultative group and the Minister for Transport, due to concerns with the NTA suggestion of mixing cyclists with buses during the build, other traffic management issues, which could last be 24 months plus delay the project more and also Irish Water's lack of cooperation with the project which could result in digging up the project to replace water pipes or drainage after completion.

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

Dublin City Council and the NTA have completed a review the scheme design in order to optimise the cost of the project. Arising from that review process, the extent of utility works has been reduced, the quantum of full road reconstruction. This will result in a shorter construction duration, which benefits all users of the corridor.

Working with the NTA, an alternative approach that avoids bus diversions as part of the temporary traffic management has been agreed, whereby inbound and outbound bus lanes continue to be provided along the scheme length throughout its construction period, and cyclists will continue to use those bus lanes as they currently do.

Dublin City Council will be submitted the finalised updated information to the NTA shortly and, following formal approval by the NTA, it is expected that a request for tenders to construct the project will issue before year end.

#### Q.106 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report on progress and plans for putting in E charging points in residential areas and if the grant by the department is adequate so as not to prohibit Dublin City Council in providing same.

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

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The study is due for completion in Q4 2020, at which stage a presentation can be made to Council.

#### Q.107 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to write to Irish Water to raise concerns with outflow pipes from rivers into Dublin bay on the Clontarf promenade that look like the water is contamination and should be investigated is pollution is coming from illegal leakage.

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

The Water Pollution Control (WPC) section of Dublin City Council received a report of a potential pollution incident on Monday 19th October in the vicinity of Clontarf promenade.

WPC staff, including an Inspector, visited the location both on the day we received the report and the 20th of October to undertake a comprehensive investigation at this area of Clontarf and in particular to investigate the environs of where the photograph is reported to have been taken, (areas adjacent to the Clontarf slipway, including opposite the Dublin Bus garage area).

We inspected the various rivers and streams leading to that area of the harbour, including the Nanekin, Wad, Tolka and adjacent Storm Water Outfall (SWO) and no evidence of any pollution was found in those streams or drains, particularly not at their outfalls. Note; a SWO is DCC infrastructure designed to collect surface water, primarily from road gullies, and discharge those surface waters to the nearby water courses. In so doing, this segregated DCC owned drainage infrastructure relieves capacity on the Irish Water's separate foul sewers during periods of heavy rainfall in particular. There has been no substantial rainfall events recently to support the suggested occurrence of foul discharge from Irish Waters infrastructure into the nearest overflow discharge points to Clontarf promenade, nor evidence of same.

Staff also walked the circumference of the Bull Island shoreline and along the Coast Road, and in particular the area cited in the complaint, searching for any evidence of a pollution incident washing onshore. No evidence discovered.

We did find chucks of seaweed floating in the seawater as is typical at this time of year when certain seaweeds begin to decay and start to breakdown in the water at autumn time.

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I note also, DCC has not received any reportable incident from the Ringsend Waste Water Treatment Plant recently which may have substantiated this report.

Please note that water sampling is frequently undertaken in this part of Dublin Bay, throughout the year and just during the bathing season, along the North Bull Wall. The results from monitoring the water quality in these areas are posted in the Dublin City Council website.

#### **Q.108 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on ways to protect Clontarf promenade from flooding without closing the cycle-ways and to inform the public in advance if it is deemed necessary to block with sandbags and remove the sandbags from blocking the S2S as soon as the danger of flooding subsides.

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

It is not possible to protect the area during high tides without closing the cycle ways.

Anytime these precautions are put in place, the proposed measures and the time frame are posted on Dublin City Council's social media platforms.

The City Council removes the flood defences as soon as the risk of flooding subsides.

#### Q.109 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on road sweeping schedule at (details supplied).

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

Waste Management Services have (details supplied) swept on a weekly basis.

#### Q.110 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on redevelopment of (details supplied).

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

The Housing and Community Services Department is currently preparing part VIII documentation for the redevelopment of **(details supplied)**.

Draft Planning documents including drawings and reports will shortly be sent to technical departments for consultation, and to DHPLG for approval to start the Part 8 process. It is planned to initiate the Part 8 process at the North Central Area Committee in December 2020.

An internal multi-disciplinary team considered the various options of how to most effectively re-develop (details supplied). Subsequent approval was obtained from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to engage a consultant design team led by Paul Keogh Architects.

Plans for the demolition of the 20 existing bedsits and the fire-damaged block are being progressed and it is proposed they will be replaced with a three-storey building with 32 quality one-bedroom apartments for older persons and a replacement community kitchen.

It is envisaged that all of the apartments will be built to at least Universal Design standard (National Disability Authority guidelines), with 12 at ground level suitable for wheelchair users.

The scheme will remain as a purpose built residential facility for our ageing population and the views of the existing residents and all the key local stakeholders will continue to be sought. Some initial concerns residents expressed with regards to the proposed height and potential for overlooking were taken into consideration and the design have been amended accordingly.

Traditional methods of public consultation are restricted at present. However, alternative compliant methods of consultation and information exchange will be explored and rolled out. It is proposed that a newsletter will be circulated to the wider community outlining the proposed development and seeking their observations.

### Q.111 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request: To put in place a regular cleaning schedule public areas stairs/landings etc. at **(details supplied).** 

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

Housing Maintenance will raise this issue with the Team Leader for the Caretaking Section and ensure that this is carried out on a regular basis.

### Q.112 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the taxi rank on the Cabra Road is completely visible from all directions by taking a number of measures to include but not limited to:

- A) To request that the ground of the rank be painted a different colour or for coloured tarmac to be laid here?
- B) To request that more signage be erected to ensure the rank is visible from the road (currently it's only possible to see the signage if standing directly across from the rank it's not visible from the road)?
- C) To request that that Dublin City Council remove vehicles other than taxis that park in the rank.

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

- A) With regards to the road markings, the markings are in accordance with The Department of Transport's Traffic Signs Manual and as such, the Taxi Stand road markings must be white as per section 7.6.13 of that document.
- B) In terms of the Taxi Stand signage, placement of such is in accordance with The Department of Transport's Traffic Signs Manual. Section 5.17.15 of the document outlines that Taxi Stand signs are normally mounted with the sign face parallel to

the kerb, to be read by drivers when parking. The Area Engineer will visit site to confirm that signage is placed appropriately and recommend any changes in alignment if necessary

C) The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit had an inspector investigate this taxi rank on the Cabra Road. This has resulted in vehicles being clamped by the Dublin Street Parking Services for illegal parking at this location on the dates of 21/7, 22/8, 5/9, 18/9 and 8/10/2020.

## Q.113 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce more measures to tackle the ongoing dog foul issue at Bannow Road in Cabra, including but not limited to:

- A) Better enforcement and for the Litter Warden to have a visible presence here until the issue improves.
- B) To temporarily erect large signage on footpaths (in locations that won't block pedestrians) explaining that Dublin City Council Officers are on patrol in the area and state the penalty for members of the public who do not clean up after their dog.
- C) To schedule weekly power washing on Bannow Road to be on a Monday so that the community of Broombridge Educate Together National School benefit for longer in the school week.
- D) To request that Dublin City Council's mobile CCTV be located to help improve the situation.

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

Dublin City Council will deploy resources to the Bannow Rd area as often as possible in order to address the ongoing issues including the provision of additional litter warden patrols and dog fouling specific patrols with the provision of signage as requested.

The scheduling of power washing of the Bannow Rd area will be carried out on a Monday where possible given the availability of resources and the need to carry out washing and graffiti removal services within the entire area.

Mobile CCTV is not considered to be an effective tool in the enforcement of dog fouling offences as the identification of offenders through the monitoring of CCTV is not likely to be successful.

#### Q.114 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council are actively issuing fines to members of the public who don't clean up dog foul left by their dog in public areas and to provide a table of the number of fines issued for dog foul for each of the five Dublin City Council administrative areas for each year between 2015 - 2020.

Furthermore, to request the Chief Executive to ensure that enforcement is improved and that fines are being issued to and paid by an offender as a measure to tackle the issue of dog foul on streets.

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

Due to restrictions in place at present for Covid 19, Litter Wardens are not actively patrolling public areas to monitor dog fouling as this would involve close contact with dog owners.

When restrictions are lifted, Dublin City Council will deploy resources to ensure there is a more active presence in public areas in order to prevent, deter and identify offences of dog fouling in order to take enforcement action.

A total of 141 fines were issued under section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts between 2002 and 2020 as follows:

Area	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Central	0	1	2	4	0	1	8
North Central	0	14	0	0	0	0	14
North West	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
South Central	28	55	22	0	0	0	105
South East	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Total	28	84	24	4	0	1	141

#### Q.115 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council have an action plan to help ease the issue of traffic congestion as the volume of congestion across the City appears to be increasing. To request if recent changes in traffic light sequencing has had an impact on traffic congestion?

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

The operation of signalised junctions across the city have been revised during COVID in order to reduce the wait time for pedestrians waiting for the green man to cross the road resulting in shorter phase times (green time for cars). Previously the maximum cycle length was 120 seconds this has now been reduced to 80 seconds for the majority of junctions. The lower cycle length measure is to stop the build-up of pedestrians at junctions and to reduce the pedestrian wait times which assists the public observing social distancing guidelines. Further details can be found in the link below:

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

As of last week traffic volumes were running at approximately 80% of pre COVID levels along the main arterial routes in and out of the city. Traffic volumes have remained stable at this rate over the last number of weeks.

The ITS section in Dublin City Council are constantly monitoring junctions and traffic volumes and reviewing areas with high levels of congestion with a view to making targeted interventions to improve the efficiency of junctions for all road users.

## Q.116 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the illegal dishing/ramp at **(details supplied)** which causes a pooling of water and breakdown in the surrounding road surface.

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

RMS will have this obstruction removed and advise the resident to apply for planning permission for a vehicular dishing.

#### Q.117 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to explain why a tree was removed from (details supplied) and will there be a replacement tree planted?

The Parks Services removed the tree at **(details supplied)** due to fire damage. A replacement tree will be planted during our Winter tree planting program.

### Q.118 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the request for a cycle lane on Glasnevin Avenue Dublin 11.

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

The Covid Mobility Team has received multiple requests for cycle lanes in this area including Glasnevin Avenue, Ballymun Road, Collins Avenue and the Malahide Road. We are currently concentrating on completing the designs on Griffith Avenue but as resources become available we will be investigating what improvements can be made to the cycling infrastructure in the surrounding area.

## Q.119 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive what correspondence if any the Council has had with An Bord Pleanála regarding the unlawful demolition of 40 Herbert Park; if the Council has informed the Bord formally of the demolition and of legal proceedings; if it has required the rebuilding of the house as a pre-condition to any further development; and, if the reply to the foregoing is negative if the Council, will do so forthwith.

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

The ACE wrote to An Bord Pleanala on 7th October on foot of a motion agreed by the City Council and has now received the following reply:

"Please note that the Board has no powers to revoke a decision that it has made. Once the Board has made its decision, its jurisdiction on the matter is spent and it has no further role in law. Board Orders can only be quashed by judicial review."

An Enforcement Notice has been issued under the Planning Acts in relation to the commencement of development prior to compliance with conditions of the Planning Permission. As of now, the CE is not aware of any mechanism to require the reinstatement of the building

## Q.120 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the incentivisation of sustainable transport options, including electric vehicles, in Budget 2021, what plans are in place to ensure that EVs will be a viable options for residents with on-street parking in Dublin City Council areas. Will there be an increase in the provision of on-street charging points, or will residents be facilitated in any way to charge EVs from their homes, with the provision of safe charging guides using cable protectors as issued in other jurisdictions?

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

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The study is due for completion in Q4 2020, at which stage a presentation can be made to Council.

## Q.121 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive for an engineer's report on the unprotected cycling lane on the Rathgar Road and an assessment of the need for segregation of this cycle lane given its persistent misuse as a filter lane for cars turning left onto Highfield Road or Orwell Road. Left turning vehicles are regularly taking over this cycle lane, or even mounting the footpath, to squeeze past traffic going straight on, at great danger to both pedestrians and cyclists.

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

This is being assessed at the moment by the Area Engineer and a report is being prepared. Once this report is prepared it will be reviewed internally and sent to the Area Office for comment.

## Q.122 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if this council can make a representation to government that libraries should be considered an essential service and be allowed to operate a safe click and collect service through the six weeks of lockdown which started on Wednesday October 21st. Libraries provide an essential means of information, education and entertainment to our communities, and people in those communities should have access to books and information even if they lack the access to online alternatives.

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

Dublin City Libraries operated a successful call & collect service while Dublin was at Level 3 in the Government's *Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19*. This service was appreciated by library users, for many of whom access to reading material is fundamental to their well-being.

Under the level 5 public libraries are restricted to offering online services only.

Libraries management is confident that a safe call & collect service could be delivered across the branch network if that were allowed under the Living with COVID-19 plan.

#### Q.123 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)**, say when it is likely the footpath will be re-instated.

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

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. The footpath at this location was in good condition with no reinstatement required.

## Q.124 COUNCILLOR DARAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC is concerned by the volume of now-empty student accommodation developments across the city and change of use applications that have come in to change these developments to tourist/visitor accommodation. Given the worsening and uncertain pandemic situation, the ceasing of international tourism and the public health guidance against domestic tourism, what sense does it make for these change of use applications to be granted? Furthermore, these change of use applications to tourist/visitor accommodation come on the back of a huge number of new hotel/aparthotel developments that have recently opened, are currently under construction or have been granted permission.

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of most 3<sup>rd</sup> level campus activities and transition to online e-learning platforms, the demand for student accommodation has significantly declined. This has resulted in a number of purpose built student accommodation developments in the city being under-utilised. It is anticipated that this will remain the case for the current academic year unless an alternate use is established i.e. accommodating non students in these developments. In the case of recent planning applications received by the City Council (4 to date), the operators have confirmed that the accommodation would still be available for lettings to students during this time, ensuring that students who wish to utilise the development can do so. The applicants also confirmed that students and non-student residences would be segregated within the development, with each core area reserved for specific use, all operating under professional management.

Given that any change of use would be temporary and would facilitate the productive use of an existing purpose built building which would otherwise remain vacant, it is considered that the proposed use of this high quality accommodation by non-students is reasonable. Furthermore, higher occupancy rates in these buildings will help bring a greater sense of vitality and vibrancy to the city centre/inner city which is perceived to be suffering from a lack of footfall and general activity. However, in order to safeguard their future use, a number of conditions have been included in recent grants of permission to limit the duration and nature of use proposed, i.e.

- 1. The temporary use for tourist or visitor accommodation hereby permitted shall cease to have effect on the 31st day of May, 2021. Following the expiration, the original condition number 3 (i.e. use as student accommodation) of planning register reference number ...... shall apply.
- 2. The tourist / visitor accommodation shall only be occupied for short-term letting periods of no more than two months and shall not be used as independent and separate self-contained permanent residential units.

## Q.125 COUNCILLOR DARAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline DCC's perspective on the proliferation of co-living planning applications across the city, including through the SHD process. Given this matter is under review by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and we are in the midst of a pandemic and being advised to keep our physical distance, would it not be wise to temporarily pause such applications until such time that the review has been completed?

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

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government issued new Design Standards for New Apartments in March 2018, introducing a new concept of professionally managed residential accommodation known as 'Shared Accommodation'. This new format is aimed at new employees arriving into the city and seeking short term accommodation while they establish themselves. The

advantage of such schemes is that they provide an opportunity for residents to participate in a shared community environment while building up a new social / support network. It is considered that such developments can provide an appropriate (niche) response to a very specific housing need in certain key locations such as the city centre and the Docklands and therefore are supported.

To date, the number of applications received within the administrative area of the City Council has been relatively limited, and could not be considered to amount to a proliferation of applications but it must be acknowledged that the number of applications is rising. However, it is not considered appropriate or justified to endorse any proposal for a 'pausing' of any current applications for this format of housing, especially in view of the housing crisis and ongoing problems of overcrowding. Instead, in light of the ongoing review of co-living by the Department, it is considered more appropriate to call on the Department to increase the minimum floor space standards and levels of amenities to be required by Planning Authorities (including An Bord Pleanala) in any future applications and to apply much tighter restrictions on the location of such schemes.

## Q.126 COUNCILLOR DARAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update/plans on how the €130m in funding for the Arts Council, as allocated in Budget 2021, will be dispersed to community groups and artists.

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

The Arts Council have not indicated as yet how it intends to distribute the increase in their funding in the recent Budget.

#### Q.127 COUNCILLOR DARAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive that DCC reconsider its position that "no major interventions would be installed in the Inchicore / Kilmainham Area at this time" as part of DCC's Covid Mobility Plans. DCC has done incredible work across the city in making the city a safer place for communities and residents at this difficult time. The residents of Inchicore and Kilmainham deserve the same facing into what appears to be a cycle of restrictions, followed by opening up and further restrictions (details supplied).

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

Please see below the response to Q46. At the moment the Covid Mobility Interventions Team are prioritising School Zones throughout the City. As previously stated Inchicore Village was assessed and bollards were placed along the Tyrconnell Road across from Tesco to protect pedestrians using this footpath and aid social distancing by preventing illegal parking on the footpath.

The report 'To It, Not Through It' was assessed by the Area Engineer. Even though the report mentions retractable bollards and a "bus gate", it was felt this would be an obstruction to the Bus Connects project. Bus Connects have a proposed route through Inchicore called the C Spine Route (C 1, C2, C3, C4) and route numbers 93, 95. This would indicate that Inchicore is a major part of the Bus Connects plans and any such changes as suggested in the report would be obstructive and costly and end up being taken out again in the near future. Therefore it was felt that no major interventions would be installed in the Inchicore / Kilmainham Area at this time.

As part of the Covid Mobility Plan for Inchicore, Bollards were placed along the Tyrconnell Road across from Tesco to protect pedestrians using this footpath and aid

# Q.128 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the request below **(details supplied)** in relation to Belgrove Boys School and social distancing can the CEO: Confirm receipt of the request via the Covid mobility form Provide an update on assessment.

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

We contacted all primary schools in Dublin City Council administrative area in late August/early September inviting all interested schools to complete an application form for a School Zone. We have not received an application from Belgrove Boys School, however, we are still accepting applications. For further information and to apply, please visit <a href="https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/">https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/</a>. Please note, School Zone applications must be completed by the school Principal.

## Q.129 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive reverse the decision to remove the middle school warden for St. Marys National School off Windsor Avenue as outlined in the correspondence below **(details supplied)** and also provide an update on any traffic calming measures under assessment for this location?

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

Due to the current pandemic and in order to reduce the number of times school wardens attend schools and the number of contacts they make daily the decision was to align all school wardens to two duties a day. A morning and an afternoon duty.

As stated above, the reasoning for suspending the middle duty is that children of that age must be accompanied by an adult when leaving the school premises. The school warden service is provided for older primary children who are unaccompanied.

On Philipsburgh Avenue, where the school warden stands to cross children from St. Marys National School, there is a pedestrian crossing 20 meters up the road. This helps parents cross safely at the time there is no school warden.

# Q.130 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for urgent inspection and water sampling at the location on the Clontarf Promenade as detailed in the email dated 18/10/20 detailed below (details supplied) and provide a report on the matter?

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

The Water Pollution Control (WPC) section of Dublin City Council has also received this report of a potential pollution incident on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

WPC staff, including an Inspector, visited the location both on the day we received the report and the 20<sup>th</sup> of October to undertake a comprehensive investigation at this area of Clontarf and in particular to investigate the environs of where the photograph is reported to have been taken, (areas adjacent to the Clontarf slipway, including opposite the Dublin Bus garage area).

We inspected the various rivers and streams leading to that area of the harbour, including the Nanekin, Wad, Tolka and adjacent Storm Water Outfall (SWO) and no evidence of any pollution was found in those streams or drains, particularly not at their outfalls. Note; a SWO is DCC infrastructure designed to collect surface water, primarily from road gullies, and discharge those surface waters to the nearby water courses. In so doing, this segregated DCC drainage infrastructure relieves capacity on the Irish Water foul sewers during periods of heavy rainfall in particular. There has been no substantial rainfall events recently to support the suggested occurrence of foul

discharge from Irish Waters infrastructure into the nearest overflow discharge points to Clontarf promenade.

Staff also walked the circumference of the Bull Island shoreline and along the Coast Road, and in particular the area cited in the complaint, searching for any evidence of a pollution incident washing onshore. No evidence discovered.

The photo does show what we also found at the slipway vicinity. We did find chucks of seaweed floating in the seawater as is typical at this time of year when certain seaweeds begin to decay and start to breakdown in the water at autumn time.

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I note also, DCC has not received any reportable incident from the Ringsend Waste Water Treatment Plant recently which may have substantiated this report.

Please note that water sampling is frequently undertaken in this part of Dublin Bay, throughout the year and just during the bathing season, along the North Bull Wall. The results from monitoring the water quality in these areas are posted in the Dublin City Council website.

## Q.131 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for an inspection and assessment of the playground in Maypark in relation to the issues raised below **(details supplied).** 

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

Waste Management Services will review the litter bins in the above mentioned area with the view to placing restrictors in their openings to restrict the dumping of domestic waste into them.

While certain repairs are scheduled the playground here is actually in reasonable condition and scores highly in the annual safety inspection and is not due for a refit for a number of years. The priority for the playground upgrade budget in the short to medium term is to bring the poorer playgrounds in the area up to standard.

#### Q.132 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of vacant Dublin City Council properties in the Crumlin area - Area K.

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

There are currently 53 properties vacant in Area K: 17 houses, 27 apartments and 9 senior citizens units. 80 properties have been let in the Area to date this year. These are made up of 25 houses, 34 apartments and 21 senior citizens' properties.

#### Q.133 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of people on the housing list in the Crumlin area - Area K.

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

Please see below the recorded number of applications for the Housing list and the transfer list for Area K (Crumlin Area). There are 1,450 households on the housing waiting list, with an additional 1,245 applications for transfer.

WAITING LIST	Area K	
Housing list total	1450	
Transfer list total	1245	
Combined grand total	2695	

## Q.134 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive when can we expect the works on Coles lane to begin, this lane has way has over 1m people going down it each year and is in a state of disrepair.

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

There are no works planned for Coles Lane at present.

### Q.135 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to please indicate referencing by area i.e. Dublin 1,2,3 etc. how many additional homeless service units have opened in the specific areas under the cold weather initiative, please indicate also how many units were in each area prior to the cold weather initiative being activated.

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

The information requested by Councillor Flynn will be provided to all councillors in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) Homeless Update Report No.10, which will be issued in due course.

### Q.136 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to please indicate how many private operators are providing beds in Dublin alongside how many charitable bodies are operating beds within the city.

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

The information requested by Councillor Flynn will be provided to all councillors in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) Homeless Update Report No.10, which will be issued in due course.

## Q.137 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to please indicate as to how many beds are currently provided by the provider in 47/48 Amiens Street to homeless services, how much the council are paying per bed per night and is the provider compliant with Covid guidelines.

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

The information requested by Councillor Flynn will be provided to all councillors in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) Homeless Update Report No.10, which will be issued in due course.

#### Q.138 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Waste Management section to move the existing bottle bank beside the library on Moeran Road Dublin 12 to a location near the WASF hall. Failing this can the current old metal bottle bank be replaced by one of the new plastic style bins similar to the new ones in Cabra,

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

Waste Management Services and South Central Area staff investigated the potential to relocate this facility to the area around Moeran Hall earlier this year. Unfortunately, the presence of trees around Somerville Green and the presence of overhead wires

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within the WASF car park prevent safe access for service providers. As such, it will not be possible to relocate the recycling facilities at this time.

A bottle-bank maintenance programme is currently in development. A number of issues relating to health and safety, signaller/slinger and banksman training, and the establishment of a suitable location to carry out the required works are currently under discussion. It is anticipated that work will begin to repaint our entire stock of metal bottle banks by mid-2021.

Additionally, a bottle-bank animation project is underway with successful pilot schemes carried out in Ballymun and Cherry Orchard earlier this year. The project was suspended due to the recently introduced Level 5 restrictions but will resume once restrictions are lifted. Subject to agreement with the SCA Office and the availability of funding, I would be happy to add the bottle banks at Walkinstown Library to the programme for next year.

Dublin City Council does not have a stock of plastic bottle banks. In the unique instance referred to, Glassco provided plastic banks at a cost for Carnlough Road, Cabra as Waste Management Services were unable to install replacement metal banks there as had been agreed earlier this year.

Item: Report No. 310/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With	
reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Oscar Traynor Road, Coolock, Dublin 5 to Glenveagh Living Limited.	
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Councillor Dearbháil Butler	Against
Councillor Claire Byrne	Against
Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan	Against
Lord Mayor Hazel Chu	Against
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	Against
Councillor Caroline Conroy	Against
Councillor Donna Cooney	Against
Councillor Joe Costello Councillor Daniel Céitinn	Against Against
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	Against
Councillor Tara Deacy	Against
Councillor Maire Devine	Against
Councillor Kevin Donoghue	Against
Councillor Daithi Doolan	Against
Councillor Pat Dunne	Against
Councillor Anthony Flynn	Against
Councillor Mary Freehill	Against
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Item: Report No. 310/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Oscar Traynor Road, Coolock, Dublin 5 to Glenveagh Living Limited.

Vote No. 3 disposal of a site at Oscar Traynor Road, Coolock, Dublin 5

Recorded Vote Status: Rejected

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