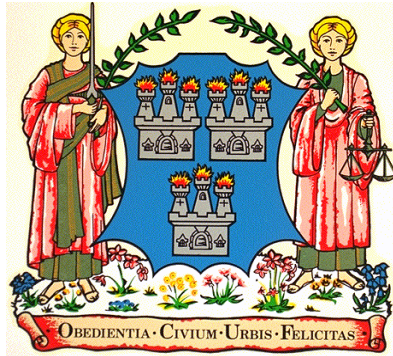


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Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 11 Eanáir 2021 sa Físchomhdháil Cianda ag 6.15 i.n.i láthair an tArdmheara Hazel Chu sa chathaoir.

Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron
Tom Brabazon
Claire Byrne
Hazel Chu
Caroline Conroy
Joe Costello
Daithí de Róiste
Kevin Donoghue
Anne Feeney
Anthony Flynn
James Geoghegan
Jane Horgan-Jones
Dermot Lacey
Micheál MacDonncha
Ray McAdam
Séamas McGrattan
Darragh Moriarty
Claire O'Connor
Colm O'Rourke
Michael Pidgeon
Patricia Roe

Comhairleoir:

Racheal Batten
Christy Burke
Danny Byrne
Anthony Connaghan
Deirdre Conroy
Daniel Céitinn
Tara Deacy
Daithí Doolan
Declan Flanagan
Mannix Flynn
Alison Gilliland
Janet Horner
Darcy Lonergan
Briege MacOscar
Paddy McCartan
Declan Meenagh
Sophie Nicoulaud
Cat O'Driscoll
Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
Michael Watters

Comhairleoir:

Janice Boylan
Dearbháil Butler
Mary Callaghan
Keith Connolly
Donna Cooney
Hazel de Nortúin
Máire 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

Oifigigh

Oliver Douglas
John Flanagan
Brendan Kenny
Eileen Quinlivan
Richard Shakespeare

Ruth Dowling
Owen P. Keegan
Brendan O'Brien
Kathy Quinn

Caroline Fallon
Yvonne Kelly
John O'Hara
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by sending condolences of the Council to Councillor Catherine Stocker who recently suffered a family bereavement.

The Lord Mayor informed Members that with their agreement this meeting would be adjourned to the 18th January at 6.15pm to deal with any outstanding items left on the agenda and the motions on notice. She also informed members that there would be a Special Council Meeting on 8th February on Traveller Accommodation following a request by several councillors.

The Lord Mayor reminded Members that donation forms have been circulated and must be returned to the Chief Executive's Office by 31st January 2021. The forms must be signed and witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths, a Notary Public, a Peace Commissioner or a Practicing Solicitor.

The Lord Mayor thanked everyone who assisted with events at the Mansion House over the Christmas period especially those who attended the Homeless Christmas Day Dinner.

The Lord Mayor gave an update on the roll out of the Integration Strategy which will start with a webinar at the end of January involving individuals and organisations working on this issue at ground level. She also thanked Councillors for their support following the recent threats that she and her family received. It is this type of discrimination that the Integration Strategy will hopefully help address.

The Lord Mayor confirmed that one Emergency Motion, submitted by Councillor Daithi Doolan in relation to the major fire that took place at the Thornton recycling plant in Ballyfermot on Saturday night, will be taken without debate.

2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16

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 125 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** to these minutes.

3 Correspondence

- (a) Letter dated the 18th November 2020 from Cavan County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting requesting Cavan County Council write to the Central Area Committee to call on the Office of Public Works to recover the remains of Joseph Brady, Daniel Curly, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Tim Kelly, at what is commonly called the Invincibles Yard in Kilmainham Goal

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.

It was also agreed that the correspondence be forwarded to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC for consideration.

- (b) Letter dated the 30th November 2020 from Galway County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting recognising that the Mother and Baby homes represent a very dark part of our State's history and that the survivors of the Mother and Baby homes have legitimate concerns regarding access to their personal information.

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 11th December 2020 from Waterford County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting that Waterford County Council supports the former Debenhams workers and calls on KPMG and the Government to immediately engage with the workers and their representatives in the Mandate trade union.

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 11th December 2020 from Minister Simon Coveney, Minister for Defence and Foreign Affairs in response to Jadotville correspondence sent under the Lord Mayors Business at the City Council meeting held on 16th November 2020.

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 the 17th December 2020 from Galway County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting that Galway County Council write to the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee to request that the review of the 3rd National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender based Violence is expedited to provide a fit for purpose strategy taking into account the additional reported rise in domestic abuse incidents occurring during COVID Pandemic restricted conditions and the urgent need for additional refuge places and adequately resourced services.

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.

- 4 To confirm the minutes of the Monthly City Council meeting held on the 16th November 2020, the Budget meeting held on the 26th November 2020, the Monthly City Council meeting held on the 7th December 2020 and the Adjourned City Council meeting held on the 14th December 2020.

The minutes of the City Council Meeting held on the 16th November 2020, the Budget meeting held on the 26th November 2020, the Monthly City Council meeting held on the 7th December 2020 and the Adjourned City Council meeting held on the 14th December 2020, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

- 5 To fill one vacancy on the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETB) following the resignation of Cllr. Noeleen Reilly.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cieran Perry and seconded by Cllr. Anthony Flynn that Cllr. John Lyons be appointed to the City of Dublin Education and Training Board. The motion was put and carried.

6 Disposal of Land:

- (a) Report No. 22/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of five apartments in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 22/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

The Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) agreed to revert to Cllr Mannix Flynn with regards providing access to the legal documentation relating to the acquisition of New Priory.

- (b) Report No. 23/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 7 Conquer Hill Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

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. 23/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 24/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of two plots of ground at 195 Collins Avenue, Dublin 9.

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. 24/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 18/2021 of the Executive Manager (M. Hayes) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 8 premises.

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. 18/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Report No. 21/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With further reference to the proposed grant of a wayleave at Suir Road, Dublin 8 to Bord Gais.

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. 21/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

The Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) agreed to revert to Cllr. Máire Devine with details of costings regarding the disposal of wayleaves.

- 9 Report No. 07/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Proposed Draft Variation (No. 31) of Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022 Designating North Great George's Street & Environs, Dublin 1, as an Architectural Conservation Area.

Cllr. Declan Meenagh informed Council that he had a conflict of interest in relation to this item and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on the matter.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 07/2021 and makes Variation (No.31) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 as outlined in the report. The motion was put and carried.

The Councillors used this opportunity to convey their concerns regarding the continuation of the Development Plan Review process during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Chief Executive agreed to convey those concerns to the Minister.

10 Record of Protected Structures:

- (a) Report No. 08/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the Addition of Richmond House (within the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital), Richmond Road, Dublin 3 to the Record of Protected Structures.

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. 08/2021 and approves the addition of Richmond House (within the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital), Richmond Road, Dublin 3 to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 09/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the Addition of Brooklawn (within the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital), Richmond Road, Dublin 3 to the Record of Protected Structures.

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. 09/2021 and approves the addition of Brooklawn (within the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital), Richmond Road, Dublin 3 to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. The motion was put and carried.

11 Report No. 03/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Arts Funding for 2021 (Arts Act 2003).

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. 03/2021 and hereby approves the Arts Funding for 2021 as set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 27/2021 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 Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 27/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 28/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive & 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 Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 28/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 05/2021 of the Audit Committee - Audit Committee Charter and Annual Work Programme 2021.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents and of Report 05/2021 and hereby approves the Audit Committee Charter and 2021 Work Programme. The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 19/2021 of the Audit Committee - With reference to the consideration by the Audit Committee of the Audited Annual Financial Statement (AFS) for 2019 and the Local Government Auditor's report on the Accounts of Dublin City Council for 2019.

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 19/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 06/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

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 06/2021. The motion was put and carried.

At 7.55pm it was proposed by Cllr. Daithi Doolan and seconded by Cllr. Mannix Flynn that the meeting be adjourned until Monday 18th January at 6.15pm. The Motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 26/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

Assistant Chief Executive, Brendan Kenny, responded to numerous queries regarding Housing and Homelessness raised by the elected Members. He agreed to provide replies after the meeting to those Councillors who raised issues for which he did not have the information to hand.

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 26/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 15/2021 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 11th December 2020, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Chairperson.

Members raised concerns regarding the speed of Covid-19 vaccination for Dublin Fire Brigade. The Chief Executive confirmed that 25% of DFB staff had received the vaccine and that number would increase further by the end of this week. He has spoken with the Chief Fire Officer who confirmed that he was satisfied at the rate of vaccination.

The Lord Mayor agreed to write to the CEO of the Health Service Executive on behalf of the City Council expressing their concerns regarding the rate of vaccination for Dublin Fire Brigade and calling for DFB to be treated like other frontline staff.

Following a number of requests for information on EU funding from Councillors, the Lord Mayor asked that Assistant Chief Executive, Richard Shakespeare to prepare and issue a report on the matter.

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 15/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 12/2021 of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 30th November 2020, Councillor Cat O' Driscoll, Chairperson.

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 12/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 25/2021 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th December 2020, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson.

Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí wished it be noted that he attended the Housing SPC meeting on 9th December 2020 despite his name not being recorded in the brieve. His attendance was so noted.

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 25/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 20/2021 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 8th December 2020, Councillor Janice Boylan, Chairperson.

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 20/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 11/2021 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 26th November 2020, Councillor Donna Cooney, Chairperson.

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 11/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 17/2021 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 14th December 2020, Councillor Donna Cooney, Chairperson.

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 17/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Report No. 14/2021 of the North West Area Committee Meeting - Breviate of the meeting held on the 15th December 2020, Councillor. Caroline Conroy, Chairperson.

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 14/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 10/2021 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th December 2020, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.

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 10/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 26 Report No. 13/2021 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 14th December 2020, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

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 13/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 27 Report No. 16/2021 of the North West Area Joint Policing Sub Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 14th December 2020, Councillor Keith Connolly, Chairperson.

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 16/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 28 Report No. 04/2021 of the South East Area Joint Policing Sub Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 3rd December 2020, Councillor Tara Deacy, Chairperson.

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 04/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 29 Report No. 29/2021 of the South Central Area Joint Policing Sub Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 30th November 2020, Councillor Daithi Doolan, Chairperson.

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 29/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 30 Topical Issues

No Topical Issue was submitted.

31 Emergency Motion(s)

The following Emergency Motion was taken without debate:

Emergency Motion No.1:

Dublin City Council is deeply concerned by the major fire that took place at the Thornton recycling plant in Ballyfermot on Saturday night. The consequence of this fire was felt for miles around with, a 'close windows' warning being issued by Dublin Fire Brigade. The public, including staff, need a guarantee that everything is being done to protect their health and safety.

Waste material must be safely removed off site to prevent further odours and smells. A temporary site needs to be accessed as soon as possible to ensure there is no disruption to waste collection service in the City.

Dublin City Council calls on the DCC's Chief Fire Officer to carry out an immediate and thorough investigation into the causes and consequences of the fire and to make public the findings of this investigation. Dublin City Council also calls on the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a review of the plant to ensure it is fully compliant with the license issued to Thornton's.

Submitted by Councillors: Daithí Doolan, Máire Devine, Daniel Céitinn, Larry O'Toole, Mícheál MacDonncha, Anthony Connaghan, Janice Boylan, Seamas McGrattan. Hazel de Nortúin, Cat O'Driscoll, Tara Deacy, Vincent Jackson, Daithí de Róiste.

32 Motions on Notice

Motion No. 1 in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly and seconded by Councillor Ciaran Perry "that Dublin City Council calls on the Government to immediately remove funding of €16.8m to the Greyhound Industry and calls for a complete ban on racing. 6,000 Dogs are killed inhumanly every year in Ireland as well as many more who suffer horrific abuse. In no way should this practice be tolerated and certainly not at the expense of tax payers."

An amendment to Cllr. Reilly's motion (see **Appendix B** for details) was submitted by Councillors Daniel Céitinn, Daithí Doolan and Janice Boylan. The amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. Full details of the vote can be viewed in **Appendix C** to these minutes.

Councillor Noeleen Reilly's motion as submitted was put and carried.

Councillors Nial Ring, Anthony Connaghan and Naoise Ó Muirí opposed the motion and Cllr. Keith Connolly abstained.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm 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 1st February 2021.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 11th JANUARY 2021

Q.1 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive has Dublin City Council signed up to ISO 14001 Environmental Policy? It is Voluntary but is a worldwide certification on a company's commitment to being environmentally aware and would be good for us as a Council to set the example for all our communities. ([ISO - ISO 14000 family — Environmental management](#))

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is not currently certified under the ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System. The certification requires consideration of all environmental issues relevant to operations, such as air pollution, water and sewage issues, waste management, soil contamination, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and resource use and efficiency.

The City Council is however currently putting procedures and practices in place to obtain certification under ISO 50001, which will optimise energy management and usage. There is a substantial body of administrative work involved in preparing for and maintaining such certification. Following the completion of this process, we can review the resources required to implement and maintain this and other such certifications.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

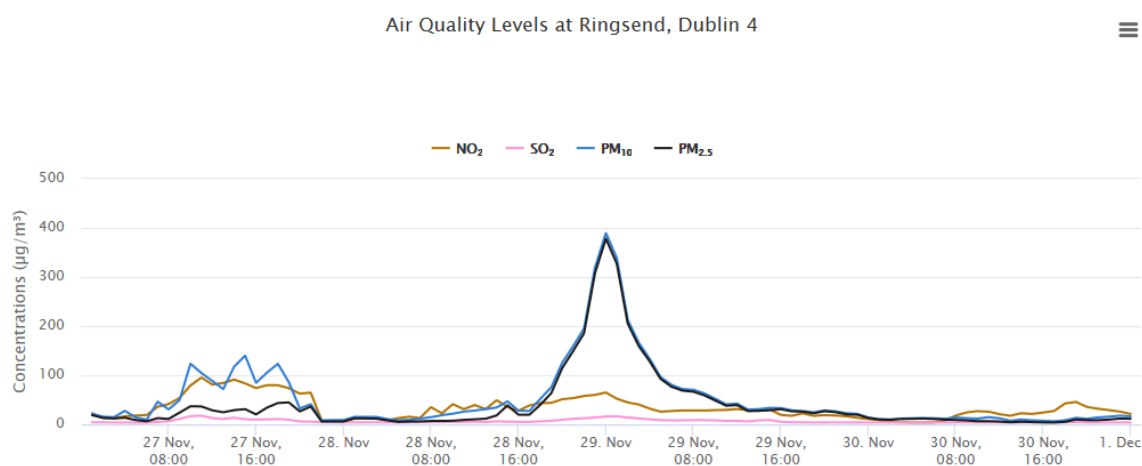
To ask the Chief Executive if he will prepare a response to the serious issues raised in the attached email and the recent report about Air Pollution in Dublin and the particularly high pollution levels in Rathmines and Ringsend as documented in the article submitted with this question and further if he will submit that report for discussion to the appropriate SPC (Please see attached article).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Elevated levels of particulate pollution (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) were recorded in towns and cities across Ireland at times during the period 27-29 November, due to a combination of meteorological conditions and local emission sources – both traffic and domestic solid fuel usage.

In respect of air quality in Dublin during 27-29 November, it is important to note that for a period of time there were grounds for concern and the real-time data and elevated Air and Health Index information carried on both the EPA (<https://airquality.ie/>) and Dublin City Council websites <http://dublincityairandnoise.ie/> bear this out.

The data from the Ringsend monitoring station give a good graphical representation of this:



While these levels of poor air quality were of concern it is regrettable that the interpretation and reportage of the data in a number of quarters was inadvertently misleading. This is understandable on one level given the particularly cumbersome wording of air quality limit values in the EU Directive on Clean Air for Europe (as transposed in the Air Quality Regulations 2011).

The wording as per the Directive and Regulations is as follows:

Pollutant	Limit Value Objective	Averaging Period	Limit Value $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Basis of Application of the Limit Value
PM ₁₀	Protection of human health	24 hours	50	Not to be exceeded more than 35 times in a calendar year

The current methodology of monitoring PM₁₀ involves producing hourly figures, and in essence the Directive dictates that every 24 hours an average of these 24 hourly results for that day is calculated.

Then in the course of a calendar year, if there are 35 such times (i.e. days) when the 24 hour average values are in excess of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, the limit value for PM₁₀ is deemed to be exceeded. It is clear from the both recent coverage in the media and queries received, that this is not widely understood. In particular there is a misconception that any hourly value above 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ is a breach of the limit value.

By way of further clarification of the above, the EPA produce a monthly bulletin on each air pollutant monitored, which they host on their website. The November EPA PM₁₀ Bulletin has been published, <https://www.epa.ie/air/quality/reports/pm10/> and it indicates that up to the end of November 2020, the 24 hour average value of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ has been exceeded 8 times at Ringsend, 5 times at Dublin Port, 4 times at Davitt Rd. and on fewer or no occasions at other Dublin sites.

The assertion in the press article appended to this Question that air pollution in Dublin during this period was back to levels not seen since before the ban on smoky coal was introduced 30 years ago needs to be treated with caution.

During the 1980s particulate pollution was measured by ascertaining the daily average of black smoke concentrations based on one reading per day. The advances in technology now available, allow a wider range of particulate pollution to be assessed on an hourly basis in order to obtain daily averages.

Making direct comparisons between daily average black smoke data from that period with hourly PM10 and PM2.5 data from 2020 cannot be done on a simple like for like basis.

In Dublin with regard to air quality and health, in February 2020 the four local authorities in Dublin jointly signed up to the UN Breathe Life Campaign which commits them to achieve stricter World Health Organisation guideline values for air quality by 2030. This is a clear commitment to acknowledge the ever growing evidence around air quality and health and the need to move beyond legal compliance in order to protect and enhance the health of the citizens of Dublin. This commitment will be reflected in a concrete manner including the next iteration of the City Development Plan.

In terms of protecting the hard won and proven benefits of the highly successful (and ongoing enforcement of) the ban on the marketing, sale, distribution and burning of bituminous coal in the Dublin region, there are a number of ongoing actions:

- While not promoting the usage of peat or timber for domestic heating, the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit has produced an information leaflet for householders with practical advice on the selection of such fuels, and the correct use of solid fuel stoves.
- Dublin City Council is also represented on the Air Quality and Health Working Group alongside the EPA, Met Éireann, HSE and the Department of Environment. There is an existing arrangement in place between the EPA, HSE and Met Éireann to issue air quality advisory messages if deemed necessary. Work is also underway to produce an air quality/metrological prediction model.
- The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit carries out (as it has since 1990) its inspection programme of solid fuel outlets, traders and vehicles from October to March each year. This programme has widespread support from the solid fuel trade in Dublin City as it is regarded as helping to provide a playing field for legitimate traders.

At nation level, the Minister for Environment has signalled his intention to publish the National Clean Air Strategy early in 2021 and it is hoped by all concerned this will have clear policy direction on a number of key issues including reducing emissions from domestic heating systems.

A full report on these matters will be prepared for consideration by the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC as requested.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all the structures in the administrative area of the local authority that have been removed from the record of protected structures in the past five years and why.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following list includes all of the structures that were deleted from the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, Record of Protected Structures during the period 1st December 2015 and 21st December 2020.

RPS Ref. No.	House No.	Full Address	Post Code	Description	Date of deletion	Reason for deletion
3473-3504	1-39	Haddon Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3	Dublin 3	Houses	12/06/2017	These deletions were undertaken in association with the adoption of the Haddon Road & Victoria Road Architectural Conservation Area
8205 - 8221	22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49	Victoria Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3	Dublin 3	Houses	12/06/2017	These deletions were undertaken in association with the adoption of the Haddon Road & Victoria Road Architectural Conservation Area
3884-3956	1-40 42-54 65-71 76-88	Hollybrook Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3	Dublin 3	Houses	12/06/2017	These deletions were undertaken in association with the adoption of the Hollybrook Road Architectural Conservation Area
5969	27a	Oakley Road, Dublin 6	Dublin 6	House	01/07/2019	27a Oakley Road, is a modern rebuild c.1974 and was listed on the RPS in error.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a breakdown of the waiting lists in the south west inner city according to size of unit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find below the breakdown of Area L by band and bedroom size -

Row Labels	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	Grand Total
Band 2 Housing	360	95	49	15	2	521
Band 2 Housing Older	31					31
Band 2 Transfer	68	44	96	10	2	220
Band 2 Transfer Older	10					10
Band 3 Housing	361	66	21	1		449
Band 3 Housing Older	61	1				62
Band 3 Transfer	281	246	29	4		560
Band 3 Transfer Older	91					91
Traveller Priority	1					1
Medical Priority Older	6	4	2		1	13
Medical Priority Older	3					3
Welfare Priority	2		1			3
Homeless Priority	99					99
Homeless Priority Older	12					12
Surrendering Larger	19	1				20
Transfer HAP	112	71	37	4	1	225
Transfer HAP Older	6					6
Transfer Medical	8	13	2	1		24
Transfer Medical Older	14					14
Transfer Welfare	4	5	8			17
Transfer Welfare Older	9					9
Grand Total	1558	546	245	35	6	2390

Q.5 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive when are the expected completion dates for the new housing developments at Bonham St and Weaver Square.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find below the original and current programmed completion dates for the schemes queried. Please note that these dates may be subject to further review/amendment in the event of revised requirements relating to Covid-19 measures.

Bonham Street (57 Homes):

- Project commenced on site October 2019.
- Original programmed completion date: 29th March 2021
- Current revised estimated completion date resulting from COVID 19 shutdown and restrictions: 24th September 2021

Cork/Chamber Streets (55 Homes):

- Project commenced on site February 2020.
- Original programmed completion date: 10th August 2021
- Current revised estimated completion date resulting from COVID 19 shutdown and restrictions: 21st December 2021.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC has made any decision as to what type of development will go on to the Ready Mix site North strand, also if the CEO would outline the future of north strand fire station if it will be moved to a site in the dock area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A design team has been commissioned to progress at the National PPP Social Housing Schemes including the proposed project at the Ready mix site in North Strand.

This team expects to have the initial preliminary drawings available in February and the project manager Mr. James Nolan will then arrange for a presentation to Local Councillors.

We are keen to move the current North Strand Fire Station to an alternative (build new station) and a site on Alfie Byrne Road (near Comhaltás), but plans are at a very early stage.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would install a public light alongside the shops on **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will investigate the public lighting alongside the shops on **(details supplied)** and any improvements that are considered necessary will be included in a future improvements program, subject to available finances.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to request from Irish rail that a cover of protection be placed under the railway bridge on **(details supplied)** in order to prevent droppings falling on the public who stand at the bus stop also the pathway is of a dangerous surface due to bird droppings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services Division have contacted Irish Rail about this situation at **(details supplied)** and have asked that they carry out an investigation to see what action they can take to address the unsatisfactory conditions at this location.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if the private property in **(details supplied)** that was a hostel is now empty .There are works being carried out on the property, is the property being refurbished for a male only hostel?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) staff re-allocated the couples that were residing in this accommodation, to other emergency accommodation in November 2020, to facilitate planned maintenance works.

This hostel is currently under renovation and will in future accommodate single, male adults. The works are scheduled for completion in December 2020.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect a leak coming from the roof of our tenant at **(details supplied)** - the tenant reports a leak which she is concerned will affect her electrics. Please report to me any works that are recommended on foot of the inspection.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will carry out the repairs to the roof of **(details supplied)**, a cherry picker crane has been hired and the works will be carried out next week.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out an audit of the "kissing gates" in all parks and public spaces regarding their accessibility for wheelchair users?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In general park entrances are open and access is not obstructed. However, swing/kissing gates and similar traffic barrier type structures have been placed at some park entrances in response to concerns by local people about unauthorised vehicles, quad bikes, scramblers and even speeding cyclists. These gates still permit access for buggies and most wheelchairs. If there are specific locations which are an issue for wheelchair users or people with buggies we would welcome meeting those affected on site to see how the situation can be remedied to their satisfaction. Queries in this regard can be emailed to parks@dublincity.ie.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to no longer use the grey industrial railings within residential areas. This "brutalist architecture" is unwelcoming, harsh and detracts from the public realm aesthetics.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will review the situation with our paint and steel workshops, however we would need clarification on whether the question refers to palisade fencing as these are already galvanised.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive when will **(details supplied)** be considered for a suitable transfer to accommodation that meets their needs. As you can see from attached information life in their current housing is extremely difficult and impacting greatly on their physical and mental health.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List, with an application date of 06/02/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area K	2	363
Area L	2	289

Based on these positions it may be considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Just to note, the applicant is not on a Priority List. The applicant had previously applied for a medical priority on two occasions (3/03/2013 & 29/04/2013 respectively) both of which were unsuccessful. It is noted from the applicant's file that she has recently submitted an application for consideration for medical priority, upon a decision being made the applicant will be informed.

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

Q.14 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with Belfast City Council who introduced Controlled Parking Zones for residents with clearly defined parking bays and a percentage designated for short stay parking made available to others. Can members be issued with the follow on report?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council will liaise with Belfast City Council on how they are managing residential parking and will come back to the Councillor with the findings.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for railings/gates in front of the houses at Hamptonwood Court due to the new road layout and the bus stop being directly placed in front of these homes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As this is a private development, the management company would be responsible for arranging railings/gates. Please contact Access Properties phone 01 8163333.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for lighting on Shangan road on the Walk to the Avenue, it is extremely dark and very open.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lighting of walkways through green areas is a matter for the Parks Division to consider. Should Parks wish to provide funding for the installation, Public Lighting Services are happy to provide assistance with the design and installation.

A night inspection of the lighting on Shangan Road and Shangan Avenue was completed 05/01/21 and all lights were found to be operating normally.

There are currently no plans to install lighting at the above location.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to look at a better strategy for the bottle banks in Ballymun/Finglas. A lot of citizens are getting fined for leaving Materials at the bank, this is due to the bins being full or there is no recycling facility for cardboard. People are doing their best to be responsible and feel it is unfair they are fined when other citizens dump along our streets and there does not appear to be any consequences. If we can provide better signage and more facilities so that people are not in this situation and are made aware of the Byelaws.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are currently undertaking a review of on-street recycling facilities citywide. A number of problematic sites in Finglas and Ballymun have been identified and will be addressed in due course. Uniform signage and Quick Response reporting will be introduced to all on-street recycling facilities in 2021.

However, illegal dumping of items at recycling facilities remains a litter offence and as such perpetrators are liable to be fined.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to get the road sweepers into Shanliss and Oldtown.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services arranged to have these locations cleaned on 15th December 2020.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to Keyside Quarter in IFSC,
Are 30 units DCC?
How many off the 30 are 1, 2 and 3 bedroom.
Have they been allocated yet?
How much did we pay for them?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Department have agreed to acquire 30 units at Dublin Landings, Dublin 1 under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The unit breakdown is as follows:

- 6 x 1 Bed Apartments
- 18 x 2 Bed Apartments
- 6 x 3 Bed Apartments

The acquisition price is €14,200,000. As these units are not complete, they have not been allocated as yet.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to have EV charging options for residents with on street parking to encourage EV take -up in Dublin City.

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 being finalised, at which stage a presentation can be made to the elected representative of Dublin City Council.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a break-down of the times that gritting took place in Cabra/ Glasnevin area, especially Carnlough Road, Drumcliffe drive, Bannow Rd towards Broombridge, in the last 6 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services Division has prepared a Winter Maintenance Plan for the 2020/ 2021 season. This plan went live on the 12th October 2020 and will operate to the end of April 2021.

In the event of freezing temperatures, forecasted ice or snow, approximately 300km of the road network in the City Council's administrative area will be treated with gritting salt. It is not possible to grit the entire city network and so the designated 300km of roads to be treated have been chosen on a basis of road priority, National, Regional, Bus Route and particular localised areas of known risk.

In the period from 12th October to 13th December gritting has taken place on six occasions, November 27th, December 4th, 6th, 7th 8th and 9th. The list of roads that are prioritised for treatment can be found on the City Council's website at: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/road-maintenance-services/winter-maintenance-service>. The specific roads queried, Carnlough Road, Drumcliffe Road and Bannow Road are not included in this list.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the storm shore on the public pavement outside **(details supplied)** cleaned out to prevent the constant blockage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This issue has been passed on to the local Area Depot to investigate. All necessary works will be carried out.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to consider creating a one way traffic system at the slip road in front of **(details supplied 1)**. This slip road feeds in and out of a very busy row of retail shops and services, including the **(details supplied 2)**. There are a number of families with special needs children in close proximity to this slip road that have to access their school transport at the point and experience great difficulty and danger doing this. Please see photos attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A one way system is not considered to be an appropriate solution to the issue raised above as drivers are likely to drive faster when there is no perceived risk from oncoming traffic.

A one way system would also lead to significant inconvenience to residents and business and may result in further congestion / increased traffic flow at nearby residential roads due to extra distance travelled.

The issue of children with special needs accessing their school transport can be assessed and a suitable recommendation can be made. The Councillor might submit further information to inform this process.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive what is this application status on the housing list **(details supplied)**. She is in HAP accommodation at the above address with her five children. She indicates to me that she has applied for housing on medical/welfare grounds.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List with an application date of 18/11/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	4	3
Area D	4	5
Area E	4	8

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

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

It is noted from the applicants file that she has previously been advised regarding how to apply for a medical priority, she was forwarded an application form in respect of applying for a medical priority, however, it has not been returned to date. It is also noted from the applicant's file that she was previously advised to make contact with the Social Work Section in respect of a Welfare Priority.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no records of a housing application in respect of the above named person, in Housing Allocations and Transfers.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to charge different rates to incentivize businesses to take part in a particular scheme such as cycle to work or tax saver public transport ticket. In what ways have rates been altered in the past?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Valuation Office is responsible for the valuation of property in the city. Once the property is entered on the valuation list as List Rateable by the Commissioner of Valuation, Dublin City Council collects rates as determined on the property. There is no provision in rating law currently to apply discounts to rates.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail how many parking bays have been removed to facilitate Covid-19 Mobility projects and, in particular, to confirm how many of these were disabled spaces and if the latter bays have been replaced at nearby locations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the high volume of Covid mobility measurements introduced, it is necessary to compile a report that includes all the various projects from a range of engineering project teams assigned to citywide locations. This report will be issued to the Councillor on completion.

In the interim please be aware that DCC Engineers recommended General Disabled Persons' Parking Bays at 28 locations in the past year and the Transport Advisory Group also recommended installation of 20 disabled parking bays in residential areas in 2020 to meet with local resident's needs.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail each type of vehicle and number of vehicles in the City Council fleet, and also to confirm how many are electric vehicles and what is the roll out plan for electric vehicles.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a breakdown of the vehicle fleet.

Vehicle Type	Diesel/Petrol	Electric/Hybrid	Total
Cars	1	4	5
Minibuses	7		7
4 Wheel Drive (SUV)	6		6
Small Vans	148	34	182
Light Commercial Vehicles (Goods Vehicles <=3,500kg excluding small vans, side loaders and sweepers)	179	2	181
Side Loaders	77	2	79
Sweepers (including large sweepers)	55		55
Heavy Commercial Vehicles (Goods Vehicles >3,500kg excluding large sweepers)	72		72
Total	545	42	587

(The above figures exclude Dublin Fire Brigade, Civil Defence and SLA Divisions. Also, the above figures do not include tractors, ride-on-lawn mowers, quad bikes and pedestrian electric dust carts.)

The Council's fleet continues to migrate to electric vehicles with 41 electric vehicles (plus one hybrid vehicle) operating in the city. It is our intention to procure more electric vehicles as diesel vehicles fall due for replacement and where there are viable electric vehicle alternatives available.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, given that Dublin City Council's position was accepted under the Judicial Review taken of An Bord Pleanála's grant of permission under the SHD process for development at City Block 2 of the North Wall and Grand Canal Dock scheme, can the Chief Executive detail the cost involved in pursuing this Judicial Review and further confirm whether, or not, Dublin City Council incurred any legal expenses, particularly as its position was accepted by the courts.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council was granted an Order for costs against both An Bord Pleanála and the Notice Party of the full substantive hearing. However, the High Court has since granted the Notice Party leave to appeal the High Court decision. Therefore, the Council will have to wait for this appeal to be heard before it can pursue its costs order.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, in noting that the service delivery plan states that a 10 day repair/replacement target is in place for response to street light bulb repair and replacement, can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, DCC can and does respond in a much more timely manner when the repair/replacement is needed at a location which, due to its remoteness/safety issue etc. would warrant a faster response time. Also, will the Chief Executive consider a priority grading scheme for public lighting to ensure that a high priority defect would be repaired within, say, 24 hours, similar to that in operation for road and footpath maintenance requests.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Public Lighting Services responds to most reports of street lights out of order from members of the public within five working days and ten working days for street lights that are recorded out of order by our night scout personnel.

The time it takes to repair any street lights that are out of order, is dependent on a number of factors, some of which are outside of our control, such as: lack of access due to parking, if extensive traffic management is needed to carry out the repairs, or where the involvement of third parties such as LUAS and ESB Networks is required. Some faults, such as ESB electrical supply cable faults to street lights can take longer to repair and these lights can be out of order longer than we would like. The ESB are responsible for attending to these faults, as the supply cables are owned by them, which are outside our control.

With regard to cable faults on Public Lighting Services cables these can also take a bit of time to repair as these faults can involve identifying the location of the faulty cable and then carrying out excavations to open up the ground where the fault has occurred. If a number of lights are out of order on a circuit as a result of a faulty cable causing a safety hazard, temporary overhead cables can be installed until such time as the cable fault is attended to. Note that it is not always possible to install temporary overhead cables.

All knockdowns and emergencies are responded to when we are notified of them and are made safe.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive when the tree stump outside **(details supplied)** Gairdini Lein, Raheny will be removed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Stumps can only be removed once they have degraded enough to allow for their safe removal without damaging infrastructure especially underground services. This process can take a number of years. The stump at this location will be examined in the coming weeks to ascertain if it is ready for removal.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for the cleaning schedule for Mount Prospect Lawns to be increased in frequency. There is a bin at the start of the road and a lot of wrappers, empty alcohol bottles and from time-to-time bags of waste are dumped along the start of the road. A couple of bags of bottles were also present on the road for months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels in Mount Prospect Lawns and arrange extra cleaning there when necessary.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to turn St. Lawrence Road into an ACA to facilitate (for example) residents who wish to install solar panels without having to go through the planning process?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There was an objective in the previous Dublin City Development Plan ,2011-2017 (Appendix 11) that during the lifetime of the Plan properties would be deleted from the RPS and replaced with Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA's) on the grounds that these buildings were considered to be of local importance rather than of national or regional importance.

However, almost all of the buildings on St. Lawrence Road remain on the RPS, and the current Development Plan does not identify the street as a proposed ACA, in order to concentrate resources on the older historic areas of the Central Area. The review of the current Development Plan has now commenced, with public consultation up to 22nd February, during which submissions in relation to requests for future ACAs may be made. However to enable solar panels to be installed without going through the normal planning process would necessitate the buildings being removed from the RPS, which involves individual notification to all the owners.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trees from DCC owned land which overhang into Belgrove Park, Clontarf to be trimmed and cut back

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This large gated apartment complex is bounded on three sides by public trees and it is unclear where the issue is located. If the councillor contacts the undersigned with the specific location of concern we will further investigate the matter.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed reply as to why DCC planning is recommending developments in excess of the Dublin City Council height guideline of six stories as per the approved voted for in 2016. There is one development in Collins Avenue and Swords Road and there is concern that more developments will be recommended that are higher than the approved City Height guidelines.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In December 2018, the Minister published Height Guidelines under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, with the objective of securing more compact growth in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework. These Guidelines outline strategic policy considerations that are to be applied alongside the statutory development plan. They include a number of Specific Planning Policy Requirements (SPPRs) in relation to height which take precedence over any conflicting, policies and objectives of development plans, local area plans and strategic development zone planning schemes, as well as a set of performance driven criteria. The Guidelines state that where the planning authority or An Bord Pleanala consider that such performance criteria are appropriately incorporated into development proposals, the planning authority or the Board shall apply the following SPPR in accordance with Section 28 (1C) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

It is a specific planning policy requirement that where; (A) 1. an applicant for planning permission sets out how a development proposal complies with the criteria above; and 2. the assessment of the planning authority concurs, taking account of the wider strategic and national policy parameters set out in the National Planning Framework

and these guidelines; then the planning authority may approve such development, even where specific objectives of the relevant development plan or local area plan may indicate otherwise.

In the case of the site located on the Swords Road / Collins Avenue, it met all the stipulated criteria for height and was in accordance with the Height Guidelines, hence, planning permission was granted.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive what issues remain to be resolved by the Planning Enforcement Section in respect of a property at **(details supplied)**? Can the developer be made repair a breach in the wall at this location? Do these works require planning permission? Is this property being considered for homeless accommodation by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive? Has Dublin City Council signed a contract for such accommodation with the developer and if this is the case, what is the date of this contract? Can local consultation take place regarding any plans by the DRHE for this building?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied 1) was presented in June 2020 by the owners to the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) Facilities Team, as a potential guesthouse which could be used for emergency accommodation. Local stakeholders became aware of the proposal to use this guesthouse by way of a contract, on an agreed nightly rate for bed and breakfast. A commitment was given by senior management to await clarification from DCC's planning Department in relation to the proposed works and confirmation that these works were exempted development before a final decision was made.

The owners of **(details supplied 1)**, submitted two Section V applications in November 2020 to Dublin City Council's Planning Department in relation to refurbishment works to the guesthouse. The proposed works were declared to be exempt development in November 2020.

The proposed works relate to the upgrade of this guesthouse and the DRHE were not involved in these Section V submissions and or determining the proposed schedule of works to this listed property.

A Section V submission, was also made by local stakeholders, on the 24th November 2020, to the Planning Department, querying whether or not the change of use of **(details supplied 2)** (Protected Structure) at **(details supplied 1)** from a guesthouse to a residential facility for accommodation of the homeless, is or is not development, and is or is not exempted development for the purposes of the Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended.

This proposed use of this guesthouse, as emergency accommodation, is now on hold, until the outcome of the current Section V submission. Consultation with local residents and public representatives can be organised if the DRHE intends to use this property.

The opening in the boundary wall has been repaired. This was confirmed at a recent inspection in December.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an approximate sum of cost that has been paid by Dublin City Council in vat? Please note this is referring VAT/TAX paid on services and supplied not that which is charged to customers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The approximate amount paid by Dublin City Council in VAT on goods and services in the year from November 2019 and October 2020 was €50.6m.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to obtain advice on its obligation to pay VAT/TAX as a local government body taking into account the EU ruling that the Council itself must charge VAT to ensure it does not gain an unfair advantage. It does not address the fact that the Local Authority is being charged VAT itself for services used within its duty as a local government and with particular attention to vat paid by the council in the construction of council owned homes. If the Minister for Public Expenditure could be written to seeking that an exemption system or a claim system would be put in place as VAT is prohibiting the construction of affordable social homes in the Capital City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under S 14 of the VAT Consolidation Act 2010, a public body such as Dublin City Council is not treated as a taxable person (i.e. is not within the scope of VAT) in respect of any activity, or transaction that is carried out by it in, or is closely linked to, the exercise by that public body of particular rights or powers conferred on it by any enactment, except where not treating that public body as a taxable person in respect of that activity or transaction creates or would likely create a significant distortion of competition. If the council is not treated as a taxable person in respect of an activity or transaction, then the Council does not charge VAT on its sales.

Prior to the enactment of the 2010 VAT Consolidation Act, Public Bodies were only required to register and account for VAT on reverse charge basis in respect of certain services received from abroad and also on the supply and installation of goods by non-established suppliers. With effect from September 2008, public bodies were also required to register and account for VAT on the reverse charge basis on payments made to subcontractors where the contracts were covered by Relevant Contract Tax Law.

The VAT treatment as set out under S 14 of the VAT Consolidation Act 2010 was introduced as a result of a European Court of Justice ruling against Ireland in relation to the Irish VAT Law treatment of State bodies as accountable persons. The appropriate change was made by means of the Finance Act 2010, and S14 of VAT Act 2010 which amended Irish VAT Act to ensure that State bodies are made subject to VAT where they engage in activities other than in their capacity as a public authority and in the case of their capacity as a public authority, when their treatment as non-taxable person could lead to a distortion of competition. Local Authorities are treated as taxable bodies in relation to the operation of Golf Courses, Leisure Centres, Car parks, Waste collection, Civic Amenities, Hiring / Renting of premises.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the Report of the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) which gives Dublin City Council a disappointing satisfaction rating of 11% – by far the lowest of all local authorities in the country; and if he will state what steps he is taking to address the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Dublin City Council received an overall satisfaction rating of 57% however did receive a disappointing score of 11% in relation to households feeling well informed by the local authority.

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

Q.40 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to conduct a survey of Dublin City, its streets and public places with a view to providing a number of modern public toilets serviced and maintained on a daily basis with proper sanitisation and hygiene standards.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is currently examining how to improve the provision of toilet facilities in the city in the context of the need for any services that are provided are of a high standard that are safe, hygienic, family friendly and appropriately located.

There are currently temporary public toilet facilities located at Stephens Green and Wolfe Tone Square. The units contain 7 toilet facilities in total, including a wheelchair accessible unit at each location. The units are in operation between 10am and 8pm daily.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if we will instruct Waste Management companies to replace their plastic bags with biodegradable bags.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council will establish whether authorised waste collectors are using biodegradable bags for the different waste streams, residual, recycling and organic and examine whether it has the legal basis to issue such an instruction and what the benefits and impact of this would be.

While waste bags are in widespread use in the city centre and the north and south inner city the majority of waste collected in the Dublin City Council area is collected in wheeled bins or commercial bins. Within the domestic and commercial wheeled bins used for residual waste the bags used may be of any type that is in use in the household or business. Within domestic recycling bins bags are not used and within organic bins any bags that are used for food or organic waste must be biodegradable.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to request the Minister for Housing to ensure that local authority staff are enabled to inspect the interiors of buildings being considered for addition to the RPS.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive will write to the Minister requesting that future legislative reviews of the Planning and Development Acts consider including a change to enable local authority staff to require access for the purposes of assessment for considering making a recommendation on whether or not to include the structure on the RPS.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if any legal letters have been received by Dublin city Council warning of legal action in relation to the implementation of cycling lanes and other traffic measures within the city centre and the Sandymount area? Also, can the CEO give sight of these correspondences?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Two legal letters have been received by Dublin City Council in relation to the Cycle Track on Strand Road, we have checked with the Law Department regarding if we can release them and they have said we cannot release them.

We have received one relating to other infrastructure in the city but that was several months ago.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the issues that are delaying the transferring of the Little Museum of Dublin into the premises next door to it. Both buildings are owned by Dublin City Council and there appears to be an undue delay with regards this transfer process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposal for the surrender by Taxback Limited and The Little Museum of Dublin Limited of the leases on their respective buildings and the grant of new leases to Taxback Limited in respect of 15 St. Stephens Green (part of) and to The Little Museum of Dublin Limited in respect of 14 St. Stephens Green was assented to by the City Council at its meeting held on 1st October 2018. The Law Agent was then instructed to prepare the new leases.

The transfer of the buildings was conditional, inter alia, on the parties agreeing a mechanism for the transfer of their respective businesses taking into account the fact that the two buildings required a programme of works to refit and make each suitable for their future intended purposes.

A fundamental element of the agreed proposal was the provision of disability access to 14 St. Stephens Green which works required the replacement of existing stairways and the installation of a new passenger lift in the building.

The Little Museum of Dublin Limited lodged a planning application for these and additional works to improve fire safety in October 2019 (Ref. 4181/19). Dublin City Council granted planning permission for the proposed work in February 2020 but this decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanála by a third party (Ref. ABP-306808-20). Having considered the appeal An Bord Pleanála granted permission for the proposed works subject to conditions on 7th July 2020.

It is now necessary for Taxback Limited and The Little Museum of Dublin Limited to reach agreement on the detail of and a timescale for the carrying out of all the required works so that they will be in a position to surrender their existing leases and take up new leases of the respective buildings.

Until such time as it is notified that the parties have agreed this mechanism it is not possible for Dublin City Council to progress the grant of the new leases.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive, as a matter of urgency to initiate a set of by-laws, protocols and governance, that give protection to the many rough sleepers and homeless on our

streets from ad hoc voluntary groups, charitable organisations and others who constantly exploit the diabolical situation that many vulnerable rough sleepers and homeless people find themselves in for their own organisations and groups personal capital and profile. Many of these groups and individuals are unregulated in dealing with people on the streets. The local authority and the Dublin regional homeless executive have a statutory obligation and a care of duty to ensure that those that are interfacing as volunteers, as charitable organisations and individuals with homeless people on our streets are licensed, vetted and regulated by the statutory authority that is mandated by law to assist those in homelessness and those sleeping on our streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The making of by-laws is a reserved function of the elected members of Dublin City Council, as is the adoption of all major policy and operational programmes

In 2015 DRHE produced a Good Practice Guide for Volunteer Groups, which was updated in 2019. This guide outlines good practice and how to operate safely and effectively while engaging in street outreach to people who are homeless. This guidance outlines clearly, services that are available and how to access them, what to do in the event of scenarios the groups may encounter and how to respond to vulnerable persons. Several volunteer outreach groups have adopted this good practice guide to inform their work.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report and update with regards media reports of an illegal occupation of the Ivy markets building and that this report also include a full update on the legal proceedings that are taking place in relation to Dublin City Councils claim on this market building and any other legal matters on this issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council was notified on the 8th December 2020 by representatives of Lord Iveagh that Lord Iveagh had invoked the "Reverter" clause contained in the original Deed of Conveyance dated 17/7/1906 (Lord Iveagh to Dublin Corporation). The Council was informed that as the Iveagh Market building has ceased to be used as a market for a considerable number of years, Lord Iveagh has, in accordance with the terms contained in the Deed of Conveyance, repossessed the property.

Currently the Council has been served with two High Court Judicial Review proceedings: one against the invalidation of a planning application which included the Iveagh Market and the other in relation to a Vacant Site Levy demanded in respect of Mother Redcaps. A Plenary Summons has also been served on the Council in respect of the Iveagh Market. All of these proceedings are sub judice and are being dealt with by the Council's legal advisors.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive, despite asking this alternative to be taken on at SEAC meetings, to bring the Strand Road cycle route system to the NTA who have spent multiple millions on Bus Connects proposals, but I ask why the NTA cannot fund the more appropriate route through promenade and a new system leading to east link bridge so that cyclists can travel safely across to and from the north and south side.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The NTA are funding the trial Strand Road cycle route and are in support of this scheme, in conjunction with this they are also funding the examinations of the more permanent options along the East Coast from the East Link to the DLRCC boundary.

A technical consultant will be appointed in 2021 to advance the design and environmental assessment of any option prior to full detailed design.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council planning, conservation, heritage, culture, arts departments, are concerned in any way about the heritage and environmental impact of the NTA detrimental proposals through Kimmage-Rathmines, for example, Victorian urban villages and all the residential zones close to city centre. In particular, in relation to the new Development Plan?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All relevant departments of Dublin City Council including Planning / Conservation and Parks / Landscape Services are working with the National Transport Authority and contributing to the consultation process for the Bus Connects project. Dublin City Council will continue to engage as the project evolves and moves into the statutory phase before An Bord Pleanála; when all interested parties, including Dublin City Council, will be given the opportunity to highlight areas of concern and opportunities to improve Bus Connectivity within the City.

The new City Development Plan is currently at pre-draft stage and is out on public consultation until 22nd February. All submissions including those relating to public transport and heritage will be taken into account by the City Council.

The Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 (the Development Plan) recognises the need for an efficient, integrated, and coherent transport network as a critical component of the Development Plan's Core Strategy. The following Mobility and Transport policies of the Development Plan are relevant to this issue:

- MT1 DCC commitment to supporting higher-level spatial and transport plans including the National Transport Authority's (NTA) "*Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035*".
- MT4 DCC support for the expansion of the bus and rail-based public transport network.
- MT6 DCC commitment to collaborate with state agencies in the delivery of public transport projects.

On 15 December 2020, the review of the Development Plan commenced. As part of the preparation of the new Development Plan 2020 – 2026 the above policy position will be reviewed to ensure that it meets the requirements of national and regional planning policy and guidance.

The concept of Transport Orientated Development (TOD) will be a central policy tenant of the forthcoming Development Plan. TOD is a form of urban development that seeks to maximise the provision of housing, employment, public services, and leisure space within proximity to transport nodes (e.g. rail and/or bus) that are serviced by frequent, high-quality services.

Within this context, DCC will be reviewing the TOD potential of existing and planned public transport infrastructure by seeking to maximise the redevelopment/regeneration opportunities within proximity to transport nodes associated with the Bus Connects Project.

In January 2020, under section 44(2)(a) of the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 (the Act), the National Transport Authority (NTA) were given the function of providing

the public transport infrastructure comprising of the Bus Connects Dublin Core Bus Corridor projects.

In the case of each of the 16 Core Bus Corridors, the functions to be undertaken by the NTA include, undertaking the full design and planning process for the relevant public transport infrastructure, seeking (and obtaining) all development consents (and, to the extent necessary, related compulsory acquisition approvals) from An Bord Pleanála's, in addition to subsequently procuring the required construction on the individual Core Bus Corridors (if approved).

As part of the development consent process, Dublin City Council will be making a corporate response to each of the 16 Core Bus Corridors to ensure that the spatial and environmental impacts of the projects are assessed and mitigated in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if city council public toilets section is aware of the email sent to some councillors and if it is of interest to assist the public health system. Information included here **(details supplied)**:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Waste Management Division have made initial contact with these suppliers to examine the solutions outlined in the correspondence sent to councillors and will make further enquiries as are appropriate in the context of developing any procurement of such facilities.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive, regarding the redevelopment of Oliver Bond, could the Chief Executive address the following:

a) What will DCC do in the short-term to overcome persistent issues of damp, windows needing upgrading and ongoing difficulties with rat infestations in the complex before the redevelopment begins? A timeline of 10-15 years which has been mooted in the media is unacceptable to deal with these ongoing issues in need of urgent attention.

b) What is the current proposed breakdown of one, two and three bed units in the final scheme? How will this accommodate the demographics and needs of the existing community?

c) Will the public housing in the South West Inner City coming on stream be utilised during the de-tenanting process? Are there particular sites which have been earmarked for this?

d) Will residents who are living in certain blocks have the right to return to those blocks once the redevelopment is complete?

e) Can DCC commit to investing in digital tools, such as CGIs of proposed improvements and 3D architectural visualisation, for the plans so that residents can gain a better understanding of what exactly they are being consulted on and imagine how things will look once completed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A. Rodent Issue:** Housing Maintenance are working closely with the local residents' group to resolve this issue. We have made our bins pest proof, we have increased the amount of collections in the week from 2 to 3, we have also corresponded with tenants

on this matter and are working closely with the HSE in relation to any reporting of rats in this complex.

Window Issue: The windows are only changed as the units become void.

- B. As the redevelopment of Oliver Bond is only at feasibility stage, it is too early to give a definitive breakdown of units in the final scheme. However, great consideration will be given to reconciling the unit breakdown with the existing community and local demand for housing.
- C. It is envisaged that the Housing and Community Service's Department will secure outline approval (stage 1 approval) from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for this regeneration project and that all public housing options will be considered and utilised as appropriate to implement a de-tenanting programme.
- D. The Housing and Community Services Department will always try to accommodate tenants back to their original blocks where feasible.
- E. The Housing and Community Services Department has invested in a physical 3D model and is now using innovative IT solutions to facilitate online consultation. It is also considering how best to consult with residents and collaborate with the Robert Emmet CDP while ensuring compliance with Covid-19 public health guidelines

Q.51 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive, regarding the proposed development at **(details supplied)** Blackpitts, Dublin 8 (Planning Ref: 2654/20), the plans look fantastic and it is very welcome to see the development of a mosque for Dublin 8's growing Muslim community as well as the provision for much-needed housing above the ground floor level. The Planning Authority raised "serious concerns regarding the overall height of the development and the transition in scale between the proposed building and adjacent two storey houses." Can the Chief Executive provide justification as to why after raising "serious concerns" about the height, the Planning Authority only recommended a reduction of one storey in height?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I can confirm that the applicant was requested to submit Further Information in relation to this application on 17th July 2020 and to address two issues, (1) the overall height and (2) potential overlooking. This information was submitted on 3rd December. It is not considered appropriate to comment at this stage on the request for Further Information as the application is still being assessed.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive, following the Minister's "de-facto ban" on future co-living developments, can the Chief Executive provide Dublin City Council's perspective on proposed plans to include co-living/shared living as part of the redevelopment of the Player Wills Factory? While pre-planning consultation has been underway for some time, planning was not lodged prior to the Minister's decision, therefore any plans that include co-living/shared living would fall foul of the Minister's ban. Can the Chief Executive clarify whether this is DCC's understanding?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD issued a press release on the 23rd November 2020 confirming that he is proposing to amend the 2018 Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments,

Guidelines for Planning Authorities, by restricting all future commercial shared accommodation/ co-living developments in Ireland.

The amended Apartment Guidelines were published on 23rd December 2020, and contain a new Specific Planning policy Requirement (SPPR 9) as follows:

“There shall be a presumption against granting planning permission for shared accommodation/co-living development unless the proposed development is either:-

- i. required to meet specific demand identified by a local planning authority further to a Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) process;

or,

- ii. on the date of publication of these updated Guidelines, a valid planning application to a planning authority, appeal to An Bord Pleanála, or strategic housing development (SHD) planning application to An Bord Pleanála, in which case the application or appeal may be determined on its merits.”

As the planning application for the Player Will’s site including the factory was lodged prior to the finalisation of the updated Guidelines, it is the understanding of the City Council that the application may be determined by An Bord Pleanála on its merits.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look into **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have no records of these requests but have now logged both for inspection and will carry out these works once the Level 5 Restrictions have been lifted.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look into this urgent issue **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Flood Projects & Water Framework Division of Dublin City Council will investigate this immediately **(details supplied)**.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look into the following housing issue **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Housing Allocations have been actively engaging with the applicants and they have been nominated for a 2-bed Senior Citizens unit in **(details supplied)**.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the possibility of doing some serious tree planting inside the Lawn’s Park along Clifden Road Ballyfermot with a specific focus inside the Park perimeter opposite Oranmore Road, Raheen Park & Clifden Drive. This area of the Park is the poor relation when it comes to tree planting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Parks will plant trees at the above location during the coming planting season.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for renovation works at a location **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area is not under the management Parks Service and may be in the charge of the Dublin Port Company.

This matter will be examined by the South East Area Public Domain unit with a view to improving the look of the roundabout referred to.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for cycle lane posts to be more luminous, by paint or otherwise, so that they can be better seen by partially sighted pedestrians as the reflective strip that is currently on them only works for drivers and not pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cycle lane delineators are installed on the carriageway to protect cyclists from other vehicular traffic by providing segregation. The upright elements have reflective material attached to them. This retroreflective material can be seen at night-time. All of the products that are being used have EU approved safety data sheets. Notwithstanding this, installation of the delineators is kept away from pedestrian crossing points and are therefore not considered to impinge on the needs for pedestrians.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for urgent action to address the rodent problem at a location **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This complex has been baited for rodents. Housing Maintenance will arrange for the Mobile Crew to investigate this further.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the urgent installation of a Pedestrian Crossing outside **(details supplied)** as there has been a number of worrying issues involving trucks in recent times.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area engineer attended a site visit at the end of November, 2020 he is aware of the issues parents with small children have expressed regarding the morning and afternoon collection of pupils to and from **(details supplied 1)**.

The area engineer is of the opinion it is not advisable to proceed with a pedestrian crossing near **(details supplied 1)** until all ongoing construction works near the school are completed.

The area engineer has recommended a pedestrian crossing on **(details supplied 2)**, in the Programme of Works 2021. The provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location will be subject to available funding.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive, in regard to the Protected Structure St. Pappan's Church (RPS_482) could the Chief Executive state what measure could be put in place in the next City Development Plan through zoning or other mechanisms to better protect St.

Pappan's Church and environs from insensitive development that would protect from this important Protected Structure and can he make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

St. Pappans Church has a number of layers of protection under the current City Development Plan. It is on the RPS; it has a designation as a National Monument; is surrounded by lands zoned Z9 (open space) and has a specific designation as a conservation area (shown by horizontal red lines) which protects the setting of the building. All of these designations will have to be taken into account and responded to in any future planning application on the adjoining lands.

This area will be reviewed as part of the 2022 Development Plan preparation, and what further options (if any) to provide additional protection will be considered.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive, in regard to the important ancient tree and local landmark at (9QW4+RG Church Lane, Santry, Dublin 9, 1st Tree on the left heading towards the church) what measures including the making of a Tree Protection Order or other mechanisms could be put in place to protect this tree and can he carry out a site inspection and make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

St. Pappans Church has a number of layers of protection under the current City Development Plan. It is on the RPS; it has a designation as a National Monument; is surrounded by lands zoned Z9 (open space) and has a specific designation as a conservation area (shown by horizontal red lines) which protects the setting of the building. The tree referred to is sited on public open space and is zoned Z9, and is considered to be well protected by the current zoning policy. This area will be reviewed as part of the 2022 Development Plan preparation, and what further options (if any) to provide additional protection will be considered.

All trees located on Dublin City Council open space are protected by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services. Parks services must be notified of any potential works carried out near or around publicly owned trees.

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services have recently published a tender for a 4 year single party framework agreement for the provision of arborist services to conduct a yearly inventory and ground based visual assessment of approximately 4,000 publically owned trees. All data will be recorded on our Arbortrack tree recording system. This will offer an additional level of protection once captured on our system which is particularly relevant to significant trees, as outlined above.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to state whether any traffic modelling work has been undertaken on the impact or restricting private cars from heading east from Bachelor's Walk to Eden Quay as was outlined in the 2016 Dublin City Centre Traffic Management Study, and if so can he summarise same and outline the benefits and challenges that this might raise.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the time there was no modelling work carried out on this proposal and this was because interventions on the Quays to reduce private traffic was necessary in order to allow the Luas cross city to operate. Therefore the measure was a traffic reduction measure which was required for public transport to operate and as such was needed

to ensure the project was a success. The reduction in traffic by converting one lane to a bus lane and the implementation of a right turn ban for general traffic at O'Connell Bridge were will intended to reduce general traffic and it has succeeded in this aim.

It will be necessary to revisit if there should be a ban on general traffic along Bachelors Walk to Eden Quay to allow better walking and cycling provision in the area and this will be looked at during 2021.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a strategy around additional public lighting in our parks especially those located close to transport hubs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

If there is a specific location where public lighting is sought to provide access after dark to transport hubs we will consider the merit of such a request in consultation with the Environment and Transport Department.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many apartments will be given to DCC on the development on **(details supplied)** under the part 5 obligation and where on the site will these be located.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council are currently in negotiations with the developer regarding their obligation to comply with Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The developer is obliged to provide up to 10% of units, which equates to approximately 48 units at this development. No agreement has been made as yet.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what is the status of 5 tonne vehicles being allowed to use in **(details supplied)** and who is responsible for monitoring this restriction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a 3.5 tonne limit on **(details supplied)**, however exceptions to this are enshrined in the regulations for the purposes of access. For example if there are building works being carried out on the road or access is needed for local deliveries or bin lorries etc., the restriction does not apply. An Gardaí are responsible for enforcing the restriction.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what are the plans for outside **(details supplied)** under the COVID mobility scheme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The School Zones initiative, created by the NTA in collaboration with Green-Schools, aims to create a safer, calmer and more attractive environment outside of schools. The School Zone design gives priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school, and prioritise active travel (walking and cycling) to and from school. In addition, reducing traffic at school gates significantly improves air quality further improving quality of life for children and all others in the vicinity.

Both **(details supplied)** have applied for a School Zone. The location is currently being assessed by our technical team.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to extend the Dublin Bike scheme. If not, are there any plans to enter into discussions with NTA for possible funding stream as a means of encouraging active travel.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

The fees generated from memberships, journey costs and other sources would not be sufficient to cover the increased operational costs using the current business model of the scheme. The scheme must remain financially sustainable to avoid impacting on other important services that Dublin City Council must provide in the city. Alternative financing and operational models are therefore being examined. This work is ongoing and is in addition to measures to finance the existing bike scheme in its current format. A further factor that must be considered is the impact of station less bike hire on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of station extension outside the current catchment.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive the status of a traffic survey which was promised to be carried out on Botanic Avenue before COVID 19 hit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer has reported that a traffic survey will be carried out on Botanic Avenue in due course.

The Councillor will be informed of the survey results on completion. The Reference number for this request is 7018507.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise of how often an audit takes place of all city council housing stock; to report on the current condition of its stock and if he will make a statement on the matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

During 2018 and 2019, the Housing Maintenance Section carried out a conditional survey of our entire Housing Stock. The total number of surveys carried out was 21,850, which is 86% of our Housing Stock. We will continue trying to gain access to the remaining number of units that have not yet been surveyed.

A sizeable proportion our social housing stock was constructed between 1930 and 1977 accounting for 50% of the total and 81% of dwellings were built before the introduction of the Building Regulations in 1991 (22,575 units).

Our conditional surveys found shortcomings in areas such as:

Structural Condition

There were issues with leaks on roofs in some apartment complexes. We have re-laid numerous roofs in the last 4 years at a cost of €3.5 million. We have identified other works of this type at an estimated cost of €12.5 million that will be addressed in the coming years.

Heating Facilities

Since 2017 to date, we have replaced/upgraded about 3,500 of our domestic boiler stock to high-energy efficiency boilers, which represents 17% of our total domestic boiler stock. Currently there is an annual budget of €3 Million for boiler replacements that predominantly cover reactive replacements as they arise on an operational basis. Below is the breakdown and summary of findings resulting from the survey of dwellings.

<1% of current DCC domestic boiler stock comprising of 16 individual boilers are currently over 30 years old, as such these will be targeted for replacement with a new planned maintenance programme.

The estimated cost to carry out a full system upgrade of these units is estimated in the region of €80,000. We plan to replace these in 2021.

2% of current DCC domestic boiler stock comprising of 368 individual boilers are currently over 25 years old, as such these should be targeted for replacement with a new planned maintenance programme. The estimated cost to carry out a full system upgrade of these units is estimated to be in the region of €1.9 Million. If funding was available, these could be replaced in 2021-2022.

30% of current DCC domestic boiler stock comprises of 6,110 individual boilers and are currently over 20 years old, as such these could be targeted for replacement with a new planned maintenance programme. The estimated cost to carry out a full system upgrade of these units is estimated to be in the region of €30.5 Million.

54% of current domestic boiler stock comprising of 11,174 individual boilers are currently over 15 years old, in the coming short term these will add to the current 20-year-old stock and as such will increase the number that could be targeted for replacement with a new planned maintenance programme. The estimated cost to carry out a full system upgrade of these units is estimated in the region of €55.8 Million.

The remaining 13% of current domestic boiler stock comprising of 2,995 individual boilers are currently less than 15 years old.

In summary, 66% of current DCC domestic boiler stock comprising of 13,658 individual boilers are currently over 10 years old and 34% of current DCC domestic boiler stock comprising of 7,005 individual boilers are under 10 years old.

Procurement via an open tender for domestic boiler replacements and gas heating system upgrades is currently being mobilised to go to tender in Q1 2021 and is envisaged to run for 4 years. Progress on this programme will be dependent on the necessary funding/finance being available.

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme is designed to reduce unnecessary energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and demands for non-renewable resources in Dublin City Councils housing stock.

It also provides tenants with healthier living conditions and offers significant money savings in heating costs.

The programme has been rolled out so far in two phases:

Phase One

Phase one of the programme involved the following upgrades:

Cavity Wall Fill Insulation

300mm Attic, Tanks and Pipes Insulation
Roof and Wall Ventilation
Draught Proofing
Cylinder Lagging Jackets

Phase One is now complete which saw 8,057 units (Houses) upgraded.

Phase Two

Phase Two of the programme involves the following upgrades:

- External Wall Insulation
- 300mm Attic, Tanks and Pipes Insulation
- Roof and Wall Ventilation
- Draught Proofing
- Lagging Jackets
- Windows and Doors where required
- Heat Pumps
- Boiler replacements where required

Phase Two has seen 814 units upgraded to date that means that 70% of our Houses have now been upgraded under this very successful programme. We are currently awaiting on funding approval from the Department of Housing in order to complete Phase two of the programme.

Ventilation

Following on from the surveys, we have installed over 1000 mechanical fans in our dwellings, mainly apartments and are continuing to install more where needed. We are currently spending €350,000 per annum on this programme.

Fire Safety

The survey identified deficiencies in relation to self-contained fire detection and alarm systems. We have now spent €7.5 million upgrading smoke alarms and heat detectors in over 5000 units across the city. Our planned works over the next decade in the area of general Fire Safety will require in the region of €78 million and such a programme will take a number of years unless funding to do it in the shorter term can be sourced.

Windows

In general, where possible we are changing all single glazed windows to double-glazing. Since 2018, we have changed over 800 units in the city. The estimated costs for this work is around €3.6 million. We have a budget of €300,000 set aside for 2021.

Housing Maintenance are committed to improving our aging stock, however in order to achieve this, a large investment is required to bring our homes up to current standards. This investment needs to come either from Government grants or from increased income from housing rents or from both.

We will be reporting to the Housing SPC in the early months of this year on this important issue.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update & progress on the meetings of the Oscar Traynor all party working group; to provide an update on the meeting with Minister Darragh O'Brien; to advise regarding the future of this site and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is still under active consideration, while discussions are ongoing, no definitive outcomes on the future of this site can currently be reported. Additional clarification will be required prior to the issuing of any further statement, on this matter, to the councillor.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in tabular format of the amounts outstanding in development contributions/levies from developers; to provide a breakdown of the length of time this money is outstanding for and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested will be sent to the Councillor in the next two weeks.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise of the cost of building housing. The department of housing says it costs €181,000 to build a house in 2019. DCC are saying it costs double this amount. Can you explain why there is such a difference? Also, please provide a breakdown of both numbers in tabular format, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The figure of €181,000 as stated in your question relates to three Housing Schemes completed in 2019. One of the schemes included refers to a refurbishment project, not a New Build project and the unit costs are much lower. This fact distorts the overall unit cost of the three schemes. Also the schemes involved were tendered for back in 2017 when construction cost were a good deal lower. The two New Build schemes consisted of houses rather than apartments. Houses are cheaper to build, most of our New Builds are apartments since then.

The figure given also does not include the totality of all-in-costs that must be included to calculate the full unit construction cost. Accordingly, the figure of €181,000 would represent an absolute unrealistic cost for constructing a new housing unit in Dublin at the beginning of this month (December).

The Department of Housing published a revised unit cost figure for Dublin City at €383,000 and this is a much more realistic figure. However, we do expect that the ultimate unit all-in-cost for schemes currently undergoing in the city will have an average figure of well over €400,000.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding plans to roll out an affordable housing scheme in Dublin City and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Department have appointed a design team to develop an affordable housing scheme at Cherry Orchard and two sites at Ballymun. Based on current programme, the Part 8 process for the three sites will commence in Quarter 3 2021, with tenders for the development of the schemes and infrastructural works to issue in Quarter 1 2022.

Approval in principle has been received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Services Sites Fund for the infrastructure requirements for the development.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update re: plans to build a large skate park on the Northside similar to the one in Ballyfermot; to advise on the proposed park in mind for such a project; can the existing skate park in Fairview be the location and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As reported to the December North Central Area Committee there are not many skatepark facilities around the city but Fairview is fortunate in that it has one which is well used. It would not be feasible to construct a 'bowl' as has recently been completed in LeFanu park, Ballyfermot because Fairview is a former landfill. Plans could be considered for an appropriate extension.

The concept of a Ballyfermot Lefanu type skatepark in the North Central area will be considered in the context of future years capital funding. In 2021, progress could be made in identifying alternative and suitable sites.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update re: number of inspections of illegal short term let's (Air B & B's) in 2019 & 2020; to advise of the enforcement and legal action taken and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since the New Short Term Letting Regulations were introduced in July 2019, Dublin City Council have investigated 822 properties for alleged Short Term Letting use. 25 Enforcement Notices have issued and 4 prosecutions have been initiated.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise re: planning enforcement at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This property appears to have been taken down in 1998 due to safety concerns in the area. The apartments that were built on the site and adjoining lands were built pursuant to a 2001 planning application. To initiate enforcement action now regarding the Condition relating to the erection of a plaque on the site given that almost 20 years have passed would not be enforceable.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER

To ask the Chief Executive to state the total amount of outstanding library items, and fines due, and state whether in light of the Covid Pandemic he might consider a time-limited amnesty for the return of books and other borrowed items?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Fines on overdue library books were abolished in January 2019 and there are no fines due.

In response to the closure of libraries during the pandemic the dates for the return of library items were extended on a rolling basis. We will continue to extend the due dates until opening hours have returned to normal.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can set out in tabular form the estimated average delivery cost per unit to Dublin City Council for each specific separate 'Scheme' detailed in pages 2 – 13 of Report No. 340/2020 under the heading 'Scheme'.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Deputy Chief Executive is preparing a report on costs associated with the delivery of social housing. On completion the report will be circulated to City Councillors.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive, further to replies provided to question 138 on the 7th of December 2020 where it was confirmed that Glenveagh were informed via etenders of their status of Preferred Bidder on August 13th 2020 why a similar report to Report No.310/2020 was not placed on the agenda of Dublin City Council's monthly meeting on the 14th of September 2020 or 5th of October 2020; if he can detail what were the material reasons which caused the delay in the placing such a report on either of these agendas; if he can provide a copy of the report sent to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage following the decision adopted by the council on Report No.310/2020 on the 16th of November 2020.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Report No. 310/2020 was submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001. The purpose of the report was to outline the terms on which the site, as identified, could be disposed. The report outlined the context of the disposal along with 22 terms and conditions, under which the disposal would take place.

Those terms and conditions are part of the Development Agreement and could not be ratified until **after** the formal confirmation that Glenveagh were identified as the preferred bidders.

Those terms and conditions were not agreed in time for a report in either September or October, hence the report in November.

No new report on the Oscar Traynor Road, section 183 proposal, has been issued to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to date.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive, further to the update given to me in December that the Covid Mobility Team are discussing the options available and the feasibility of a Covid Interim Mobility Scheme on Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 with external consultants, if he can outline when it is anticipated that such a scheme will in fact be proposed or indicated to both councillors and residents given the ongoing safety concerns in respect of that road and the priority afforded to it as part of the neighbourhood transport scheme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A preliminary report outlining feasibility and potential solutions is expected to be completed and submitted to the Mobility Team in the next two weeks. Once this report is received by the Mobility Team, it will be reviewed and discussed internally and subsequently discussed with Elected Councillors. Following these discussions a more accurate timeframe on the scheme can be outlined.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if written replies can be furnished to SAMRA in respect of each question listed in the attached document entitled 'STRAND RD CYCLEWAY Consultation Forum Questions.doc' and provided to SAMRA in advance of the next community forum meeting; if written replies can be supplied to the STC Community Group to attached document entitled 'STC Questions' **(please see attached documents)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Responses will be provided to SAMRA and the STC Community and are also included with this response **(please see attachments)**.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the progress to date made to establish Dublin as a WHO Healthy City? Has a dedicated staff been given the job? To provide details for staff to contact in relation with WHO Dublin Healthy City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Healthy Ireland (HI) Coordinator post has been established from October 2020 under the Local and Community Development Committee (LCDC) structure. The Healthy Ireland (HI) Coordinator is engaged in delivering the LCDC work programme established under Round 3 Healthy Ireland funding arrangements including administration of the Community Resilience Fund with its emphasis on supporting community and voluntary group's activities under government's *Keep Well* campaign. The WHO Dublin Healthy City initiative will be considered in more detail by the LCDC in January and as part of the planning for 2021.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to provide all details for the process the City would need to go through to revert an agreed twin city arrangement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The follow legislation outlines the process a local authority must follow when entering into a twinning arrangement, however there is no detail outlining the process to revert an agreed twin city arrangement set out in the Legislation.

Local Government Act 2001

Twinning of local authority areas.

75.—(1) A local authority may enter into arrangements for the twinning of its administrative area or a part of it or establish other similar links with any other area, whether within or outside the State.

(2) The decision to enter into an arrangement under *subsection (1)* is a reserved function.

(3) A local authority shall not enter into an arrangement under *subsection (1)* unless, having had regard to the following matters, it is satisfied that the arrangement is justified:

(a) the benefits likely to accrue to its administrative area and the local community,

(b) the social, cultural and general interests of its administrative area and the local community, and

(c) the total cost involved.

(4) The Minister may issue directions to local authorities or specified classes of local authorities for the purposes of this section.

(5) There shall be recorded in the annual report of a local authority for every year expenditure and other particulars in relation to the performance of its functions under this section.

The Law Agent advises the twinning of local authority areas is a reserved function of the elected members and revisiting such an important decision, which has legal effect, would require careful consideration. Given that the Minister has a role, it would be appropriate to give due notice to the Minister of any such proposal that was due to come before the Council. As there are a number of considerations elected members are required to take into account when approving a twinning agreement, these same considerations would also have to be reviewed, if there was any proposal to undo the twinning.

To initiate / amend a twinning cannot be facilitated by way of a motion as it is a reserved function of the elected members.

The role of Dublin City Council's International Relations falls under the remit of the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee, the Protocol Committee has requested that they be consulted on matters relating to Twinning.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Fruit & Vegetable market to this day. Has there been any consideration taken on board from the latest event with the Iveagh Market?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Redevelopment of the City Council owned Fruit and Vegetable Market is being progressed in conjunction with the Members Advisory Group for the Redevelopment of which the Councillor is a member.

As the Councillor will be aware from participation in that group, the approach to tender has been agreed. There is a shared wish to advance this project in a prompt fashion so the building does not lie vacant. We are currently holding meetings with internal stakeholders to agree the detail of that process. A further meeting of the Group will be held in advance of tender issue.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following as regards Clontarf Promenade Redevelopment. In addition to specific funding for flood protection, Irish Water, cycle route, etc. what other forms of funding are open to the City Council to apply for in order to transform this project from a flood defence project into a Promenade Redevelopment as agreed eight years ago?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current available budget for this project is approximately €12M - €13M. As part of the next phase of project development the North Central Area Office will undertake a scoping exercise to identify every possible available funding stream. All possible avenues will be explored including Central Government and European funding opportunities in the areas of climate change, flood mitigation, capital programmes, environment and transportation. Once complete a decision will be made on the most appropriate funds to pursue to provide as much additionally to the project as possible. It should be noted that the success rate of applications to funding streams can be mixed but no opportunity will be overlooked.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following please.

Given the environmental importance of St Anne's Park, its proximity to the North Bull Island and the fact that it is a Buffer Zone for the UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere, will the CEO:

- a) agree that a conservation and management plan is needed to ensure the Park is managed appropriately,
- b) commit to putting such a plan together, and
- c) agree that all proposed events and alterations to the Park be evaluated in light of the conservation and management objectives set down in that plan.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

St Anne's Park is part of an historic Guinness family demesne and designed landscape from the 19th century, the Red Stables is a protected structure so the park is important from a landscape and architectural conservation context. As a large public park with extensive woodlands, a range of other habitats and located within the buffer zone of the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere it also is hugely important for natural heritage.

The park is managed in the knowledge and understanding of the above context.

There was a management plan for the park published in 2006 and a key objective from that plan was the conservation and restoration of the follies which was carried out between 2018 and 2020.

It is agreed that this plan needs to be reviewed and updated and the matter will be discussed at the January North Central Area Committee meeting with a view to setting out a timeline for a new management plan which will also address built and natural heritage conservation objectives.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on DCC's policy in relation to provision of kiosks, mobile coffee shops, etc. in public parks and at playgrounds?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service receives frequent requests by mobile coffee operators to acquire a permit to operate in public parks and open spaces in the city. Where there is sufficient interest for such an offering the location is tendered on the basis of quality of product offering and income to the Council.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive can the dangerous potholes on both Wigan Road and Claude Road be repaired as a matter of urgency. Both roads are badly pitted and a danger to pedestrians and motorists alike.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request has been added to Confirm and shall be repaired within the next week.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive can the traffic calming/speed bumps on Prospect Avenue and Prospect Place be repaired as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request has been added to the Road Maintenance Services Asset Management Database. The speed ramps on Prospect Avenue and Prospect Place will be inspected and assessed. If necessary immediate repairs will be done, but depending on the extent of remedial work that may be required, ramps would be added to a works list to be completed on a priority basis.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive can additional lighting be provided on both Claude and Wigan Road. Both very dark and elderly residents worried about trips and falls.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lighting on Claude Road and Wigan Road was assessed and they are considered to be lit to an acceptable standard. We have no plans at present for any improvements here. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Public Lighting Services is currently involved in developing tender documentation to replace most of its existing non LED lights with LED lights over a five to six-year timescale. The lights on Claude Road and Wigan Road will be included in this project.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to reply to my question 33 of November North Central Area Committee regarding litter bin at **(details supplied)** and say if he can examine the location of same and ensure that persons in wheelchairs are not being blocked from footpath as a result of the location of the bin and say if he can re-examine the location as my constituent wheelchair user completely disagrees with the managers reply and if he can arrange to have an official contact my constituent directly in the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will make contact with the constituent directly and make arrangements to visit the location and ensure that if the location of the litter bin is required to be adjusted that this is done as quickly as possible.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to correspondence attached regarding local concerns about the high number of properties being leased in a concentrated area by Dublin City Council for homeless persons at **(details supplied)** (A) and say what consideration is being to the high concentration of same in this locality and the concerns of constituents as per attached and if he will take same into consideration in the context of using **(details supplied)** at (B) for homeless services and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is responsible for the planning, coordination, and administration of funding in relation to the provision of quality services to people who are homeless in the Dublin area. The DRHE sources accommodation in the private sector for use as emergency and long-term accommodation for Homeless Persons in response to the high numbers of people who continue to present to homeless services. These factors determine the requirement for the continued expansion of emergency service provision to ensure that those who find themselves in vulnerable situations have access to emergency accommodation.

(details supplied 1) was presented in June 2020 by the owners to the DRHE Facilities Team, as a potential guesthouse which could be used for emergency accommodation. Local stakeholders became aware of the proposal to use this guesthouse by way a contract, on an agreed nightly rate for bed and breakfast. A commitment was given by senior management to await clarification from DCC'S planning Department in relation to the proposed works and confirmation that these works were exempted development

The owners of **(details supplied 1)**, submitted two Section V applications in November 2020 to Dublin City Council's Planning Department in relation to refurbishment works to the guesthouse. The proposed works were declared to be exempt development in November 2020.

The proposed works relate to the upgrade of this guesthouse and the DRHE were not involved in these Section V submissions and or determining the proposed schedule of works to this listed property.

A Section V submission, was also made by local stakeholders, on the 24th November 2020, to the Planning Department, querying whether or not the change of use of **(details supplied 2)** (Protected Structure) at **(details supplied 1)** from a guesthouse to a residential facility for accommodation of the homeless, is or is not development, and is or is not exempted development for the purposes of the Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended.

The DRHE are responsible for two homeless services, **(details supplied 3)** and have discontinued the use of two other homeless services in **(details supplied 4)** in the last six months.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to large dip in the road at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to have same re-instated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will arrange for an inspection of this location to be carried out. Any defect(s) recorded at this inspection will be added to our works programme.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to **(details supplied)**, can the CE say if he will consider a neighbourhood traffic calming scheme or similar as residents are concerned about speeding traffic and the hazards that brings locally.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A speed survey will be carried out on **(details supplied)** in the coming weeks to assess the level of excessive vehicular speeds on this road. This will help inform the requirement for a traffic calming scheme in the area. Request Ref: 7018477.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to complete the dishing at **(details supplied)** this was started pre Covid but it was never completed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that the vehicular dishing was not completed in full between the driveway pillars due to the presence of elevated tree roots that were found at one end after the footpath was excavated and they had to be preserved for tree stability reasons.

Therefore, Road Maintenance Services will liaise with Parks Services in order for the later to assess the tree roots and thus allow Road Maintenance Services to complete in full the vehicular dishing between the driveway pillars.

Park services generally recommends providing a 250 cm buffer zone between the tree and the dishing area to avoid damage of tree roots during dishing process. All works should be carried out as per British Standards BS 5837:2012 which means that the

dishing will have to be carried without extensively damaging the roots system. Parks Services are happy to liaise with Roads section to resolve this issue.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide funding for recommended speed ramps at (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Installation of ramps on (details supplied) are included in our works programme for this year. It is anticipated that funding approval for all schemes on this works programme will be confirmed in the coming months.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the pothole at (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that this service request has been added to Road Maintenance Services work list and it will be scheduled for repair subject to a priority rating queue and the availability of a crew in the area.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to review the traffic lights timings at the junction of Seamus Ennis Road, Main Street Finglas, Mc Kee Avenue and Jamestown Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the response to the current covid19 public health emergency, Dublin City Council have reduced traffic signal cycle times across the city from a maximum of 120 seconds to a maximum of 80 seconds which reduces the amount of vehicle green signal time available each cycle of the signals. These measures are designed to make the pedestrian experience safer and more attractive as it has grown as a mode of transport in response to this crisis. The measures encourage more walking in the city and relieve pressure on public transport modes and avoid pedestrian congestion on footpaths, pinch points and narrow islands at crossings thereby better allowing for social distancing to occur.

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

In relation to the traffic signals at Finglas specifically, reducing the traffic signal cycle time to 80 seconds had caused some extra traffic congestion. Therefore measures were implemented to increase the traffic signal cycle time considerably but also permit the pedestrian only phase to run twice per signal cycle. This amendment has assisted traffic movements but also ensures pedestrians receive the same frequency of crossing opportunities.

Observation of the junction operation since implementing this change show it to have had a positive effect for all road users.

The prioritization of pedestrian safety will inevitably increase traffic journey time moving through the junction but as the most vulnerable road user mode, pedestrian priority is paramount.

We will continue to monitor the junction and make further interventions, as required, where possible within the current restrictions.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if removal of the tree at **(details supplied)** can be carried out as the resident was previously advised by DCC that the tree is a male tree and was planted in error despite not being suited to the area. It is causing issues with the pavement and wall at the adjoining property.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks services have inspected the subject tree and was found to be in a poor declining condition, it has been added to our Winter Tree Care program for removal subject to available resources. A replacement tree will be provided when the root plate of the previous tree occupying this pit has broken down sufficiently to allow a new tree to be planted.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to outline if he believes current legislation is sufficient in terms of dealing with loose horses and can he provide an update on DCC's efforts in controlling loose horses which are frequently left in poor conditions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council work under the Control of Horses Act 1996 to seize abandoned horses on public land. The Department of Agriculture and the DSPCA work under the Animal Welfare legislation.

The Dublin Region Horse Welfare Group was established in 2018 to improve equine welfare in the Dublin Region. Dublin City Council is represented on the this group along with senior staff members from the other three Dublin Local Authorities, the DSCPA, the Department of Agriculture, Irish horse welfare trust, Cherry Orchard Equine Centre, Fettercairn Youth Horse Project, Clondalkin Equine Club and UCD School of Veterinary Medicine. Dublin City Council is also represented on the Education Task Group which is a sub group of the working group. The Education Task Group has run 4 events since 2018 called "Horse Aware Week" (HAW). The aim is to educate children and young adults about responsible horse ownership and the issues/needs of urban horses and also to allow them to see potential career prospects. Through education and engagement positive outcomes can be attained which have far reaching consequences for the wider community. The last HAW and Open Day before Covid 19 was held in the Finglas are (see photo attached). Due to COVID restrictions the HAW week planned for this year had to be postponed. Plans are to run a virtual HAW in early 2021 targeting the Cherry Orchard & Ballyfermot area. Horse Aware Week has been supported by the Local Authorities and the Department of agriculture. The working group also has a task force which deals with indiscriminate breeding. Both these task forces are led by the DSPCA. The DSPCA runs subsidised Castration Clinics and a Snip & Chip Programme throughout Dublin to castrate and microchip stallions to help with traceability and the unnecessary breeding of unwanted horses. Almost 75 equines have been castrated and 66 registered for passports through these programmes in the past 2 years.

The Equine problem in Dublin is a complex issue and will not be solved by an organisation or Local Authority working alone. The DSPCA announced a 5 year Equine and Outreach plan on 10th December for the Dunsink landfill with the support of Fingal County Council and the Department of Agriculture. The plan will not only help Equine Welfare in the Fingal area but will help the Dublin City Council area also as a number of horses move from this area into the DCC surrounding area.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the housing maintenance issues at **(details supplied)**? New windows are required but have not been measured for yet.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have these windows measured in the coming weeks, once the Level 5 restrictions have been lifted.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to outline if there is any progress on the review of signage requested on Glasilawn Road Dublin 11?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Completion of the signage review on Glasilawn Road has been delayed due to the Christmas break and annual leave arrangements for staff involved, however it should be completed later in the month. Any additional or replacement signs identified in the review will then be added to an order list for issue to a supplier.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to immediately conduct a review of the traffic light sequencing at Cabra Cross (the junction at: Navan Road, Cabra Road, Old Cabra Road and Ratoath Road) and also introduce measures to improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users at this junction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the coming weeks a full assessment of the traffic signals at this location will be undertaken by the area ITS Officer. It is hoped that if a change to the sequencing is judged to be required as a result of the assessment that this should be in place by the end of Q1 2021.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding my previous request to either repair or replace the damaged traffic barrier directly outside the Broombridge Educate Together National School on Bannow Road in Cabra, Dublin 7. It is damaged and has a sharp edge that could cause injury to a child or other members of the public.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This crash barrier was repaired on the 18/12/2020 (please see attached photo).

Q.106 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to put additional measures in place and liaise with An Garda Síochána to tackle the issue of vehicles entering Broome Bridge at Broombridge Road in Cabra from the Finglas/Glasnevin direction towards Cabra. The one-way narrow bridge is being used by cars in the wrong direction and there are concerns that a serious incident will happen at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The new road layout on Broombridge Road includes a southbound contra-flow to provide two-way access across Broome Bridge for pedal cyclists and the 40E bus route that operates between the Broombridge rail stations and Tyrrelstown. No other vehicles are permitted to travel southbound at any time. However, non-compliances have been reported (and observed) since the road reopened to traffic on 30th November 2020.

On the day Broombridge Road reopened to traffic, both Cabra Garda station and the Roads Policing Unit in Dublin Castle were notified by email of the potential for these breaches to occur. Cabra Garda station were also notified by phone. We will continue to notify Gardaí if the breaches persist.

The signal phasing has been designed with sufficient redundancy and intergreen times to ensure safe operation of the contra-flow. Significant advance signage to notify motorists of the restrictions ahead. This is considered sufficient and therefore additional signage is considered ineffective in combating this behaviour, which can only be curbed by Garda enforcement.

The nature of the contra-flow is well flagged in advance, as follows:

- On Lagan Road, at its junction with Broombridge Road, there is “No Left Turn Except Buses, Bicycles and Access” signage (this is temporary and will be replaced with permanent signage shortly).
- On Broombridge Road, at its junction with Lagan Road, there is “No Straight Ahead Except Buses and Cyclists” signage (this information plate should also state “and Access”; I have requested that this be replaced to reflect the need for vehicles to access the industrial premises to the south).
- At the exit from Glen Industrial Estate, there is “No Right Turn Except Buses and Cyclists” signage.
- On Broombridge Road, just south of the entrance to Glen Industrial Estate, there is “No Straight Ahead Except Buses and Cyclists” signage.
- On Broombridge Road, just south of the entrance to Glen Industrial Estate, there are “Lána Bus” road markings.
- On the north side of Broome Bridge, the traffic signals have the word “BUS” etched into the red, amber and green aspects.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR COLM O’ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the pedestrian crossing button at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Dublin City Council’s traffic maintenance contractor visited the pedestrian signals and found no technical faults. However a recent interruption to communications with the pedestrian signals may have caused a temporary increase in pedestrian wait times. Measures have now been implemented to ensure no issues occur going forward.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the role of Dublin City Council if any with regard to inspections of public premises for compliance with accessibility particularly with regard to toilet facilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Section 29 of the Disability Act 2005 states that a public body shall ensure that its public buildings are, as far as practicable, accessible to persons with disabilities. This means that buildings should comply with the requirements of Part M of the Building Regulations. A “public building” means a building, or that part of a building, to which members of the public generally have access and which is occupied, managed or controlled by a public body.

It is the responsibility of the head of the public body in question to ensure these requirements are met. Dublin City Council carried out detailed audits of its buildings on commencement of the Disability Act and extensive work to ensure compliance with

requirements. All new buildings and alterations, extensions or modifications to existing buildings must be designed and built to meet current building regulations.

Dublin City Council has no role in the inspection of public buildings which are outside of its ownership or control.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the replacement of the trees previously cut down opposite **(details supplied)** with suitable shrubbery that will act as a noise buffer between the main road and **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Stumps can only be removed once they have degraded enough to allow for their safe removal without damaging infrastructure especially underground services. This process can take a number of years. The stump at this location will be examined in the coming weeks to ascertain if it is ready for removal.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the sweeping up on fallen leaves on the footpath opposite the entrance to the Clonsaugh Industrial Estate.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Service had the leaves removed from the above mentioned footpath on the 22nd December 2020.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to comment, from the perspective of safety and traffic management on the Bus Connects proposal to divert the cycle way along the city bound side of the Malahide Rd onto St Brendan's Avenue, D5.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposal of a cycle way on St Brendan's Avenue is in line with the city council's policy for sustainable transportation. Given also that traffic flow along St Brendan's Avenue is low, with this proposal and other such similar proposals, Traffic will monitor the situation and introduce traffic calming measures where required.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of DCC Policies which have been changed/removed or implemented at the various Strategic Policy Committees for the last 6 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

ARTS, CULTURE, LEISURE AND RECREATION SPC

Name of Policy / Strategy	Implemented	Reviewed / Changed	Removed	Any other information
Policy document for the Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments Memorials and Plaques	2013	Changed in 2017. Will be reviewed in 2021	No	

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Biodiversity Action Plan 2015-2020	2015-2020 (ongoing)	Review in 2021 for adoption	No	Valid until 2023 under City Development Plan
Dublin City Parks Strategy 2016-2020	2019 – 2022	For review in 2022	No	
Invasive Alien Species Plan	2016-2020 (ongoing)	Review in 2021 for adoption	No	Valid until 2023 under City Development Plan
Dublin City Tree Strategy 2019 - 2022	2016 – 2020 (ongoing)	Review in 2021 for adoption	No	
Dublin City Play Strategy	2019 (initial draft)	Drafted and present to Arts SPC in 2020	No	Currently in draft format for final approval by Arts SPC in Q1 2021.
Dublin City Play Plan	2012 - 2017	Reviewed in 2018	No	Currently used as a guiding document and as key reference document regarding DCC's commitment to supporting Children's Play. Play Plan is also linked to and supported by subsequent Play Strategy
HLG Strategic Plan 2018-2023	2018			Ongoing
City Arts Plan 2014 – 2018	2014			Ongoing
Cultural Strategy	2015			Ongoing
Arts in Education & Learning Policy	2016			Ongoing
DCC Cultural Company	2017			Ongoing
Culture & Creativity Strategy 2018-2022	2018			Ongoing
Public Libraries Development Plan 2019-2023	2019			Ongoing
Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership	2017	Will be reviewed in 2021		

STRIDE 2017 - 2020				
Public Art Policy	2009	2015		
Decommissioning Policy for Public Art	2009			Ongoing

Finance SPC

Name of Policy / Strategy	Raised	Reviewed / Changed	Removed	Any other information
Development of Social Clause Measures in the Procurement Process	2017 & 2018	2019		Updated in City Council's 2019 Procurement Policy and Procedures Manual

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE SPC

Name of Policy / Strategy	Implemented	Reviewed / Changed	Removed	Any other information
EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 – 2027	To be included on SPC Agenda on 12 th Jan 2021			A Working Group of the SPC on International Relations and EU Affairs agreed a three point plan in 2020 that led to the development of this Strategy
Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2021 The Economic and Enterprise SPC worked with the LCDC to assist in the development of the LECP	Implemented via a series of LECP Action Plans			Further information available here: https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/local-economic-and-community-plan-2016-2021/about-dublin-city-local-economic-community-plan-2016-2021 Awaiting guidance regarding future LECP from the Department of

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				Rural & Community Development / Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022	Contributed to implementing the various policies – most notable regarding Ch 6 City Economy & Enterprise			The Economic Development & Enterprise SPC will be actively participating in and supporting the development of and implementation of the new DC Development Plan
Dublin City Council Tourism Statement of Strategy and Work Programme 2017 - 2022	Implemented / Ongoing			Working Group of the SPC currently examining Tourism, City Markets and Night Time Economy
Dublin City Local Enterprise Development Plan (LEO)	Implemented / Ongoing			This plan was developed by the LEO and members of the SPC are updated on progress
Economic Development Strategy 2018-2021	Implemented / Ongoing			
Draft Dublin City Markets Action Plan	Implemented/Ongoing			
OTHER:				

<p>Hosting of Dublin City Summit Series</p> <p>The Summit series is an initiative of the ED&E SPC – A Summit is held each year on a different theme inviting a wide range of stakeholders to engage.</p> <p>After each policy summit an Outcomes Report is produced and disseminated to inform policy development.</p>				<p>2019 Social Enterprise Summit Outcomes Report.pdf (size 7.7 MB) (Published: July 2020)</p> <p>2018 Apprenticeship Summit Outcomes Report.pdf (size 4.9 MB) (Published: January 2019)</p> <p>2017 Infrastructure Summit Outcomes Report.pdf (size 22.4 MB) (Published: July 2017)</p> <p>2016 Brexit Summit Outcomes Report.pdf (size 1MB) (Published: March 2017)</p>
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The Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy that was established after Local elections in 2019 and its previous iteration the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee developed, developed, amended and recommended to the City Council for adoption a range of policies which are contained in the table below.

DATE	POLICY
August 2015	Amendment to the City Council's Protocol to erect Temporary Posters / Notices on Dublin City Council Property to Advertise Public Meetings / Events
March 2016	Dublin City Council Litter Management Plan 2016 - 2018 adopted
September 2016	Commitment to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is reaffirmed.
November 2016	Strategy towards Climate Change Action Plans for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities Developed and Noted By City Council
February 2017	City Neighbourhoods Competition Reviewed and Amended

November 2017	Policy to phase out the use of Herbicide / Glyphosate agreed
January 2019	Dublin City Council Waste (Separation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye laws 2018
May 2019	Dublin City Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024 adopted
November 2019	Amendment to the City Council's Protocol to erect Temporary Posters / Notices on Dublin City Council Property to Advertise Public Meetings / Events
December 2020	Dublin City Council Litter Management Plan 2020 - 2022 adopted
December 2020	Amendment to Waste Management (Separation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye laws 2018 adopted

Traffic & Transport SPC

Name of Policy / Strategy	Implemented	Reviewed / Changed	Removed	Any other information
Dublin City Centre Cycle Parking Strategy 2015	Currently Ongoing. The Dublin City Centre Cycle Parking strategy which was published in 2015 led to an increase of the number of cycle parking stands being installed each year.	It was reviewed at the end of 2018 were the target number of stands was increased to 1000 stands per year and done in 4 batches.	Ongoing	Still in progress and constantly expanding.
Policy for removal of abandoned bicycles adopted by SPC on 10 th Feb 2016	First bikes were tagged in South East Area 30.5.2016 and removed 14th June 2016.	Updated by SPC, following a review, on 7th February 2018.		In progress
Road Safety Strategy 2016 2020	Implemented		Ongoing	New road safety strategy being prepared for 2020 to 2024
Policy on Managing Stationless Bike Scheme	Stationless Bike Hire Bye-Laws approved by Elected Members in 2017.			
2017 SPC meeting agreed to look at situation to	N/A	N/A	N/A	Further information will be sought from the previous

review policy on Parking permits to allow for the allocation of parking permits to medical and healthcare services for emergency calls.				Parking Enforcement Administration on the outcome of the policy review.
Strategic Plan for Coach Parking – Bye laws due later in 2017 SPC meeting 19/4/2018	Dublin City Council has introducing coach parking charges for 67 No. designated coach parking spaces throughout the city, this is as per the 2019 Parking Byelaws and as approved by the elected members of Dublin City Council in 2019.	Ongoing	Ongoing	

Most Housing policies are directed by National Government rather than local:
A number of key DCC policy issues around Housing were heavily implemented by the **Housing SPC**;

- Establishment of new Scheme of Letting Priorities – June 2018
- Establishment of Housing Land Initiative – January 2017
- Plan for the re-development of Saint Michael's Estate – September 2018
- Formulation of DCC Regeneration plans for Older Apartment Complexes in the city – October 2017
- Use of Depot Lands for Social Housing – July 2018

PLANNING AND URBAN FORM SPC

Name of Policy	Implemented	Reviewed / Changed	Removed	Any other information
4 Henrietta Street Visitor Centre	2015	_____	_____	_____
Housing Land Initiative (in collaboration with Housing SPC)	2015 Part Implemented	_____	_____	Following the completion of Feasibility studies which were endorsed by joint Planning and Housing SPCs,

				Schemes were progressed on: 1. Lands at Oscar Traynor Road. 2. Lands at O'Devaney Gardens. 3. Lands at St. Michael's Estate
City Centre Public Realm Masterplan	2015	Ongoing	_____	The members made recommendations towards various issues for consideration in the draft Masterplan
'City of Romance' Designating Dublin as the Romantic Capital of the World	2016	_____	_____	<p>The SPC supported the designation and referred on to the Arts and Culture SPC for their input.</p> <p>The City Council assess the potential of promoting Dublin as a 'City of Romance' to coincide with St. Valentine's Day given the presence of the remains of St. Valentine in White Friar Street Church.</p>
Active Land Management Initiative	2015 Implemented and ongoing	_____	_____	The SPC supported a pro-active policy of acquiring Derelict Sites and bringing Vacant Sites into active use.
Audit of all Z6 (Industrial) lands	2016	2019 Z 6/ Z 7 Lands Review	_____	_____
Santry Greenway Cycling Route	2016	2018 As this project involves The Parks and Transportation Departments, the ACE will liaise with these departments.	2020	SPC support the Santry River Greenway.
Ireland 2040: National Planning	2016	2017 Update to draft	_____	Submission to the Department on behalf of this

Framework 2040 Issues Paper		2018 Update from Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly .		SPC sent to include recommendations.
Part 8 Revised Procedures:	2018	_____	_____	Change proposed by SPC to Part 8 Procedure was adopted so that before any project is presented to the Council the final Report is presented to the Local Area Committee or a special convened Local Area Committee.
Protected Structures Methodology	2018	_____	_____	The importance of the same methodology being used when assessing Protected Structures was highlighted together with the professional nature of this work.
Draft “Urban Development and Building Height: Guidelines for Planning Authorities”.	2018	_____	_____	The City Planner made a submission to the Department on behalf of the SPC
Basement Impact Assessment Policy	2019	_____	_____	The SPC members happy to endorse this policy. To be included in Draft Development Plan 2022-2028.

Criteria for selecting Council owned sites for disposal.	2020 Agreed by SPC and full City Council	_____	_____	_____
Ancillary Family Accommodation	2020	_____	_____	City Planning Officer representation on behalf of SPC to the Department of Housing and Planning, Building Control Section to seek a review of the height regulations in respect of attic conversions.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate the restoration of the abbey in the historic St. Canices Graveyard, Finglas Village.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The abbey is most probably beyond restoration. The appropriate approach would be to consider a conservation strategy for both the Celtic cross and the ruins of the abbey. The Parks Service will liaise with the City Archaeologist to report to the Area Committee later in 2021.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed map of litter bin locations in the Northwest area and where gaps are seen can a plan be outlined to install extra bins.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A map of existing bins will be provided directly to the Councillor. An audit of litter bins in the Northwest area is underway. A full list of installations including proposed new locations and replacements of bins removed due to damage will be provided to the Public Domain Unit in the North West Area in order to ensure that there is agreement on the proposals. All locations where additional or replacement bins have been requested by the elected members in the North West Area will be included in the audit in the context of providing an adequate number of litter bins in appropriate areas that are, or are in close proximity to, litter generators such as neighbourhood shopping locations, urban village centres, amenity areas, entrances to parks, main thoroughfares and arterial routes.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report into the feasibility study prepared for new housing in **(details supplied)**?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A feasibility study has been completed for **(details supplied)**.

The Housing and Community Services Department are now examining the options available for this small infill development and will prepare a more informed and developed report which on completion will be circulated to the local area councillors.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to detail all the maintenance and repairs works carried out on the convent lands site along **(details supplied)** since it came into council ownership in 2005?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our Civic Maintenance Section from 2010 until 2017 have carried out the following works;

- 2010- Erected disclaimer notice boards
- 2011- Replaced lock
- 2012- General repairs to building and replaced door locks
- 2013- Barricade windows and repairs to roof
- 2014- Barricaded after break in, barricaded windows, general carpentry, repaired the leak in the attic, repairs to roof and internal ceilings, repair of soil stack and renew rain water pipe.
- 2015- Attended to main gates, barricaded door, repairs to the roof, cleared choked drains, fitted chains and padlocks to rooms
- 2016- Supply and fit new fencing while removing old fencing, inspected sewer pipes and cleared chokes and cleaned and repaired roof
- 2017- Repairs to the roof and maintenance.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council are applying to for funding from the department to plant urban forests.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Urban forestry refers to the care and management of the tree population including woodlands, copses and single trees even on streets. The urban forest is part of the 'green infrastructure' network in the city which has benefits for the urban population which have been acknowledged in the City Tree Strategy 2016-2020.

The funding referred to above relates to the 'native woodland' grants announced in August by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and the Marine. There are no plans at the moment to apply for this funding as there are limited suitable sites available for the planting of such woodlands that would require funding by way of a grant.

Tree planting is carried out each year throughout the city and there has been a particular focus on the areas such as The Liberties/South Inner City and the North East Inner City which have a deficit of green space and trees.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if we can look at land acquisition to make sure we are getting good value and that we can acquire freehold rather than shorter term leases.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All acquisitions of land and buildings by the City Council are negotiated by the City Valuer's Office, which is staffed by professionally qualified Chartered Valuation Surveyors. In most instances, including all statutory acquisitions by Compulsory Purchase Order, freehold title is acquired. Certain services may only require a lease, or, the property may only be available for lease and not purchase. The leases required or available, may be short, medium or long term leases.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive, in regard to the parking contract for enforcement of on-street parking, can the Chief Executive clarify the performance indicators used by the tenderer in their method statement and state whether they include targets for the clamping of illegally parked vehicles on footpaths, or on cycle paths and lanes, and on disabled parking spaces. Furthermore has he given any written advice on these issues to the clamping contractor? In his reply can he provide me with copies of any indicators used or advice given, and state whether any changes have been made in such advice or indicators between this and the previous contract, and can he make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Enforcement Officer will review the content of the question, seek advice from the Dublin City Council Law Agent and revert directly to Cllr. Horner on the matter.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive, in regard to the NOW TV dublinbikes scheme can the Chief Executive state how often is the operator required to replace the bicycles, and clarify how often this has been done? Noting that only Phases 1, 2A and 2 B of the fourteen phase Five Year dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework have been implemented can the Chief Executive state the current annual running costs of the scheme and revenue raised, as well as outline capital and current costs that would be associated with each subsequent phase?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The operator of the scheme is required to replace the bicycle fleet every 7.5 years. One replacement cycle has been completed with individual bicycles replaced as needed due to normal usage attrition.

The annual operating cost of the scheme is circa €2.5 million per year. This cost is offset by commercial sponsorship, outdoor advertising as well as subscriptions and journey fees generated by members. No revenue has been generated in excess of annual operating costs in recent years.

The 'dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework' document was a developmental plan for the 14 Phase expansion of the dublinbikes scheme to a capacity of 5,000 bikes and 300 docking stations through the city. This intentionally ambitious plan was endorsed by the City Council in late 2010 with plan implementation identified as being subject to the identification of funding. However it was not possible to expand the scheme catchment across the city due to funding difficulties. The current estimated capital cost of the outstanding catchment is in the order of €20 million, ex vat. The additional operational charge that would arise is estimated to be €7.5 million per year.

The technological advancements in the provision of public bike share in recent times will impact on the future growth and development of the dublinbikes scheme. This could result in an alteration of the operational characteristics of dublinbikes as new scheme configurations not envisaged under the 2010 'Strategic Planning Framework' may be possible. The extent to what type of development will be progressed in future phases will be subject to normal sustainable funding requirements and necessary risk and cost benefit analysis. This is being examined at present.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive in regard to the attached response from the Chief Executive to my question 95 submitted in October 2020 can the Chief Executive provide me with the financial amount claimed and awarded in each quarter for (a) footpaths and (b) roads?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The gathering and collating of the information is on-going and a detailed response will issue before the February Council meeting.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive the following: given the recent government decision to commence the ISL Act on 23rd December and the recent unanimous passage of a motion by the City Council to provide Irish Sign Language translation of meetings, what steps have Dublin City Council taken or are planning to take to increase sign language provision and increase access for the deaf community to DCC services?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Equality Office has arranged three Irish Sign Language interpretation courses between 2018 and 2020 which were attended by employees from a wide range of work locations. Twenty-eight employees who successfully completed the courses and who remain in our employment are listed on the internal Phonebook and are available to assist with general queries. Monthly conversations were also facilitated to help those employees maintain their ISL skills.

If any customer wishes to use Irish Sign Language as their preferred language in dealing with the Council the relevant department will arrange for a sign language interpreter to attend at a scheduled meeting(s). Consideration is also being given to the provision of remote interpreting services for customers in the Civic Offices.

It is Dublin City Council policy to provide Irish Sign Language interpretation at all public meetings and statutory consultations and ISL interpretation is provided at job interviews if any candidates require this service.

Accessible Information Guidelines are currently being finalised which will include information in relation to the provision of Irish Sign Language interpretation services by the Council.

With regard to the provision of Irish Sign Language interpretation of Council meetings, consideration is being given to piloting this at Central Area Committee meetings in the first instance.

With regard to the provision of Irish Sign Language translation of meetings, it is proposed that the Chief Executive's Department and the Central Area Office will work together on designing a pilot to be run in the Cabra/Glasnevin Area for a period of 3-6 months.

A full group will be convened in Quarter 2 2021 to design the pilot with assessment of costs, needs etc.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive what are DCCs precise contractual arrangements with the private companies providing the domestic waste collection service in Dublin City?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has no contractual arrangements with private companies collecting domestic waste within Dublin City with the exception of the provision of collection of communal domestic waste bins within Dublin City Council Flat/Apartment complexes.

The collection of domestic waste in the Dublin City administrative area is operated in an open market with side by side competition between different service providers within

that market. Domestic waste is collected by authorised waste collectors who are licensed to operate under permits issued by the National Waste Collection Permits Office based in Tullamore.

Each household must enter into a contractual arrangement with a waste collector or use an authorised waste facility to dispose of their domestic waste. This includes local authority tenants in individual housing units.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive in regards to the waste management BETA projects, can he please give a full report outlining; what streets have been identified for this new service, would DCC not be better placed to provide this service, where in the contractual arrangements or legislation does it dictate that the service must be provided by a private company, what consultation took place with city Councillors.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Consultation on the city challenge and the individual BETA projects was carried out in the normal manner through the Dublin City BETA online resources that was open to all members of the public and the elected members. A notification of the publication of the BETA project and the call for contributions was distributed to all members in April 2020.

Background to this City Challenge is available at the following link: <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/DumpingWasteBETA>

Within this City Challenge, 3 concept-stage BETA Projects are currently being explored:

- [SharedBinsBETA](#)
- WasteSearchBETA
- BulkyWasteBETA

Projects at this (concept) stage take place for a period, and are then always [fully removed](#).

Any positive solutions that are found to work well, then will move through a second 'scaling' stage where it would be examined how they could be implemented across multiple areas, or all of the city on a permanent basis.

In respect of the Shared Bins Beta project, following the consultation and the suggestions received from those who participated, the area of Daniel St / Harty Place, Dublin 8 has been identified as a potentially suitable location for an initial trial of the concept.

As the household waste collection service within the city is provided by private waste collection companies it is considered that it is important that the service providers have a role in trialling this type of initiative.

The learnings from the trial will inform whether there is any potential to provide this type of service on an ongoing or increased basis.

It will also provide an insight for the service provider into how any such service can be provided to customers in a manner that is both viable and sustainable and includes the

provision of a segregated waste collection service, implementation of the polluter pays principle and accommodates the current market structure.

Dublin City Council no longer provide household waste collection services and as such are not better placed to provide the waste collection service for the duration of the trial. It should also be noted that the necessary resources for the provision of such a service are not available within the current waste management street cleaning operations structure.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if DCC received funding to complete Phase 2 of the insulation programme, if so what areas will be complete and can you confirm when Ballyfermot will be completed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The programme has currently ceased for 2020. We are hoping to recommence the programme in Q1 2021 subject to confirmation of Departmental funding. Ballyfermot area will be included as part of the rollout works.

Motion/Report Amendment Form

City Council Meeting held on the Mon 11th January 2021

N.B This form must be completed, signed and handed to the Lord Mayor for each and every amendment put forward. Copies of Amendments must be circulated to all Members & Officials before Amendment is tabled.

(a) Details of Motion/Report to be amended :

1. I wish to put forward an amendment to Motion No 1 on the Agenda, original motion submitted by Councillor Noeleen Reilly
2. I wish to put forward an amendment to Report No _____ on the Agenda

(b) Amendment Text

Replace first sentence with: "That Dublin City Council recognises the important social, cultural, and economic place of greyhound racing in Irish society."

Before "6, 000," add: "That Dublin City Council further recognises widespread malpractice potentially extending to the culling of up to" and after "6,000" remove 'are killed inhumanly'. Add the words 'Greyhound Industry' after the words, 'in Ireland in the'.

Add new sentence, 'That Dublin City Council calls on the government to establish an independent body to oversee a full enquiry into the abuse of dogs in the Greyhound Industry, to conduct a review of how public money is spent and to remove it from those who abuse animals, and to implement an action plan to tackle the causes and consequences of this abuse.'

(c) Motion wording as revised, including proposed amendment/deletions

That Dublin City Council recognises the important social, cultural, and economic place of greyhound racing in Irish society.

That Dublin City Council further recognises widespread malpractice potentially extending to the culling of up to 6,000 dogs every year in Ireland in the Greyhound Industry as well as many more who suffer horrific abuse. In no way should this practice be tolerated and certainly not at the expense of taxpayers.

That Dublin City Council calls on the government to establish an independent body to oversee a full enquiry into the abuse of dogs in the Greyhound Industry, to conduct a review of how public money is spent and to remove it from those who abuse animals, and to implement an action plan to tackle the causes and consequences of this abuse.

(d) Signature of Councillor(s) Proposing Amendment

**Cllr Daniel Céitinn
Cllr Janice Boylan**

Cllr Daithí Doolan

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Amendment No ____ to Motion No _____

Amendment complies with Standing Orders _____

Amendment Approved by Council _____

Vote Taken _____

Amended Motion approved by Council _____

Signed : _____

Proposal to Amend Motion No. 1 (Ad-Hoc)	
Councillor Daryl Barron	Against
Councillor Racheal Batten	Against
Councillor Janice Boylan	For
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	Against
Councillor Claire Byrne	Against
Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan	Against
Lord Mayor Hazel Chu	Against
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	For
Councillor Keith Connolly	Against
Councillor Caroline Conroy	Against
Councillor Deirdre Conroy	Against
Councillor Donna Cooney	Against
Councillor Joe Costello	Against
Councillor Daniel Céitinn	For
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	Against
Councillor Daithí de Róiste	Against
Councillor Tara Deacy	Against
Councillor Máire Devine	For
Councillor Daithí Doolan	For
Councillor Pat Dunne	Against
Councillor Anne Feeney	Against
Councillor Declan Flanagan	For
Councillor Terence Flanagan	For
Councillor Anthony Flynn	Against
Councillor Mannix Flynn	Against
Councillor James Geoghegan	For
Councillor Alison Gilliland	Against
Councillor Deirdre Heney	Against
Councillor Janet Horner	Against
Councillor Vincent Jackson	Against
Councillor Dermot Lacey	Against
Councillor Darcy Loneragan	Against
Councillor John Lyons	Against
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha	For
Councillor Briege MacOscar	Against
Councillor Tina MacVeigh	Against
Councillor Eimer McCormack	Against
Councillor Séamas McGrattan	For
Councillor Declan Meenagh	Against
Councillor Carolyn Moore	Against
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	Against
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	Against
Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí	For
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	Against
Councillor Damian O'Farrell	Against
Councillor Larry O'Toole	For
Councillor Cieran Perry	Against
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	Against
Councillor Noeleen Reilly	Against
Councillor Nial Ring	For
Councillor Patricia Roe	Against
Councillor Michael Watters	Against
Rejected	

