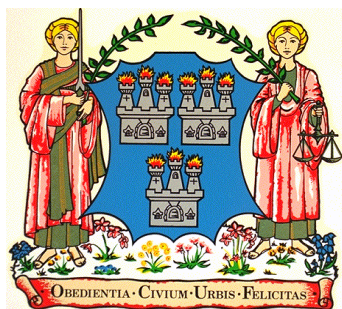


**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 10 Bealtaine 2021 ar 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 Nicoullaud  
Cat O'Driscoll  
Larry O'Toole  
Noeleen Reilly  
Catherine Stocker

**Comhairleoir:**

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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  
Michael Watters

**Oifigigh**

Paul Clegg  
John Flanagan  
Ali Grehan  
Brendan Kenny  
Eileen Quinlivan  
Richard Shakespeare

Oliver Douglas  
Paul Fusco  
Owen P. Keegan  
Coilin O'Reilly  
Kathy Quinn  
Caroline Fallon

Ruth Dowling  
Michael Gallagher  
Yvonne Kelly  
Mairead Owens  
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh

**1 Lord Mayor's Business**

**In Memoriam**

The Lord Mayor extended her sympathies to the friends and families of the following Dublin City Council employees:

Ed Bowden who worked in Dublin City Council Park's Department who died on Wednesday 28th April. Ed was District Parks Officer responsible for the Central Area parks and also for all Civic Flags in the City – combining a personal love for flags with his job. He will be sadly missed by all his work colleagues around the city. The Dublin

flags on the Mansion House and Civic Offices were lowered to half-mast as a mark of respect to Ed and the LGBTQ flags were flown on the Liffey outside Civic Offices to mark Ed's ongoing promotion of LGBTQ rights.

Cora Roche who work worked in the South Central Area Office in Marrowbone Lane who died suddenly on Friday 30th April. She will be sadly missed by all her colleagues.

### **Youth Awards and Youth Webinar**

This year as part of the monthly Lord Mayor's Awards, the Lord Mayor introduced the first Youth Awards to celebrate the young people in the city who have been through so much. The Youth Awards winners were announced at a Youth Webinar held on Thursday 29th April. The winners from the Primary School category were Mia Savaris, Tara O'Moore Garland, Thea O'Donoghue, James Cunningham and Patrick O'Neill. The winners from the Secondary School category were Lauren Canty, Shakira Donohoe, Grace Ennis Hegarty, Jake Brannigan and Dave Clarke Ranola. There was a special award also for Adam King.

### **Lord Mayor's Awards**

The Lord Mayor's Award for May is for Community/Volunteer Workers and nominations close on 16th May. The Lord Mayor asked Councillors to nominate members of the community who they believe deserve special recognition.

### **Dublin City Integration Strategy**

A second workshop was held with Dublin City Council staff to talk about public sector duties. There also has been involvement with the Local Community Development Committee. It is hoped that the Framework for 2021 - 2025 will be completed by next month.

The Lord Mayor then invited Cllr. Máire Devine to make a statement to Council.

Councillor Devine apologised and withdrew comments that she directed to Councillor Danny Byrne at the April City Council meeting. She acknowledged that her remarks were untrue and of a personal nature and apologised for the use of language which was insensitive to those suffering from mental illness. She informed Members that she had agreed to make a financial contribution to Mr Byrne which she understands will be forwarded to mental health charities Pieta House and Jigsaw.

## **2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 18**

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

## **3 Correspondence was received from the following Local Authorities; Monaghan County Council, Roscommon County Council, Donegal County Council, Sligo County Council, Limerick County Council, Clare County Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.**

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 all correspondence listed. The motion was put and carried.

- 4 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 12th April 2021.

The minutes of the monthly City Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

- 5 Report No. 158/2021 of the Protocol Committee - Review of Standing Orders 2021.

The Lord Mayor thanked the members of the Stand Orders Working Group, Councillors Dermot Lacey, Anne Feeney and Micheál MacDonncha for the report.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ciaran Perry and seconded by Cllr. Mannix Flynn that the implementation of the revised standing orders be deferred for one month to allow the Independent Group additional time to consider the proposals. The motion was put to a vote and was defeated. Details of the vote can be found in **Appendix B**.

It was then proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council adopts the revised Standing Orders as set out in Report No 158/2021. The motion was put to a vote and was carried. Details of the vote can be found in **Appendix C** to these minutes.

- 6 Report No. 122/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Proposed change of use and development of a public library at the Former Postal Sorting Office, Seamus Ennis Road, Finglas, Dublin 11.

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. 122/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 126/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Proposed Variation (No. 32) of Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022.

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. 126/2021 and makes Variation (No.32) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 as outlined in the report. The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Granting of Licenses and Leases to Community and Voluntary Groups:

- (a) Report No. 143/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of office space at The Tony Gregory Community, Youth & Sports Centre, Ballybough Road, Dublin 1.

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. 143/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 144/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of lease of Workshop 1, Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

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. 144/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 145/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of 5 Year Lease of Workshop 2, Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

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. 145/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 146/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the rear of the premises 5 Cardiffsbridge Road, Finglas, Dublin 11.

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. 146/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

9 Disposal of Fee Simple and Freehold Interest:

- (a) Report No. 150/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of Fee Simple Interest at 14A to E Walkinstown Green, Dublin 12.

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. 150/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 149/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of Fee Simple Interest at 340 Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10.

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. 149/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 148/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as Upper 190 Drumcondra Road 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. 148/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 153/2021 of Executive Manager (D. O'Connor) - 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. 153/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

10 Disposal of Property:

- (a) Report No. 151/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the proposed disposal of 7 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. 151/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 147/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of 17 Saint Aidan's Park Avenue, Marino, 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. 147/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 155/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Gulistan Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6 to the Health Service Executive (HSE) for the development of a Primary Care Centre and the proposed acquisition from the H.S.E. of the Health Centre, St Michael's Estate, Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8.

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. 155/2021 and assents to the proposal outlined therein. The motion was put to a vote and was carried. Full details of this vote can be seen in **Appendix D** to these minutes.

- (d) Report No. 154/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the disposal of 28 Abbey Street and 109 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

This item was deferred to the June City Council meeting to allow the Assistant Chief Executive, Richard Shakespeare to respond to matters of concern raised by the Central Area Committee. It was agreed that any clarification would be circulated to all Councillors.

- 11 Report No. 137/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update 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 No. 137/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 152/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Annual Service Delivery Plan 2021.

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. 152/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 142/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (E. Quinlivan) - Progress Report on First Year of the Corporate Plan 2020-2021.

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. 142/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 130/2021 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. 130/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 139/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer (J. Flanagan) - Update on Covid Mobility Measures and on Major Walking and Cycling Projects

Cllr. Damian O'Farrell reported that a Dublin City Council press release had stated that the North Central Area Committee had rejected a feasibility plan for a cycleway on Griffith Avenue. He stated that this was inaccurate and that no report was represented to the Area Committee or appeared on their agenda.

The Assistant Chief Executive, John Flanagan confirmed that he would investigate the matter and would report back to the Council in due course.

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. 139/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Monthly Management Reports:

- (a) Report No. 114/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - April 2021 Monthly Management Report.

Councillor Anthony Flynn made a statement alleging that senior management of Dublin City Council had misled Council in relation to expenditure on Search and Rescue Training asked the Chief Executive to make a statement on the matter.

The Chief Executive responded that he took such allegations very seriously and that he would investigate the matter thoroughly before making a statement to Council.

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. 114/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 131/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - May 2021 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 No. 131/2021. The motion was put and carried.

17 Strategic Policy Committee Breviates:

- (d) Report No. 141/2021 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 14th April 2021, Councillor Alison Gilliland, 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 No. 141/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (f) Report No. 159/2021 of the Planning and Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2021, Councillor Ray McAdam, 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 No. 159/2021. The motion was put and carried.

18 Area Committee Breviates:

- (c) Report No. 125/2021 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the Special Meeting held on the 7th April 2021, 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 No. 125/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 128/2021 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 13th April 2021, 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 No. 128/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (f) Report No. 129/2021 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 19th April, 2021, 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 No. 129/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (h) Report No. 136/2021 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 20th April 2021, 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 No. 136/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (j) Report No. 140/2021 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 21st April 2021, 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 No. 140/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (l) Report No. 123/2021 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the Special meeting held on the 6th April 2021, 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 No. 123/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (m) Report No. 135/2021 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 12 April 2021, 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 No. 135/2021. The motion was put and carried.

19 Dublin City Joint Policing Committee and Area Joint Policing Committee Breviates:

- (d) Report No. 124/2021 of the Central Area Joint Policing Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 18th March 2021, Councillor Cieran Perry, 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 No. 124/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (e) Report No. 138/2021 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 19th April 2021, Councillor Tom Brabazon, 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 No. 138/2021. The motion was put and carried.

20 Corporate Policy Group Breviates:

- (a) Report No. 98/2021 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 19th February 2021, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, 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 No. 98/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 132/2021 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 16th April 2021, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, 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 No.132/2021. The motion was put and carried.

21 Protocol Breviates:

- (a) Report No. 156/2021 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 1st April 2021, Councillor Anne Feeney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 156/2021. The motion was put and carried.



- (b) Report No. 157/2021 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 29th April 2021, Councillor Anne Feeney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan that Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 157/2021. The motion was put and carried.

## 22 Topical Issues

No Topical Issues were submitted.

## 23 Emergency Motion(s)

The Lord Mayor agreed to a debate on the following three emergency motions which concerned the same issue:

### **Emergency Motion No. 1:**

That is this council calls upon the Government to take all necessary measures at the earliest possible time to prevent vulture funds, cuckoo funds, and any other for profit corporate bodies from purchasing residential property to the detriment of individual purchasers.

**Submitted by Councillors Tom Brabazon, Briege MacOscar, Claire O'Connor, Daithí de Róiste, Daryl Barron, Deirdre Conroy, Deirdre Heney, Eimer McCormack, Keith Connolly, Michael Watters, Racheal Batten.**

### **Emergency Motion No. 2:**

That Dublin City Council notes that:

- the housing crisis continues to spiral out of control;
- residential property in Dublin City remains unaffordable for the vast majority of people;
- high rents and residential property prices are making it increasingly difficult for workers, families and struggling home buyers to purchase and own their own home;
- institutional investors avail of significant tax advantages granted by Government which are distorting the housing market and are displacing workers, families and struggling home buyers in the residential property market;
- local authorities, including Dublin City Council, are placed in competition with institutional investors who have developed monopolistic and oligopolistic pricing power, which is driving up the cost of building and procuring residential property for social and affordable housing;
- investment by these institutional investors in the residential property market reached €1.2 billion in 2020, and is expected to grow in this and subsequent years without immediate policy intervention; and

Calls on the Government to:

- ensure the delivery of social and affordable housing to buy and to rent through Dublin City Council acting as lead developers of publicly owned land in the Dublin City Council area;
- introduce legislation to end the tax advantages and exemptions granted by the Government to institutional investors, including REITs and IREFs, in the residential property market;
- introduce legislation to impose a stamp duty surcharge on the purchase of residential property by institutional investors including REITs and IREFs;

- direct the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to bring forward, as a matter of urgency, measures to restrict the activity of institutional investors in the residential property market and their displacement of workers, families and struggling home buyers from the market;
- direct the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to consider, as a matter of urgency, amendments to the Planning and Development Act 2000, introducing tenure type and mix as a matter of consideration in all, future planning applications and approvals; and calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to meet with the Dublin City Council Housing SPC as a matter of urgency to deliver on the agreed plans for the Oscar Traynor Road site; Calls on the An tArd Mheara to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage outlining the content of this Emergency Motion.

**Submitted by Councillors Daithí Doolan, Janice Boylan, Anthony Connaghan, Daniel Céitinn, Máire Devine, Micheál MacDonncha, Séamas McGrattan, Larry O'Toole.**

### **Emergency Motion No. 3:**

In view of the recent shocking revelations that Investor Funds are purchasing entire housing estates and blocks of apartments for market rental purposes, Dublin City Council totally rejects such practices; calls on the Government to immediately introduce legislation banning them; and seeks an all-Party meeting with the Minister for Housing and the three government leaders to impress upon them the urgent need for a comprehensive range of housing and homeless measures for the capital and the need to provide the resources to fund them.

**Submitted by Councillors Joe Costello, Dermot Lacey, Alison Gilliland, Mary Freehill, Declan Meenagh.**

Emergency motions 1,2 and 3 were unanimously agreed.

The following **Emergency Motion No. 4** was taken without debate:

That Dublin City Council in acknowledging the steps and actions taken to date by the Director of City Centre Recovery since being appointed to the role last month;

- requests that City Recovery be included as a separate and specific agenda item on each monthly council meeting for the foreseeable future to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to revitalise and re-energise Dublin City;
- calls on the Director of City Recovery to provide a weekly update to Councillors regarding what steps have been taken by their office and the City Recovery Task Force to contribute to the City's recovery;
- requests an update from both the City Recovery Team and the Covid Mobility Team regarding measures implemented outside of the Canals area, including the number of applications received and approved for outdoor dining in public spaces, and an update on the urgent need for the provision of temporary public toilets in areas where a significant number of people congregate, in areas such as public parks, along the Canals, and the Grand Canal Dock etc.
- calls for the necessary steps to be taken to allow for the appointment of a Night Mayor for the City to support night-time culture post COVID-19;
- requests that several measures be implemented with immediate effect by both the Covid Mobility Team and the City Recovery Team to get Dublin City summer ready, including but not limited to:
- Additional litter bins to be provided and for bins to be emptied more than once a day in areas of high footfall, particularly at weekends and when warm weather is expected.

- Accessible portaloos to be put in place in areas of high footfall across the City (including public parks), in addition to the decision to open public buildings for access to toilets, and before the introduction of temporary retail units with adjoining public toilets that will be in place this summer.
- Expedite and be more ambitious in the roll-out of car-free streets in the city centre to enable accessible outdoor dining hubs.
- To introduce more parklets, prosocial outdoor spaces to encourage safe cultural events, gigs, music and arts performances, as well as spaces for outdoor markets.

**Submitted by Councillors Colm O' Rourke, Ray McAdam, Danny Byrne, Anne Feeney, Declan Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, James Geoghegan, Paddy McCartan, Naoise Ó Muirí.**

24 Motions on Notice

All motions listed were carried over to the City Council meeting on 14th June 2021.

**The meeting concluded at 9.35pm 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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will have the submitted poster considered for use in Dublin as an Anti-Littering aid.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council develops posters for usage throughout the city as part of an overall targeted communications plan and not as individual components. These posters are based on a variety of considerations. Elements of the proposed poster may well be incorporated into posters in the future, however discretion in relation to the suitability and appropriateness of a poster or its components rests with the unit who are trying to achieve a particular outcome at a particular time

Dublin City Council have obtained membership of "Leave no Trace Ireland" and plans are in place to produce new signage to incorporate the "Leave no Trace" message which will also include the Irish language.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following please: a wheelchair accessible dished kerb in Charlemont Estate directly in front of the pedestrian Laneway to St Vincent's GAA club (Adj to house no 156). Presently there is no wheelchair access to the pavement at this Laneway entrance. A site visit will illustrate a Laneway that is impossible to assess for wheelchair users as there is no footpath on either side of the Laneway (Charlemont side) and a high kerb in front of the Laneway entrance. There are several wheelchair users in Charlemont and urgent attention to this matter would be much appreciated.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The laneway at this location is private and as such Road Maintenance Services cannot carry out works at this location. The small kerb between the road and the gate is not sufficiently wide to provide a dishing.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the repair of the 'bleeper' at the pedestrian signal lights adjacent to 110a Vernon Ave (the Blackheath side of ave). This bleeper is not working properly at the moment and can be constantly on and making noise throughout the night. The residents adjacent to the lights / bleeper are being kept awake most nights and the situation has become intolerable. I would very much appreciate if this matter can be acted on as a matter of urgency please.

This matter was responded to previously Q35 CEO March 2021 but has reignited.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Traffic Maintenance contractor visited this site on Sunday 11/04 and replaced the audio card and reduced volume. Volume level was verified as acceptable by the local resident who had instigated the complaint. The Pedestrian signals are now operating correctly.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that steps be taken by DCC to address the landlords of HAP who fail to carry out repairs for hap tenants. As this Cllr has received a number of complaints regards above serious issues.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Inspections are undertaken to enforce quality standards in private rented properties including HAP properties under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulation 2019. These Regulations require landlords of rented properties to ensure that the property meets certain minimum standards. A property which is subject to a HAP payment must have an inspection arranged within 8 months after the tenancy commences.

The inspection on the property is carried out by an Environmental Health Officer to see if the property is compliant with the required standards. If the property is found to be non-compliant the process below is initiated. A property that is found to be non-compliant indicates that some aspect of the property does not comply with the Regulations which may range from lack of fire blanket to structural defects.

As a first step an Improvement Letter is sent. This letter requests the landlord to complete a list of works within a specified time to bring the property into compliance with the legislation. This letter is only used in cases where the contraventions are considered minor by the Environmental Health Officer or where the landlord readily agrees to complete any remedial work required. The property is again inspected on expiry of the specified time to ensure that the remedial works are completed.

Where there are serious contraventions of the standards or where works were not completed on foot of the Improvement Letter an Improvement Notice is served. This is a statutory notice requiring the landlord to remedy the works listed in the Notice within a specified time period. The landlord has a right to appeal this notice. Again on expiry of the specified time the property is again inspected by the Environmental Health Officer to ensure the remedial works are completed. Where the Improvement Notice has not been complied with further enforcement action may be taken. This can include a time extension, the service of a Prohibition Notice and /or institution of legal proceedings.

A Prohibition Notice prohibits the landlord from re-letting the property on expiry of the tenancy that was in place when the Notice was served, until it is brought up to standard. It does not require the existing tenant to vacate the property nor can it be used by the landlord as a reason to terminate the tenancy. A Prohibition Notice can only be served where a landlord fails to comply an Improvement Notice and the landlord has a right of appeal to this notice. Where the Prohibition Notice is served on a landlord and the property is under the HAP scheme, HAP payments continue for a 13 week period from the date the appeal period expires, to enable the tenant to source alternative accommodation.

Legal Proceedings may be initiated where an authorised person is obstructed or where a landlord fails to comply with an Improvement Notice or where the property is let in breach of a Prohibition Notice. At court the landlord may be convicted and or fined.

The process outlined above takes some time and at the end of it there is no guarantee that the property will be brought into compliance with the required standards. This process is laid down in statute under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 and this Department has sought enhanced powers under this legislation to allow the Court to direct a landlord to comply with the requirements of an Improvement Notice or Prohibition Notice within a specified time, and to allow the Council to apply to the Circuit or High Court for an order requiring the immediate repair, restriction and or prohibition of use of a rented property in any situation where there is a risk to the persons because of the condition of the house or overcrowding. Further amendments to current legislation have also been sought in relation to overcrowding.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when the part 5 units will be allocated at the site on **(details supplied)**. As I understand there were some planning issues in the past.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Part V units at **(details supplied)** are due to be inspected shortly. On satisfactory completion the acquisition will be finalised and the units will be ready for allocation. There is a planning issue which is currently being resolved, however this does prevent the Housing Department from closing the sale of these units.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what checks are monitored by DCC in regards to homeless hostels regarding fire safety matters. Also to ask if the Fire Chiefs Dept. carry out random inspections on hostels in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) have an inspection programme of random inspections of hostels, with approximately 50 hostels inspected per year and 114 inspections carried out in the last 3 years

DFB are currently working closely with DRHE with regard to fire safety in emergency accommodation for the homeless.

A number of emergency accommodation hostels have been inspected and fire safety upgrade works are being carried out as necessary.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will replace the windows at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has carried out an inspection of the windows at the above address. Based on our findings, a staff member will call out to measure up for new windows when restrictions are lifted.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for an analysis of the document submitted with this question relating to Sea Level Rise and Dublin City Councils Climate Change Action Plan.

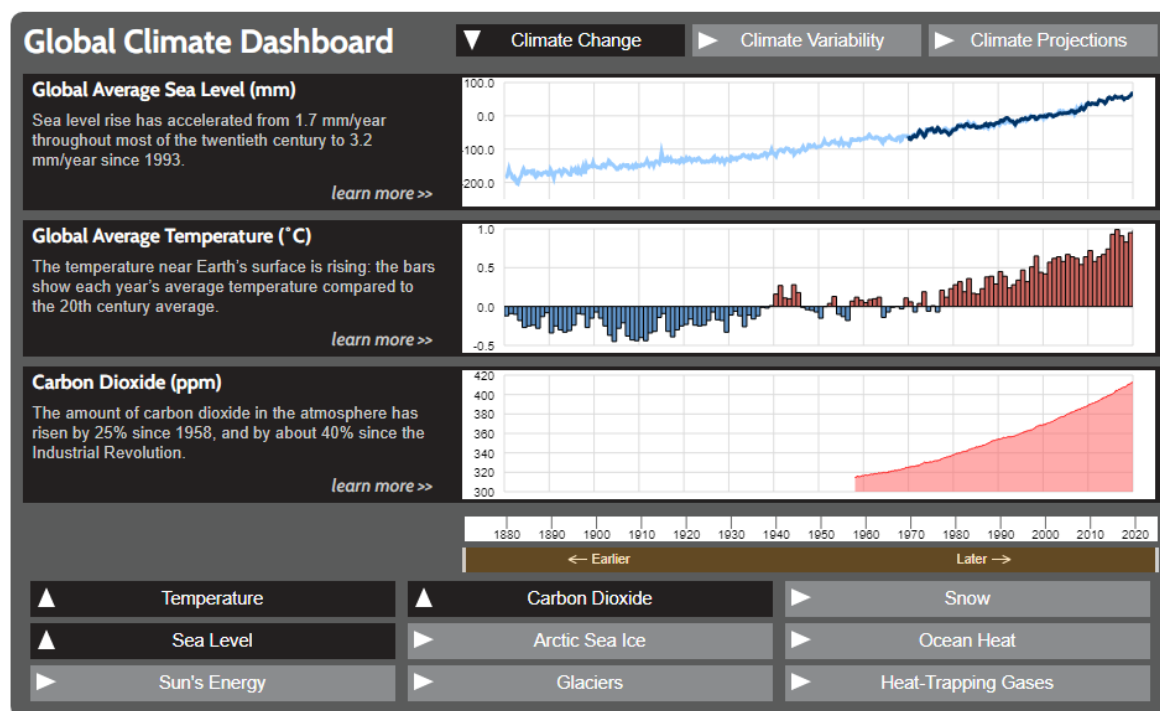
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The IPCC Special Report on Oceans and Cryosphere, (IPCC, 2020) and Special Report on Climate Change and Land (IPCC, 2019) highlight climate impacts are not singular in their affect and impact. The impacts of climate change are compounded. The impacts will have cascading consequences if not addressed in a systems approach. Coastal cities, such as Dublin, will not only be impacted by sea level rise, but increased storminess, coastal erosion, salt water intrusion, and warming temperatures. Globally coastal populations will experience loss of housing, commercial activities, damage to essential infrastructure such as energy and water utilities, and land degradation (IPCC, 2019). Our responses to climate change must account for the full breadth of scenarios to mitigate risks and vulnerability.

In relation to the climate change action plan and the measures being taken to address sea level rise, the actions are grounded in data. Inter-decadal trends are not the basis for action, the general average is showing an upward trend that is increasing, rapidly as per the global climate models. Sea Level Rise (SLR) is one consideration in the

design, and implementation of actions. SLR is likely to be exponential rather than linear compounded by increased wave heights leading to farther onshore run up.

The rapid increase in concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> to their highest levels in over 800,000 years (estimated at 412ppm globally) driven by anthropogenic activities which is correlated with increased rates of sea level rise, wave heights and increased rates of glacial melting in the albedo effect, and the resulting impacts must also be responded to as per available data information.



Source: NOAA Climate Dashboard <https://www.climate.gov/maps-data#global-climate-dashboard>

The DCC Climate Change Action Plan with regard to sea level rise and wave overtopping, is forward looking. New defence levels are based on the Office of Public Works (OPW) and other analysis for the year 2000 ; this includes the estimated 200-year flood, mean year 2000 sea level and the associated wave and the level of acceptable wave overtopping plus a freeboard (or safety margin) allowance of 300mm-500mm for the uncertainty of assumptions made in these calculations.

New and upgraded coastal flood defences are designed to last 100 years, so at least to the year 2100. For them to be functional to at least 2100 an allowance has been made for sea level rise and increased wave overtopping based on the data and analysis provided by the OPW and others. The OPW are the competent authority in Ireland for the implementation of the EU Floods Directive under SI 122/2010 so their guidelines, guidance notes and technical knowledge are used to design and plan all coastal and fluvial flood defences in Dublin City. Their recommendation for defending against mean sea level rise for the rest of the century is the addition of 0.5m for ordinary property and 1.0m for vulnerable properties and critical infrastructure protection to the above defence levels. Further increases in both current and future associated wave heights, speeds and over topping levels have also to be added. As such this means a further 0.25m-0.5m or even more depending on ground profiles and wave run up characteristics, must be accounted for in adaptation measures.

To support further these additions for climate change, Dublin City Council has been monitoring sea level rise, wind speeds and direction and wave speeds and direction for over the last 20 years. We have noted decreases in some years but the general trend in Dublin Bay has been significantly upward. We also consider changes in the Irish Sea at different locations for various reasons. One of these reasons is the frequent setting up of a standing wave called a seiche which can be transmitted, usually up the Irish Sea and then further transmitted perpendicularly into Dublin Bay and its river estuaries, this adds to peak high tide levels. Changes in the make-up of estuaries resulting from dredging are also monitored for effects on tide and wave levels. We have monitored an overall increase of 110mm in average sea levels in Dublin City between 2000 and 2016 inclusive giving an average sea level rise in this period of 6.5mm per annum, twice the estimated global average. Taking into account data from 2017 and 2018 this is now 130mm between 2000 and 2018 inclusive giving an average sea level rise of 6.8mm per annum in that period. This with the estimated increase in associated wave height for flood defence design is estimated to have reduced the flood return period four fold in the last 20 years. Meaning what was a 200 year tidal flood event in the year 2000 is now the 50 year tidal flood event today! We are awaiting the results for 2019 and 2020 which may increase or decrease this observed mean sea level rise, but 26% of the national OPW normal climate change allowance for mean sea level rise in the 21<sup>st</sup> century appears to be a reality in Dublin City.

What must also be considered is that in estuaries such as the Liffey, Dodder, Tolka, Camac, Mayne and smaller rivers there is an added water level increase following rainfall events on top of the sea level and wave factors. High tides are caused by low pressure, which normally brings significant rainfall with it, thus increasing water levels further in the upper parts of estuaries and slightly in the near shore tidal areas, resulting in the highest tides and water levels ever being recorded in Dublin City over the last 20 years.

We have checked our monitors for local land motion and found nothing significant. Glacial rebound also does not appear to be a significant factor yet in Dublin City. We have not noted any significant tidal changes in around 100 years of tidal records except for the large number of very high tides in the last 20 years, the top two on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2002 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014 being the highest ever recorded in Dublin City. The first causing over 1250 buildings to flood and estimated hundreds of millions of euro in damages.

With regard to monitoring storm frequency and intensity, in the last 20 years Dublin City has experienced an increase in both; we now have 4-8 storms per annum and some of the strongest storms are accompanied by largest rainfall events and highest waves, in the last 100 years. Additionally, some of these storms originate from the South Atlantic, this is unprecedented.

As a local authority responsible for land use and land-use change through the planning system we must consider the future of the city and its development to ensure that citizens are able to live a decent quality of life today and in the future – 5 years or 100 years from now. The adaptation measures to respond to climate change impacts, which include not just SLR, but extreme weather events, slow burn impacts, heat waves, cold snaps, and flooding, are essential. These impacts will not be single events, but compound events with cascading impacts, which will not be limited to the environment, but have social and economic consequences for the city and the country. For example sea level rise is interrelated with ocean warming and acidification and coastal erosion (IPCC 2019; EPA, 2020). These impacts will impact on communities



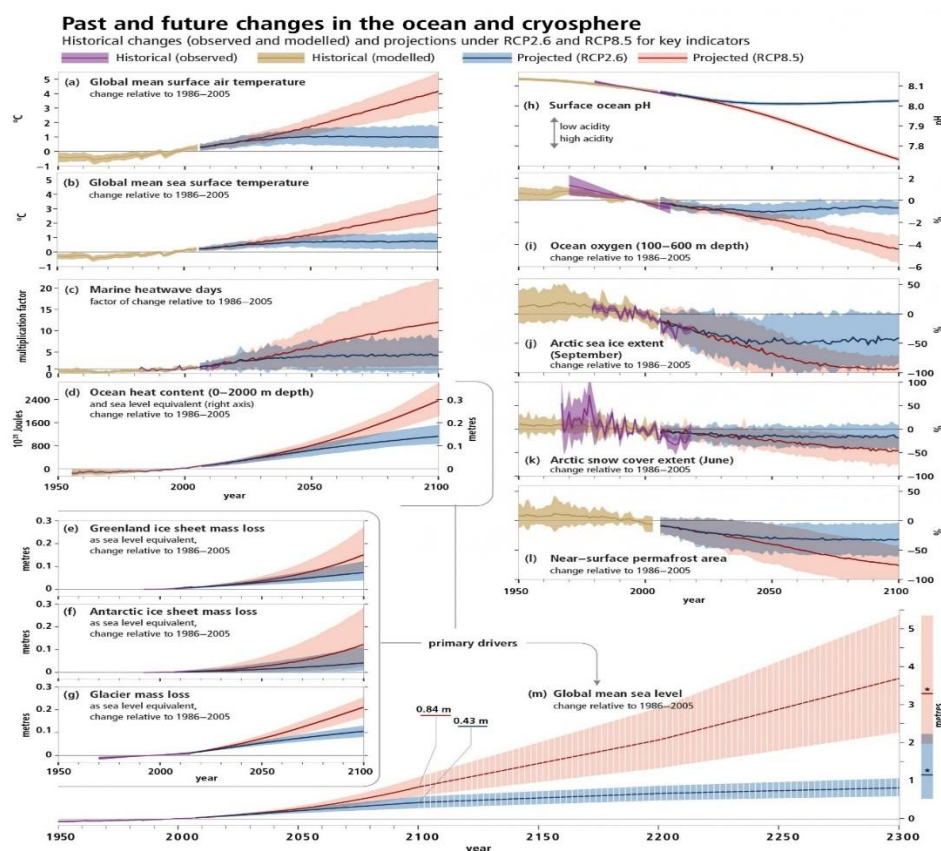
who are economically and socially dependent on the coast for their livelihoods, for example those engaged in fisheries, and tourism.

As a council, in line with OPW guidance and international best practice, we prioritise soft measures, which include behaviour change and advising citizens of how to prepare for extreme weather events in partnership with the OPW and others; green measures or nature based solutions which include green infrastructure and sustainable urban drainage systems, and finally, as a last resort grey infrastructure measures, namely walls, embankments and attenuation tanks.

The OPW current guidelines fall in well with the latest recommendations of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change which estimates 0.59m-0.81m of MSL rise to the year 2100.

Ongoing work within the council on nature based solutions recognises that insuring the city's resilience to known and unanticipated impacts of climate change requires that we work with nature. Greening the city and protecting, and conserving Dublin's rich biodiversity, on land and in water will not only mitigate risks but improve health and wellbeing of citizens. With regard to future risks we are considering maps on the [www.climateireland.ie](http://www.climateireland.ie) website Page 14 maps giving 1m to 6m of sea level rise, to see what areas of the city are at risk in higher sea level increase scenarios into the future. While these levels of MSL rise are unlikely to occur this century, sea level rise and increased wave heights appear to be an accelerating phenomenon. We will be guided in our flood defence levels by the EU Floods Directive and the OPW Guidelines on same. We do not think that these are drastic measures following current national guidance while being cognisant of the likely worst case scenarios.

The cost of inaction today, will be at a greater cost to future generations.



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**Q.9 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify whether a sub tenant, paying rent for more than five years, qualifies for succession rights or are they required to have their own housing application? Could the manager also clarify what is meant by 'departure' of the main tenant in the tenancy agreement and what it would mean for the sub tenant and their succession rights should the main tenant depart the dwelling.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Sub tenants, paying rents for more than five years may apply for succession of a tenancy as long as they have no alternative suitable accommodation available to them and they are included in the household details for rent assessment purposes for the required period. This period differs from two years for partner/spouse, son and daughter to five years for a person other than a partner /spouse, son or daughter.

There is no requirement for a sub tenant applying for succession to have their own housing application.

Succession of tenancy may happen where death or departure of a tenant takes place. Departure in terms of qualifying for succession of a tenancy is normally when a tenant leaves a tenancy and has to go into a long term care service, spouse or joint tenant has vacated the property for two years or Martial breakdown.

Departure reason must be examined when a succession of tenancy application is submitted and is considered on a case by case basis. However, please be advised that departure of the tenant by way of purchasing or providing own accommodation would not be grounds for a child over 18 years to remain in the dwelling and apply for succession.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will outline the outcome of the Stage 1 process in relation to the White Water Rafting Centre and to confirm if Stage 2 has commenced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The closing date for Stage 1 Submissions was 12 March 2021. The Council received 6 expressions of interest from construction companies in stage 1 and these submissions are currently being reviewed to insure all firms meet the necessary pre-qualification criteria and have the necessary skills and experience to carry out such a development.

The successful applicants at Stage 1 will then be invited to submit a tender for the project at Stage 2. It is expected that Stage 2 will commence during Q2 of 2021 and will take approximately 3 months to complete.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following repairs carried out: The recently damaged lamppost repaired at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The damaged pole **(details supplied)** was replaced 19/04/21.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List and in receipt of HAP with an application date of 01/03/2016, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	165

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

An Applicant's position can fluctuate as applicants are allowed change their areas of preference once a year. Whilst the applicant may previously have held a more favourable position, if another applicant has since availed of the HAP payment they would transfer to the Transfer list, HAP recipients will automatically move onto the Transfer List when the HAP tenancy begins, the Transfer List will reflect the time that the recipient previously spent on the waiting list. The effective date for the recipient's position on the Transfer List will be their date of qualification for Social Housing Support.

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

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.13 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection of this property has been carried out. Based on this report, Dublin City Council will make arrangements with the tenant and carry out any necessary installation works when Level 5 restrictions are lifted.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant (**details supplied**) are on the Housing Transfer List Band 2 with an application date of 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2010. The applicant moved into their Hap tenancy on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2017.

The household's current positions are:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	132
Area D	3	47
Area E	3	159

It is not possible to indicate exactly when this household will be reached for an offer as the length of time any applicant waits for an offer will be determined both by their position in the band, the number of properties directed towards that band, and by their choice of area and type of accommodation the applicant requires.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the windows and doors at (**details supplied**) with a view to replacements being carried out.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The windows in this property are PVC double glazed and based on inspection of this site are not in need of replacement at this time. We will arrange for the handles and hinges to be eased and oiled.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpaths on Ballygall Avenue to be inspected and any repairs necessary to be carried out. The trees along this section of street are huge and are lifting the footpaths in places.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services Division has carried out an inspection of the footpaths on Ballygall Avenue and they were generally found to be in a satisfactory condition. Localised footpath repairs had been carried out in recent years. Routine maintenance repairs may be carried out in the future in response to requests related to specific addresses.

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have inspected the trees along Ballygall Avenue and were found in a healthy condition with no further works required at this time.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trees in (**details supplied**) to be pruned back.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have listed the subject tree for some light structural pruning, these works will be carried out in the coming weeks as soon as schedule allows.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for cycle lanes on Glasanaon Road and Ballygall Road East where several schools are located on or close to these roads. Can the Chief Executive say whether priority is given to roads which accommodate school facilities?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has been implementing School Zones around the city since August 2020. The School Zone treatment creates a safer, calmer and more attractive environment outside of schools and 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. Mother of Devine Grace School on Ferndale Avenue have applied for a School Zone and one of our Schools Outreach Officers will arrange a site visit shortly. Our application process remains open and if any schools wish to apply, they should do so through our online portal,

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/covid-mobility-measures/school-mobility-programme>

In addition, the Government recently announced the Safe Routes to School Initiative to improve walking and cycling facilities in the school vicinity. This is a nationwide initiative and all schools were invited to apply. If any of the schools on Glasanaon Road or Ballygall Road West applied and are successful, this location will be looked at in detail. <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/d0b2b-ministers-announce-new-initiative-to-support-walking-and-cycling-infrastructure-for-schools/>

Schools which have applied for a School Zone and/or the Safe Routes to School initiative will be assessed for potential interventions in the first instance.

We are also in the process of developing a Walking & Cycling Action Plan which aims to address neighbourhood barriers to walking and cycling. The Plan will set out succinct actions to identify, prioritise, design and implement safe, accessible and attractive walking and cycling infrastructure networks and strategies and initiatives to support and encourage modal shift. This Action Plan will be developed by using a collaborative community-based approach to engage, inform, listen, and co-create solutions. We will be in touch with all Area Committees once the engagement plan has been finalised.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on whether or not the 30kph speed limit by-law online survey was changed after the public consultation period commenced and did all participants complete the same survey. Also considering the inherent bias of the public consultation who will assess this data.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I am advised that the 30km/h speed limit on-line survey which was part of the non-statutory public consultation process, was not changed during the process. All the respondents completed the same survey.

An external consultant in conjunction with the Dublin City Council Road Safety Section will analyse the responses to the public consultation. I have asked John Flanagan, Assistant Chief Executive and City Engineer to review their report and to deal with the concerns raised in relation to the public consultation process, when the results of the process are presented to the Elected Members at the SPC meeting on 25 of May 2021.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive what information is available relating to the availability of green space, both parks and playing fields, across the city. Has an audit been carried out to estimate the average walking distance to green spaces in the city. Is there a similar way of establishing the adequacy or otherwise of provision of green space, both parks and playing fields in the city? Could the manager make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Availability of open space within the City was assessed in the Dublin City Parks Strategy 2019-2022. The assessment used 500m and 1000m access zones to community and flagship parks respectively. Overall access to community parks is reasonable although some deficit areas are noted and access within the inner-city tends to be to smaller sized parks. Access to flagship parks is more limited and the strategy recommended upgrading existing parks to flagship status to address this. Since the report the City Council now has 11 Green Flag Parks and the policy on access is to maintain a hierarchy of parks within reasonable access to all the residents of Dublin.

Access to public playing fields was also assessed in the strategy using an access zone of 1200m. It found that while citizens (except within the canals) mostly live within 1,200m of a playing field, we know from feedback from all sporting codes and the annual pitch allocations that there is a deficit of playing fields in some parts of the city and little provision for playing fields is being achieved through the development control planning process.

In the inner city, the strategy recommended assessing the potential for partnerships with schools to provide community training facilities.

The Dublin City Parks Strategy is available here:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parks/strategies-and-policies/parks-strategy>

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for an audit of public available swimming pools across the city and to try identify areas where there is a shortage of provision.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At present under Dublin City Councils management and remit we have eight Swimming Pools that operate across all electoral and committee areas in the city of Dublin.

Crumlin Pool and Ballyfermot Leisure Centre operate and cater for the People of the South Central Area.

Finglas and Ballymun Leisure centre operate and cater for the people of the North West area of Dublin.

Sean Mc Dermott street swimming Pool operate and cater for the people of the Central area of Dublin.

Markievich Leisure centre operate and cater for the people of the South East Area of Dublin.

Coolock Pool operate and cater for the people of the North Central Area.

Swan Leisure swimming Pool operate and cater for the people of the South East Area.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the GAA all-weather pitch for Tolka Valley Park and what teams will use it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

While certain ground investigations have been carried out further environmental studies are required. If these studies can demonstrate the proposals will not impact upon protected species it is envisaged that the proposals can be brought to part 8 planning later this year.

While agreement has yet to be reached on the structure of the proposed management entity it is envisaged that this will comprise of the local soccer and GAA clubs who will be the anchor tenants with the facility being available for use by local schools during the week. As part of any future agreement slots will be kept available for other clubs from the area.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to look at installing plastic bottle and can banks in Ballymun and Finglas.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Circle City recycling on the go initiative was launched in October 2020. Phase one of this project is focused on the introduction of a successful city centre project and includes the ongoing monitoring and assessment of the quality and quantity of recyclable material disposed of in the recycling bins provided in the city centre.

Project engagement with Hubbub/Voice Ireland is currently paused due to the impact of repeated Covid 19 related restrictions implemented during the project both immediately following the launch and then again towards Christmas 2020. Re-engagement is due once Covid restrictions begin to ease.

The future of the initiative will be examined following confirmation that the current project has been successful and is sustainable within the city centre. Following this consideration will be given to how the initiative can be expanded further, and based on the experience and results of the city centre project, in which locations successful implementation can be achieved.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to treat the wood on the properties at Marewood Crescent.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As per the Tenant's Handbook, painting of the houses falls under tenant's responsibility.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the PPP voted on for Shangan, Ballymun.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The site at Shangan Road, Ballymun has been approved by the DoHLGH for development as part of Bundle 3 (B3) of the Social Housing (SH) Public Private Partnership (PPP) Programme. While the final development composition is not yet finalised, it is currently envisaged that the proposed development will deliver approximately 100 social housing units of mixed typologies for senior citizens/people with medical needs.

A Design Team has been appointed to develop a detailed design for the site. It is noted that as part of their works the design team has procured contractors to undertake site investigations works which are scheduled to commence from the end of April 2021.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding the increase in parking charges in social housing flat complexes in the South East Area. These increases were recently added without any prior consultation with the Traffic and Transport SPC, without any regards to a policy on these increases and without any public consultation. This is tantamount to an increase in rent and service charges without going through a statutory process. Can the CEO request that the law agent issue a very clear directive on this matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A number of representations have been received from Councillors over the last few years regarding the lack of parking enforcement in Housing complexes within the South East Area. In response to this, the South East Area has engaged two contractors to carry out parking enforcement within our complexes. These contracts are for an initial period of 12 months with a review after 6 months and the average cost of a parking permit is € 25 per year, which is considered to be good value. Parking Enforcement in Dublin City Council advises that Dublin Street Parking Services have no authority to enforce within Dublin City Council Housing complexes.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full and comprehensive report on how much Dublin City Council spent on the Euro 2020 matches and program. This report to include all contracts that DCC entered into, all advertising contracts, all revenue streams and expenditures, all tendering processes and procurement, all budgets that were set aside for this program and what monies out of this program are left over and what will be the intended use of these monies. Also, what other outside bodies had DCC partnership with for this initiative.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council and our Local Organising Structure (LOS) partners, namely the Football Association of Ireland, the Government and the Aviva Stadium, were informed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April by UEFA of their decision to move the four scheduled EURO 2020 games out of Dublin this June due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Dublin City Council's EURO 2020 Project Office is now in the process of winding up the Council's involvement in the project. This will include negotiations with a number of contractors. Once this process is complete a detailed report on Dublin City Council's involvement in EURO 2020 will be issued.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards what outbreaks of Covid 19 took place within the SEA in Dublin City Council waste management depots at Bow Lane and other sites within the SEA of waste management. This report also to include what outbreaks of Covid 19 emerged in Emergency Homeless settings, family hubs, and emergency accommodation within the SEA. This report to include all times and dates of outbreaks and also what responses were initiated to manage these outbreaks and by whom.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The DRHE has requested this data from the HSE. A reply will issue to the Councillor within 10 days of meeting.



In the past year three technical outbreaks of COVID-19 occurred within Waste Management and effectively were managed by the City Council in line with HSE and HSPC protocols.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the concerns the public have with regards to ESB smart meters and data. There has been much media coverage with regards these new smart meters that are being installed in homes and businesses in relation to their IT technology and the ability to harvest personal data. Can the CEO issue a report on this as many of our homes within DCC will more than likely be retrofitted with these new Smart meters. They will also be installed in new builds. It is important that our tenants understand what apparatus are in their homes and whether these devices are capable of spying and harvesting personal data without the informed consent of tenants.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council understands that ESB Networks Ireland are updating all homes in Ireland to smart meters. The only data the ESB will be gathering will be meter readings and residents usage.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: residents of Gurteen Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 have over the past few months had some very difficult issues to content in relation to the sewage system. I am asking if Dublin City Council could provide me with a map indicating where the various universal covers should be located in the rear gardens of the various houses, I am particularly looking for sewage lay-out from No 1 to 47 Gurteen Park Ballyfermot Dublin 10.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 24 properties between 1-47 Gurteen Park, of which Dublin City Council own three. Dublin City Council do not have records of private drains. Very common amongst older properties is that there is a shared private drain that runs down the backs of the houses, the maintenance and upkeep of these drains is the joint responsibility of all properties using the line.

Drains can become problematic if extensions have been built over them. If it was possible to identify exactly where the issues are along the line, Dublin City Council might be able to identify the cause.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at the badly damaged concrete footpath in the rear garden of **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The footpath on **(details supplied)** has been examined and found to be in good condition. Can the Cllr make arrangements for the resident to call the local Road Maintenance Services Inspector Kenneth Fitzgerald so that a joint site inspection can take place to see if the matter raised can be identified with a view to having it resolved.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please arrange that the footpath along the Kylemore Road section of Californian Hills Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 be properly cleaned back, this area is very badly overgrown. People out walking down the road towards Chapelizod are finding it very dangerous. A couple of spades and a few hours will bring the footpath back to full usage.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will arrange a clean-up of the footpath when the cutting back has taken place.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council becomes an active voice in the community effort to ensure Drimnagh, Dublin 12 gets the long-awaited Primary Care Centre promised over the past few years. Drimnagh is I regret often forgotten, it is sandwiched between other large areas and the community is cut up in different electoral boundary's etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The HSE has full planning permission in for a Primary Care Centre in Curlew Road, Drimnagh. Permission was granted in 2014 with an extension of permission obtained in 2019. We understand that the HSE is committed to this development and that we will contact them to see what the current status is.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive the frequency with which testing of the quality of bathing waters are carried out in Dublin Bay, the rationale upon which this frequency is based, whether there are any plans to increase the frequency given the increased uptake in sea swimming and the alarming frequency with which the Ringsend Plant overflows, what the plans are to address the issues of overflow.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Irish Water is the owner of the Ringsend Waste Water Treatment Plant and is best placed to address any queries in relation to the operation and maintenance of the plant directly. This includes the plants performance in accordance with its operating license, as issued by the Environmental Protection Agency.

In relation to the remit of Dublin City Council and our monitoring of bathing waters, the responsibilities of a local authority are set out [in the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 \(S.I. No. 79/2008\)](#).

The required frequency of sampling bathing water quality is set out in Schedule 2 of the Regulations (attached below for your reference). The Regulations require that Local Authorities monitor bathing water quality at their designated bathing waters during the bathing season on a **minimum of four occasions**. The designated bathing season is from the 1st June to 15th September each year.

There are two designated bathing areas in Dublin City Council's jurisdiction to where the Regulations apply, namely; Dollymount and Sandymount Strands, In addition, DCC monitors the bathing water quality at four non-designated bathing areas, namely; North Bull Wall, Half Moon, Merrion Strand & Shelly Banks.

In practice Dublin City Council carries out a substantial number of additional samples than that required in the bathing water regulations. DCC monitors bathing water quality on at least 20 separate occasions at each bathing area during the bathing season (regardless of designation). In recognition of year round swimming, DCC continues to monitor bathing water quality across all six bathing areas outside of the bathing season on a fortnightly basis.

DCC makes the results of the water sample analyses available on an ongoing basis on our [website](#) and by means of on-site notices in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Regulations (Cabinets with noticeboards adjacent to the six bathing areas). During the

bathing season, the water quality assessment data from the designated bathing waters is also published on the EPA hosted website [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie).

Our DCC website also provides further information as to our activities and reporting in relation to bathing water monitoring.

S.I. No. 79/2008 - Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008

**SCHEDULE 2**

**MONITORING CALENDAR AND SAMPLING**

1. One sample is to be taken shortly before the start of each bathing season. Taking account of this extra sample and subject to paragraph 2, no fewer than four samples are to be taken and analysed per bathing season.
2. Only three samples need be taken and analysed per bathing season in the case of a bathing water that is situated in a region which, in the opinion of the EPA, is subject to special geographical constraints.
3. Sampling dates are to be distributed throughout the bathing season, with the interval between sampling dates never exceeding one month.
4. Monitoring shall take place no later than four days after the date specified in the monitoring calendar.
5. In the event of short-term pollution, one additional sample is to be taken to confirm that the incident has ended. This sample is not to be part of the set of bathing water quality data. If necessary to replace a disregarded sample, an additional sample is to be taken seven days after the end of the short-term pollution

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on pay-as-you-go gas meters in city council residential homes: what is the official policy regarding these meters, how many homes are fitted with these meters, can tenants switch providers and what is the process a tenant has to follow to have one of these meters removed?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council gives permission to tenants to install pay as you go meters. The agreement is between the tenant and the meter company and with no involvement of Dublin City Council. In relation to switching provider and only removing meter that, again, is tenant's responsibility.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the local authority is the owner of the currently vacant site to the rear of 11 Ash Street Dublin 8 and if so, to provide this councillor with a map indicating the perimeter/border between this site and the rear of no. 11 Ash street.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The subject site is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed breakdown of the differences between the vacant sites register and the derelict sites act.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council along with all Local Authorities is responsible for identifying and dealing with derelict and vacant property within its administrative boundary in accordance with the relevant legislation.

A vacant site differs from a derelict site in that under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, a derelict site is any land that “*detracts or is likely to detract to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood....because of: Structures which are in a ruinous, derelict or dangerous condition, or the neglected, unsightly or objectionable condition of the land or of structures on it, or the presence, deposit or collection of litter, rubbish, debris or waste*”. The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 is a stimulus measure to encourage landowners in urban areas to release land for development for either residential or regeneration purposes. The Derelict Sites Act is aimed at improving the character of an area by addressing unsightly eyesores and sites that may become a source of anti-social behaviour.

Under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 each Local Authority must maintain separate registers of vacant and derelict sites. Both registers are updated (to add or remove entries) when they meet the legal requirements as defined under the respective Act.

The main differences between the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 are outlined in the table below.

<b>Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015</b>	<b>Derelict Sites Act 1990</b>
The aim of the Act is to bring vacant land in urban areas back into beneficial use. Its purpose is to prevent land hoarding.	The aim of the Act is to ensure that a property ceases to be, or is prevented from, becoming derelict and so detracting from the area in which it is located.
Site must be vacant for at least 12 months. Unless the site is in active use it is placed on the register. Plans to develop the site e.g. planning permission, do not prevent the site being placed on the register and incurring a levy.	There is no prescribed time for a site to be derelict before implementation of the provisions of the Act. The Act imposes a general duty on the owner or occupier of any land to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the land does not become or continue to be a derelict site
Each site must exceed an area of .05 hectares and be zoned as either residential or regeneration land Residential Land: Site must be greater than .05 hectares and wholly or majorly vacant or idle, located in an area where there is housing need and is suitable for the provision of housing. Regeneration Land: Site must be greater than .05 hectares and wholly or majorly vacant or idle and has an adverse effect on the existing amenities or character of the area.	No size requirement
A site entered on the VSR is subject to a Vacant Site Levy of 7% of the market value of the property	While the Levy amount is the same for Derelict Sites (i.e. 7% of market value), unpaid Derelict Sites Levies attract interest at the rate of 1.25% per month.
The Act applies to privately owned and publicly owned property in the same manner.	Land owned by a State Authority or by a Local Authority is not subject to a Derelict Sites Levy.

A Local Authority has no power to compulsorily acquire vacant property under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act.	A Local Authority can acquire a derelict site by agreement or compulsorily and may use any derelict site acquired by them for any purpose connected with their functions. A Local Authority can also dispose of the derelict site if it is not required.
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**Q.38 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce traffic calming to slow down motorists on **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied 1)** is residential in nature, the road itself is naturally traffic calmed. On approach to the entrance to the estate coming from both **(details supplied 2)**, Dublin City Councils Speed Limit review 30km/hr "Slow Zone" signage is provided and as such, motorists are informed that they are entering a residential area.

The provision of on street parking on the road offers natural traffic calming by significantly reducing the available carriageway width for motorists, and the mature tree lined nature of the estate offers additional traffic calming and increases driver caution. In terms of traffic calming such as ramps, criteria outline the road must be a straight run of 200 metres, and traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour. As the road is not a through road and would not generate 60 vehicles per hour, and it does not contain a straight run of 200m due to its natural horseshoe shape, it is determined that **(details supplied 1)** does not warrant the installation of additional traffic calming measures.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to increase the amount of litter bins in **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services installed two new litter bins on **(details supplied)** earlier this year. There are no plans for additional bins in this area at this time.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many DCC staff were redeployed to other agencies during the pandemic, and how many have returned to DCC. Also what DCC facilities were used by the HSE during the year in relation to tackling covid19?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2020, the Public Appointment Service (PAS) managed a temporary reassignment process in respect of the HSE and the other agencies requirement in responding to Covid -19.

A large number of DCC employees registered with PAS. Local management determined release in respect of each employee.

A small number of employees were redeployed in 2020 and have now returned to DCC.

Separately, in 2021 a framework for Local Government Support to the HSE was agreed in terms of the National Vaccination Programme. A small number of employees were released in April 2021 to the HSE to facilitate this Covid 19 Programme.

The Poppintree Sport and Community facility was used as a Covid test centre from Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November until Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. The Service operated from 11am until 6pm.

Irishtown Stadium Car Park was used for a pop-up Covid 19 test centre from 15<sup>th</sup> September until 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 9am to 5pm. It was also recently used for a free Covid-19 walk-in test centre from 25<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

The Ballymun Sport and Fitness Facility is currently providing a location on the plaza outside for a pop-up Covid testing service. The pop-up facility is operating from 10am until 6pm 7 days a week. There is an agreement in place from the 4<sup>th</sup> of May until the 15<sup>th</sup> of May (service may be reduced or extended depending on the numbers attending).

St Catherine's Community Sports Centre was used for pop-up Covid test centre from 17<sup>th</sup> April until 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Richmond Barracks is currently being used as vaccination centre.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a memorial garden in **(details supplied)** to all the residents who have passed away from the estate.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks would only consider tree planting or a bench under the memorials in parks policy (see attached guidelines on memorial dedication of benches and trees in Dublin City Parks).

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate if there is a strategy for dealing with the increased number of people socialising outside. Specifically in relation to litter management and possible public order offences.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

With people taking their eating and drinking outdoors in the fine weather and long evenings, Dublin is experiencing unprecedented levels of littering at numerous locations across the city and within parks.

Large gatherings that have been experienced across the city and country are unsanctioned events and not in keeping with current restrictions.

With regards to public order offences this would be a matter for An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council is calling out to all those partaking in outdoor activity to act responsibly by using the bin to dispose of litter and where there is no bin available to please bring litter home and being part of the "Leave no Trace" Campaign.

There are currently over 3,200 bins in the City Council area with an additional 70 barrel bins in place at litter hotspots to assist with the extra demand with 30 additional big belly bin being installed in the first half of the year. Frontline street cleaning staff are working around the clock in an effort to deal with all of the litter that is being left behind.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of applications for permission to operate as an Air BnB have been received in the city in the last three years and the number of complaints regarding properties operating as Air BnBs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Since the new regulations came into force in respect of Short Term Letting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July the following applications have been received

Year

2019: 10 applications Decisions: 8 Refused 2 Granted

2020: 5 applications Decisions: 3 Refused (1 on appeal) 2 Granted

2021: No applications received to date.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 complaints were received in respect of a total of 1007 properties allegedly operating illegally for Short Term Letting purposes. There were multiple complaints in relation to a number of these properties.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

To ask the Chief Executive about the number of reports of fly tipping in the last three years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Fly Tipping is a form of illegal dumping and Dublin City Council's Waste Management department does not break down illegal dumping reports into different categories.

The number of illegal dumping reports received by Waste Management in the past three years are detailed in the table below.

Year	Number of Illegal Dumping Reports
2018	11,285
2019	10,863
2020	13,289

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

To ask the Chief Executive about the number of incidents of public urination the council have assisted the Gardai with in the last three years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services clean, wash and disinfect locations which our staff are aware of having problems with public urination. We also carry out this cleaning on foot of reports of such instances by members of the public. Gardai contact us more for the removal of drug paraphernalia from public places, the cleaning of blood from paths or streets and the clearance of debris from roads following traffic collisions.

We do not track the number of incidents whereby we engage with An Garda Síochána in relation to this category of activity.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report into the preparation of a cycle link between **(details supplied)**; whether a formal Part VIII planning permission will be necessary to deliver the project; the timeframe for the completion of the detailed design stage; when it is hoped to go to tender stage and when will the new infrastructure be ready for use; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As per our recent presentation to members of the Central and South Central Area Committees, we are currently carrying out initial investigations for the scheme.

Currently duct surveys and topographical surveys are being undertaken by external contractors and should be completed in the coming weeks. The information contained in these surveys will inform the design.

We anticipate a number of constraints and challenges arising from the presence of underground utilities particularly on **(details supplied)**.

Assuming the above surveys are completed within four weeks, we will then further develop the design based on the constraints identified in the surveys. At this point the scale of the project will become more apparent and we will have a better understanding of the timeline for completion of design and subsequent installation of the scheme.

It is anticipated at this time that a Part VIII will not be required and that construction would take place in late 2021. Further updates will be provided in the coming months.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update as to the current status of plans to deliver new housing on the **(details supplied)**; the status of any designs; an indicative breakdown of the size of units to be provided; the likely timeframe for the preparation and submission of a Part VIII planning application; when it is hoped to go to tender and begin works on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The site **(details supplied)** has been approved by the DoHLGH for development as part of Bundle 3 (B3) of the Social Housing (SH) Public Private Partnership (PPP) Programme.

A design team has been appointed and work is ongoing to develop a design for the site. Site investigations have commenced on the site.

It is currently envisaged that the proposed development will deliver approximately 65 apartments to meet the general social need within Housing Area H.

The date currently envisaged for lodging the planning applications is Q3/Q4 2021. The Tender will be formally advertised when planning approval has been obtained on all six sites that comprise Bundle 3 of the Social Housing PPP Programme.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure the windows in the home of **(details supplied)** are urgently replaced and that a report be provided outlining the timeframe in which assessment of existing frames and completion of installation of new frames is detailed; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has inspected these windows and established they were installed by the tenant. The replacement/repair are therefore the tenant's responsibility.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeframe for the installation of new pedestrian crossings within **(details supplied)** as outlined in the Report on Covid Mobility and Major Walking & Cycling Projects at the April meeting of the Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter?



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is proposed that the new Pedestrian Crossings in **(details supplied)** will be installed within the next 12 months. They are at the design stage at the moment. If you send on the exact location I will be able to send you on a more accurate timeframe as we are installing Pedestrian Crossings throughout the entire City.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the provision and operation of the "temporary" public toilets now in place for over a year at St. Stephen's Green and Wolfe Tone Square. The report should contain, inter alia, the following:

- a. Initial capital cost per unit
- b. Description of each unit including capacity, facilities and design
- c. Opening hours per unit
- d. Staffing per unit
- e. Cost of d above including overhead costs
- f. Overall cost per unit including staffing above, supplies/materials, maintenance, operating costs such as light, disposal costs etc.
- g. Usage statistics by unit
- h. Any public reaction/feedback received
- i. Statutory duty/responsibility of DCC to provide such facilities on a citywide basis
- j. Commitment of DCC to continuation of provision of above facilities and roll out of further such facilities

The report should also include a cost benefit analysis based on the significant usage to date, the comprehensive cleansing regime in situ and the professional and Covid compliant queue management system/services in place at each location. It should further include a comprehensive intangible benefits analysis, which should take into account not only the direct benefits of the provision of these facilities, but also examine and report on the indirect/intangible benefits including, but not confined to, the following:

- a. Public support for the facilities and backing for installation of further similar facilities throughout the city centre.
- b. Public realm/environmental benefit of discouragement of urination in public places.
- c. Attraction of people to the city centre knowing that such facilities are available (City Recovery Task Force to examine and consider this)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In response to the questions listed please see below:

**The Capital costs associated with the establishment of Temporary Toilet Facilities at St Stephens Green and Wolfetone Square were**

Wolfetone Square -- €56,914 ex vat

St Stephens Green -- €62,436 ex vat

**Facility Description**

Each facility comprises a Male unit with 1 cubicle, two urinals and hot water sink station

The Female unit comprises 3 cubicles and hot water sink station

A standalone disabled access unit with baby changing facilities

**Opening Hours**

Each facility opens from 10a.m. to 8p.m -- 7 days a week

### Staffing

The St Stephens Green and Wolfetone Square facilities have one staff member managing the units and dealing with the queuing situation. One floating staff member also operates between both units when issues arise at any site, large queues etc. Each facility has a member of staff continually cleaning and maintaining the units to a very high hygiene standard to comply with Covid 19 protocols.

**324,275** members of the public have used the St Stephens Green facility  
Average weekly use – 8,533 customers

**128,158** members of the public have used the Wolfetone Square facility.  
Average weekly use – 3,372 customers

The associated costs with regard to the management, maintenance, material costs in 2020 were €364,915.97.

The overwhelming public reaction through media exposure and direct correspondence from members of the public to our Customer Services Section has been extremely positive with a particular emphasis being placed on the cleanliness of the facilities (particularly through a pandemic) and the feeling of safety due to the stewarding in place.

See example:

***“Tuesday this week was the first time I spent any length of time in town. I came across the facilities in Wolfe Tone Square and want to congratulate DCC and particularly the team looking after the facilities there on the superb 5 star toilets. The management of the queue, the polite security folks but most of all the wonderful lady who was cleaning after each use and who took great pride in ensuring the space was spotlessly clean and well equipped are to be commended”***

### Dublin City Council's Commitment to roll out further facilities.

Public toilets are currently available at the following 28 locations:

Grafton Street	10am to 8pm Monday to Sunday
Wolfe Tone Square	10am to 8pm Monday to Sunday
Dollymount, Bull Wall	24 Hours
St. Annes Park Tearooms	9am to 6pm Monday to Sunday
Herbert Park Tearooms	9am to 5pm Monday to Sunday
St. Patricks Park Tearooms	10am to 6pm Monday to Sunday
City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2	10am to 5pm Monday to Sunday
Markievicz Leisure Centre, Townsend Street, Dublin 2	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
St. Catherine's Sports Centre, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Irishtown Stadium, Strand Street, Dublin 4	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Finglas Leisure Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas, Dublin 11	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Cabra Parkside Sports Centre, Ratoath Road, Cabra, Dublin 7	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Ballymun Leisure Centre, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday

Ballyfermot Leisure Centre, Blackditch Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Clontarf Rd. Sports Pitches, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Ballymun Library, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Cabra Library, Navan Road, Cabra, Dublin 7	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Coolock Library, Barryscourt Road, Kilmore, Dublin 17	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Raheny Library, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Ballyfermot Library, Ballyfermot Road, Kylemore, Dublin 10	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Pearse Street Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Rathmines Library, Rathmines, Dublin 6	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Drumcondra Library, Millmount Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 9	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Dolphins Barn Library, Parnell Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Kevin Street Library, Lower Kevin Street, Dublin 8	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Dublin 4	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Terenure Library, Templeogue Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Walkinstown Library, Percy French Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the average amount of unused holidays per staff member carried over from 2020 and to confirm that, all carryover days can be taken in 2021 and, if necessary, carried over to 2023.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The practice of carrying forward up to 10 days annual leave is a matter for local management and local arrangements are put in place.

Carrying forward more than 10 days annual leave is a Departmental / Senior Management matter and the table below sets out the situation in relation to 2020. The practice of taking this leave is a matter for Senior Management.

<b>Carry Over of Annual Leave 2020 to 2021</b>	
<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>
Employees 10.5 days - 19 days	503
Employees 20 days plus	190
<b>Total:</b>	<b>693</b>

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the total number of new buildings notified to DCC in 2019 and also confirm the total that were subject to inspection as a % of the total. Also, to ask the Chief Executive to indicate how this % level of inspection compares to other Local Authorities and comment on the DCC performance.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2019 the construction of 616 new buildings were notified by way of Commencement Notices to Dublin City Council Building Control. Of these, 421 were inspected which is just over 68%.

This particular statistic is published as Key Performance Indicator KPI P1 by the National Oversight and Audit Committee and a complete list of all local authorities' performance for this indicator is included in their annual report. Dublin City Council was top of this list in 2019.

Dublin City Council places a strong emphasis on the importance of on-site inspections by Building Control Officers to support and encourage a culture of compliance with the Building Regulations. Buildings are selected for inspection based on established risk assessment criteria with a high priority given to multi-unit residential developments. A number of Building Control Officers are specifically tasked with ensuring compliance on site with Part B of the Building Regulations related to Fire Safety requirements. This gives reassurance that all parts of the building regulations are given appropriate and expert oversight.

The rate of inspection may vary as resources are fixed and the volume of construction may increase or decrease year on year. The Building Control unit is adequately resourced and the rate of inspection is satisfactory and has been consistent for several years. This particular KPI however does not fully reflect the complete work of Building Control Officers. A new building will normally be inspected several times during construction and a large number of inspections are also carried out on existing buildings undergoing extension or alteration or where a material change of use takes place.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the proposed weekend trials of creating a public plaza at Custom House Quay:

- a) An indication as to when the Weekend trial of utilising Custom House Quay as a public plaza will commence.

- b) Can the CE commit to opening it to the public for the weekend beginning Friday 21st May 2021 to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the Burning of the Custom House by the IRA.
- c) To ask the CE to detail what facilities/attractions are planned/will be in place to encourage use of the Quay by the public.
- d) In addition, can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has been contacted to agree that Custom House visitor centre will be open to the public at the weekends during the trial period,(but especially for the weekend beginning 21st May if possible).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has been in contact with the Department of Housing, local Government and Heritage and can confirm that the Custom House Visitor Centre will be open for this important anniversary subject to public health guidelines at that time.

The Area Office have also been working in this area and will undertake public realm works to increase the usability and aesthetic of the space. These works will include increased seating and planting.

Temporary pedestrianisation of this space will be very much dependent and based around an events programme. There are very few surrounding businesses that would use this space and it has very little natural footfall therefore it is deemed that pedestrianisation of this space is best done with associated public events. Current public health guidelines do not allow for mass organised outdoor gatherings but when restrictions are eased or removed the space will be programmed by both the Events Unit and Area Office to highlight this public space and demonstrate its potential as a pedestrianised space.

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

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

In the normal course of events in any statutory or non-statutory consultation the City Council would set out what it intends to do and invite submissions from the public. In the case of the recent non-statutory speed bye-laws public consultation the following two issues were identified by North Central Area (NCA) councillors as problematic and were made known to officials preparing the public consultation well in advance of its commencement date.

- a request to desist from using 'loving30' campaign logos and references on all public consultation material. In the interests of fairness and not to show bias.

- to take into account contradictory Dept. of Transport evidence in respect of the benefits of a 30kph default speed limit. Again in the interests of fairness and not to show bias.

This evidence is years more recent than the speed evidence used as part of the loving30 / public consultation campaign evidence and could have been used alongside for balance.

These two issues were raised verbally and by email by NCA councillors prior to, during and after the area meeting preceding the period of preparation for the commencement of the public consultation.

The report to also explain why the above two councillor requests were ignored and whether or not you believe there was any bias or one-sidedness in the non-statutory public consultation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I have already advised Elected Members that I have asked John Flanagan, Assistant Chief Executive and City Engineer, to ensure that the concerns raised by Councillors including the matters raised above will be dealt with when a report on the results of the non-statutory public consultation process is presented to Elected Members at the Traffic & Transportation SPC meeting on 25 May 2021.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive the following regarding the work being undertaken to install public toilets throughout the City, that changing place facilities be considered especially for those who face some of the most challenging barriers to access within society.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All 28 of the public toilets currently being provided in public buildings across the City are fully accessible including the temporary toilets at Wolfe Tone Square and Grafton Street. The recently issued tender for retail units with integrated toilets facilities stipulates that the toilets provided must be accessible. Dublin City Council cannot work with any specific toilet provider without engaging in a public procurement process.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the DCC owned properties (**details supplied**), what is the plan for these properties, and when will works be undertaken to restore them?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These properties were long term vacant and in a state of poor disrepair. The City Council propose to refurbish these properties under the Buy and Renew Scheme and to return them to use in 2022. The properties have been cleaned out and condition surveys are underway to determine the current status of both properties.

Once these have been completed the City Council will implement plans on how best to refurbish the properties and engage a building contractor to carry out the remedial works to same. It is envisaged that a building contractor will be appointed later this year to the project.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the derelict site (**details supplied**) and for measures to be undertaken due to the worsening dangerous condition of the property, which is also an unpleasant sight for the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

(**details supplied**) was entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019, as it met the criteria, as set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 (as amended). The Act does not give the Council power to force the owner to clean up the site. A Demand for Payment of a Vacant Sites Levy based on 7% of the market value of the site, was served on the owners in January 2021 in respect of the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. A site once entered on the Vacant Sites Register cannot subsequently be considered for action under the Derelict Sites Act.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that a suite of measures be implemented with immediate effect at **(details supplied)** due to the dangerous situation for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users created by vehicles parking on the double yellow lines here. Numerous accidents have occurred here recently, including pedestrians who are impacted. Could the following please be implemented?

1. The current footpath to be repaired here due to the constant use of vehicles parking up on the footpath
2. The footpath to be extended and for a curb to be installed here as the footpath is at the same level as the road
3. Bollards to be erected on the footpath to stop people illegally parking here and pulling in here and to stop vehicles blocking the footpath
4. Large permanent planter boxes to be placed on the footpath to help tackle these traffic problems
5. The speed limit on this road to be reduced to 30km/hr
6. To protect the cycle lane here of just dotted lines and for the width of the cycle lane to be extended

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. Road Maintenance will arrange for the footpath to be repaired at this location
2. Road Design – extend footpath install curb. The installation of bollards by Road Maintenance should prevent vehicles from mounting the footpath.
3. Road Maintenance will arrange for bollards to be installed at this location.

Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking at the location of **(details supplied 1)**.

4. There is no provision in the Central Area budget to provide large permanent planters at that location on **(details supplied 2)**. The installation of bollards by Road Maintenance should prevent vehicles from mounting the kerb.

This section of **(details supplied 2)** is planted with mature London plane trees that contribute significantly to the greening of the area. The placement of large planters at this location would be expensive and involve high maintenance; as such, Parks Services currently do not have the resources to undertake this work.

5. Dublin City Council Road Safety Section has undertaken a review of speed limits within its' administrative area and has engaged through a Non-Statutory Public Consultation with members of the public, with particular regard to the extension of the 30km/hr speed limit across most of the city. At the moment, the Road Safety Section is following the steps outlined in the process that Local Authorities typically follow when making bye-laws, indicating on the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland. **(details supplied 2)** is included in the proposal for Speed Limit Bye-Law April 2021. A report of the outcome of the Non-Statutory Public Consultation will be presented at Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting on the 25th of May 2021.
6. We try to avoid installing isolated lengths of protected cycle lanes as they are of limited value. However we will investigate the options for installing protected cycle lanes on **(details supplied 3)**

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list and breakdown (number of units and location) of the following:

- a) co-living/'shared accommodation' proposals in which **planning permission was sought from Dublin City Council** between 23 November (the announcement of the "de facto ban on co-living") and 22 December (when the ban took effect);
- b) co-living/'shared accommodation' proposals in which **planning permission was sought from An Bord Pleanála**, via the SHD process within DCC's administration, between 23 November (the announcement of the "de facto ban on co-living") and 22 December (when the ban took effect); and
- c) co-living/'shared accommodation' proposals **that have been granted permission either by Dublin City Council or An Bord Pleanála**, via the SHD process within DCC's administration, between 23 November (the announcement of the "de facto ban on co-living") and the present day.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Response to part a) shown below

App No	Location	Bed Spaces	Decision	Status
3966/20	Site of c. 0.08 ha at 17-21 Foley Street, Dublin 1	102	Refused	On Appeal
4009/20	72-74, Old Kilmainham, Dublin 8	62	Refused	On Appeal

Response to Part b) shown below

App No	Location	Bed Spaces	Decision
SHD0027/20	Hendron's Building and wider site, 36-40, Dominick Street Upper, Broadstone, Dublin 7	281	Refused
SHD0028/20	Phibsborough Shopping Centre and 345-349, North Circular Road, Dublin 7	321	Granted
SHD0031/20	Former Player Wills site and Undeveloped Land in Ownership of D.C.C. , South Circular Road ., Dublin 8	240	Granted

Response to Part (c)

No applications have been lodged with Dublin City Council or An Bord Pleanála for coliving/shared living from the 22/11/20 to the present date other than the applications listed above.



**Q.60 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update for plans on improving access and permeability to Lansdowne Valley Park in Dublin 12. My understanding is there were previous plans to open an access point at Mourne Road in Drimnagh but this never transpired. The pandemic situation has made access to greenspaces and parks much more important and this vital space requires Drimnagh residents to travel huge distances to access a greenspace that is only a stone's throw from their home. Can the Chief Executive provide an update on plans to improve access and permeability to this much under-used public amenity?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks are working on plans to reopen the section of Lansdowne Valley Park that was formerly a Pitch and Putt course as part of the wider Lansdowne Valley Park. As part of this a new network of footpaths will need to be designed, tendered and constructed. The councillor will be updated in due course.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to update Elected Members on plans to “discontinue” the Digital Hub, which has served as the launching pad for numerous small, medium and large tech enterprises from its Dublin 8 campus. Further, the Digital Hub has also undertaken vital outreach with a network of local schools and community groups over many years serving to increase interest in, and contact with, digital technologies in an economically disadvantaged area of this city. Can the Chief Executive update members on plans for this site, what involvement it will have with the LDA and make a comment on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I am a member of the Board of the Digital Hub Development Agency.

Along with other members of the Board I was disappointed but not entirely surprised at the Government decision to dissolve the DHDA. I am sure these feelings are shared by the hard-working and dedicated staff of the Agency and by its client companies and their employees, many of whom owe their success to the supportive environment that has been created for them in the Digital Hub especially over the past very difficult year.

By way of background it is worth noting that as part of Government plans for the rationalisation of State Agencies in November 2011 the DHDA was included in a list of agencies to be merged. A decision was subsequently made by Government that responsibility for the DHDA would transfer to Dublin City Council. For reasons that are not entirely clear this decision was never implemented despite the City Council being agreeable to taking over responsibility for the Agency.

To compound matters the decision to dissolve the Agency was taken without any engagement with the Board following the completion of the Grant Thornton study, which identified the option of dissolving the Agency as the one offering the *lowest* benefit-to-cost ratio of the four options examined, while the one offering the highest was the one most closely aligned with the Agency's Strategy, as submitted to the Department in 2018.

The ambition of the Agency as set out in its Strategy, is to foster the development of enterprise clusters focused on societal needs, such as health and well-being and responses to the climate emergency. It is becoming increasingly clear that not all technological developments benefit society as a whole, and the aim of the Board was to attract into the Digital Hub businesses employing 'technology for public good' to

develop and deploy real solutions to real problems. This ambition was clearly not shared by Government.

In pursuing its responsibility to manage and develop its property portfolio, the Board had, over the past two years, established a close working relationship with the Land Development Agency, which culminated last year with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at developing a masterplan for the Digital Hub and the surrounding areas with due regard for local needs and the local community. The DHDA's established relationships with the local enterprise base, the local educational establishments, the local health care providers and the local community groups would have ensured that the development was integrated into the locality and sustainable for the long-term, greatly facilitating the regeneration and revitalisation of the area.

It appears that the dissolution of the Digital Hub Development Agency will mean an end to the educational, training and awareness-raising programmes that have been such a valued part of the work of the DHDA in Dublin 8. Over the years, the Agency has worked with local schools, families and businesses to develop and promote a wide range of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in the community, ranging from IT literacy, through website creation, online trading, coding, digital design, animation, sound and video recording and editing, to problem solving, team working and communication. These programmes have enriched and empowered both the participants and the providers. The loss of these programmes is especially disappointing.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can engage with local residents off **(details supplied)** where the public lighting is in very poor condition. Numerous car break-ins have been reported in the last number of months and it is strongly felt that the poor lighting diminishes passive security and exacerbates the issues.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The existing low pressure sodium (orange colour) lighting will be replaced with LED lighting as part of a future upgrade project.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are mechanisms in place to counter recent reports of false price inflation in the Sunday Business Post, where landlords are lying about apartment rents to gouge renters. Does this have an impact on any properties the city council are trying to rent or have rented and does this have any implications in part 5 sales to the city council?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Valuers office complete a Professional Independent Valuation in relation to all instructions received for Long Term Leasing and Part V acquisitions.

The Valuer considers the information presented by the landlord/developer/agent, this information is then thoroughly analysed against comparable transactions (identifying any incentives that may exist), market information and our own internal database on rents, before the City Valuer's Office makes their recommendation regarding the appropriate Market Rent or Purchase Price for the particular property type. The City Valuers Office is constantly reviewing rental values and purchase prices to reflect market conditions, analysing similar transactions, recommending and, where applicable, negotiating the best terms in the interest of the City Council.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive if City Council can request 'take-away food' business to provide their toilet facilities for customers and for appropriate temporary extra public toilet facilities to be provided due to the extensive number of crowds outdoors in the evening in suburbs in Summer.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Providing access to toilet provisions in "takeaway food and alcohol units" would be a matter for National Government in conjunction with public health restrictions.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive if City Council can provide more waste bins throughout Dublin's Parks and road for the extensive number of residents and groups outdoors for the rest of the year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Some additional bins have been provided at locations where there have been large gatherings of people during Covid travel restrictions. However the advice to people is 'Leave no Trace' and not to throw their waste in public spaces if bins are full or not available.

Dublin City Council currently have 3200 bins and 70 additional temporary Barrel Bins are in operation. Eurobins are now at hotspot areas across the city, locations of which are being reviewed weekly in line with needs. Waste management do not control bin allocations inside the Parks.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the situation of fly tipping at the lane way at the back of the Whitehall Bingo Hall, there is dumping taking place on a weekly basis and the council need to address this issue in a more meaningful way.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services remove dumped rubbish from the above mentioned laneway when necessary to do so. Our litter warden will include this laneway as part of his regular patrol and do all he can to address this problem.

The Environment Liaison Officer visited this location on 29<sup>th</sup> April and found a number of commercial bins overflowing. The Litter warden will contact the commercial owners and issue warnings while arrangements are being made with the waste management sections to have this area cleared of the dumping.

The Public domain unit would support closing the laneway by way of gate in the future to abate the dumping of materials.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange with the owners an open engagement at **(details supplied)** to ensure that anti-social behaviour taking place at the site is prevented and that there is open engagement with residents in relation to access points when it is being operated and a timeline when it will commence.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The North Central Area Office will investigate these issues and will reply directly to the Councillor.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the number of people currently on the housing list for the Artane/Whitehall LEA that are over 55, to include the breakdown of the property types required for this list.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is unable to provide a report for Artane/Whitehall LEA only as when applicants apply for Social Housing Supports they can select up to three areas within the areas of choice. Reports are collated using these areas of choice requirements.

When applicants select an area of choice they can be considered for Social Housing anywhere within that area of choice. The number of older persons registered for Older Person Housing in Area B is included below.

Area B Older Persons Waiting List	Housing List	Transfer List	Grand Total
1 Bed	290	232	522
2 Bed	1		1
Grand Total	291	232	523

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive when will the work on the Dame Street plaza begin?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The submissions for the recent consultation on the improvements to Dame Street as part of the College Green project are currently being assessed. This will inform the design and then this project will be part of a full statutory process which will be undertaken early 2022.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise what the update is on the Beaumont Drive in application and if an information meeting will be organised on same.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is understood that area office management will liaise with Councillors to agree arrangements for a presentation on a recently submitted planning application for 99 no. apartments at Beaumont Road / Beaumont Grove / Grace Park Court / Ellenfield Road, Beaumont, Dublin 9 under plan ref. 2569/21. The last day for the submission of observations on this application is 17-May-2021.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what is the current status of the Love 30 campaign and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council Road Safety Section has undertaken a review of speed limits within its' administrative area and has engaged through a Non-Statutory Public Consultation with members of the public, with particular regard to the extension of the 30km/hr speed limit across most of the city. At the moment, the Road Safety Section is following the steps outlined in the process that Local Authorities typically follow when making bye-laws, indicating on the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland. A report of the outcome of the Non-Statutory Public Consultation will be presented at Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting on the 25th of May 2021.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when outdoor dining will be permitted in the city centre and what streets will be involved.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The decision in relation to outdoor dining rests with Government and as of now there is no clear date. Applications are being dealt with on both a street by street and individual basis so it is not possible to state how many streets will be involved. The emphasis is on allowing as much as possible, bearing in mind competing demands on street space and impact on residential amenity.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what plan he has to make up the shortfall in commercial rates and parking charges over the past year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In respect of commercial rates, the Government has provided a waiver to specific sectors for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd quarter of 2021. The value of the waiver is approx. €56.8M. There is no confirmation to date as to what additional supports may be available in respect of commercial rates post June 21. Businesses that do not qualify for the waiver are liable for the payment of commercial rates and the Rates office is monitoring the collection performance on a weekly basis and will engage with those businesses to discharge payments.

The Government reimbursed DCC €34.1M in 2020 for the loss of income from goods and services and Covid emergency expenditure. This funding was critical in order to minimise the impact of reductions in service provision. The City Council is currently compiling the figures for both the loss of income and Covid expenditure for Q1 2021 and will be engaging through the sector with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in seeking further supports in 2021.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware whether the impending sale of no. 2/2a Liberty View, Longs Place, Dublin 8 has been finalised, whether the Law Agent is aware of proceedings and whether there is any delay and if so whether she could intervene and whether the Manager/Local Authority would be open to approaching the new owners with a view to their leasing the premises, through the local authority, to local community groups. Space for our community services to operate is at a serious premium in the south west inner city compounded by recent site sales for development resulting in premises being closed as well as the closure of Carman's Hall. This particular unit has lain empty for many many years and so I feel it is incumbent on us as the local authority to attempt to engage the existing/new owners with a view to making it available to local groups for lease.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Law Department is not aware of any proceeding in relation to 2/2a Liberty View, Longs Place, Dublin 8.

The City Council does not own this property and has had no involvement in any sale of the building.

The area office is happy to continue to engage with community groups in relation to their need for space. If a particular group or groups is interested in this space they should contact our Community Development Officer and we can examine the situation.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on Dublin Fire Brigade staffing levels for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021, alongside an average incident response time for each year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Staffing levels in Dublin Fire Brigade from Corporate H.R. system

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Chief Fire Officer</b>	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Professional/Technical</b>	37.6	37.4	37.4	40.6	40.8
<b>Operational</b>	935.0	924.0	927.8	951.8	948.8
<b>Retained</b>	5.2	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.4
<b>Clerical/Administration</b>	47.5	47.2	49.9	52.1	52.1
<b>Contract</b>	29.0	39.0	33.0	13.0	13.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	1055.3	1053.6	1054.9	1063.9	1061.1

Response time - Percentage of Cases at scene

	<i>% cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at scene within 10 mins</i>	<i>% cases in respect of fire in which attendance is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes</i>	<i>% cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is after 20 minutes</i>
<b>Fire</b>			
<b>2017</b>	75.2%	21.8%	2.9%
<b>2018</b>	71.04%	25.32%	3.62%
<b>2019</b>	75.43%	22.22%	2.33%
<b>2020 *provisional</b>	73.44%	23.79%	2.77%
<b>Other than Fire</b>			
<b>2017</b>	73.8%	21.8%	4/3 %
<b>2018</b>	73.36%	22.79%	3.84%
<b>2019</b>	73.12%	24.08%	2.79%
<b>2020 *provisional</b>	71.61%	24.63%	3.76%

1st response in attendance  
at Echo & Delta-category life threatening emergencies

<b>Ambulance</b>	<i>Less than 8 mins</i>	<i>8 – 14 mins</i>	<i>14 – 19 mins</i>	<i>19 – 25 mins</i>
<b>2017</b>	52.2%	83.7%	90.7%	95%
<b>2018</b>	51.4%	80.5%	88.0%	92.9%
<b>2019</b>	46.3%	76.8%	84.8%	90.0%
<b>2020</b>	47.6%	81.8%	89.4%	93.7%

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of staff costings for the new public toilet amenities located in Wolfe Tone Square & St. Stephens Green, and for the manager to explain why we seem to be the only city on Europe with security on our public toilets. Can the manager also identify any or other area in which he DCC intend to roll out public toilets.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council have incurred expenditure of €364,915 in 2020 and €194,163 to start of April 2021 on the provision of public toilets and the stewarding and cleansing service in response to the need for citizens to have public conveniences while visiting the City Centre during the Covid 19 pandemic

When the temporary toilets were introduced as a City Council support during Covid 19, a security/stewarding requirement was also required to ensure social distancing measures and proper queuing etiquette were followed to reduce any risk to the public.

The provision of full time cleaning was also required to ensure the highest standards of hygiene of the facilities were maintained and responded to the requirements in relation to cleanliness relating to the Covid 19 protocols.

452,433 customers have used these City Council services to date.

Dublin City Council is opening of 22 of its public buildings on a "toilets only" basis.

The Office of City Recovery has been working very closely with colleagues in Sports, Libraries and City Hall to facilitate the opening of these 8 Sports facilities, 13 Libraries and City Hall for members of the public to access for use of toilets.

It is important to note that the primary service provided by these buildings remains closed in accordance with public health guidelines.

The Sports facilities and City Hall will open 7 days a week from Monday 26th April and Libraries will open 6 days a week from Tuesday 4th May.

Appropriate queuing, social distancing and cleaning regimes will be put in place.

These 22 facilities are in addition to the existing 6 facilities provided by Dublin City Council at Wolfe Tone Square, Grafton Street, St. Patrick's Park Tearooms, Herbert Park Tearooms, St. Anne's Park Tearooms and the Bull Wall, Dollymount.

Dublin City Council's Office of City Recovery has issued an invitation to tender for the provision of public conveniences in conjunction with retail units.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive will he consider increasing bin collections city wide. With an increase in members of the public using the public realm in particular weekends the city has suffered from the complete lack of public bins being emptied. This needs to be addressed urgently and a proper litter management plan for the city put in place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is calling out to all those partaking in outdoor activity to act responsibly by using the bin to dispose of litter and where there is no bin available to please bring litter home and being part of the "Leave no Trace" Campaign.

There are currently over 3,200 bins in the City Council area with an additional 70 barrel bins in place at litter hotspots to assist with the extra demand with 30 additional big belly bin being installed in the first half of the year. Frontline street cleaning staff are working around the clock in an effort to deal with all of the litter that is being left behind.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the requests audited accounts from the DRHE and a copy of the most recent published accounts to be me.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The full audited accounts for the DRHE are published on the Department of Housing & Local Government website (link below):

[www.gov.ie/en/publication/b0631-homelessness-financial-report-end-of-year-2020-dublin](http://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b0631-homelessness-financial-report-end-of-year-2020-dublin)

If there are any particular questions relating to the accounts, Mary Flynn, Deputy Director (with responsibility for Finance) is available to discuss.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to schedule a visit from the engineer at **(details supplied)** and to give a date the engineer will visit the house, that the engineer submit a report on the state of the house with works needed to be done. The house is insalubrious and inhabitable. The issues of extremely severe mould problem and rain leaking in the middle of the living on wet days makes the house a health and safety hazard. The bathroom and the toilet are beyond a state of repair by maintenance department. The same issues have been raised years ago but only maintenance department visited the house and an engineer has never visited the house. That this house is emptied of its tenants to allow work to proceed to bring the house to habitable standards. That the tenants are put as a matter of emergency on the maintenance priority list and they are rehoused as a matter of urgency. A family of 9 live in a bedroom apartment since 2007 when they were 7 of them.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The household **(details supplied)** are currently on the Dublin City Council transfer List with a Housing Priority on Exceptional Social Grounds since 17/10/18. They are currently in positions

Area	4 Bed	5 Bed
B	2	1
E	3	1
J	3	2

The allocations section are very aware of the household's priority and are making every effort to get the household an offer of accommodation and they will be in contact as soon as they have a property to offer. Due to the bedroom requirements of this household and the very few four and five bedroom accommodations that become available for allocation it is just not possible to predict exactly when they will receive an offer. The allocations section will be in contact as soon as they have an offer of accommodation.

Housing allocations are also aware that maintenance issues have been raised to the maintenance section. Maintenance priority may be given to a household by the maintenance section and I am aware that an officer from maintenance is due to visit the family to complete assessment on this and works to be completed in the near future. Dublin City Council will make arrangement to have an engineer call within two weeks to carry out an inspection of the above property. Based on their report, necessary works will be undertaken in a manner that is compatible with progressing the work required.



**Q.80 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive for the detailed plans for the Camac Cycle Way.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Camac Greenway is proposed to follow the River Camac between Inchicore and Kilmainham and is one of the new projects announced as part of the city's 5 Year Cycling & Walking Plan 2021-2025. It is included in a tender for topographical and drone surveying that is expected to be launched in the second week of May 2021. Surveying work is expected to take place along the Camac route during Q3 2021. However, at this time, no project team has been assigned to deliver the scheme. Further updates on the 5 Year Programme will be provided to the Area Committees by end July.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive when we can expect all trees in the Ballyfermot-Drimnagh area and the South Central area as a whole to be taken off as many are attached tied to their pole.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks staff carry out this task in parallel with other day to day duties on a continuous basis. If there is a particular tree tie that has been missed perhaps the councillor can make contact directly so it can be removed.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the cobble lock in Drumfinn Park is repaired as soon as possible. This park is used on a daily basis by local residents, particularly senior citizens in Rossaveal, the cobble lock has broken up and become dangerous for the older residents to walk on.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Traditionally the cobble paving in Drumfinn Park would be sprayed using glyphosate to remove weed growth. Since the council have ceased using glyphosate weed growth between pavers has become harder to control. Parks intend trialling a specialised machine to address this issue in the coming weeks as an alternative which it is hoped will remove all problematic growth. Any pavers that are found to be damaged will be arranged to be repaired.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive, in noting the serious challenge posed by cars & vans parking on footpaths in the Drimnagh area, in further noting that Dublin South Central has the highest rate of people with disabilities in the state will DCC organise a poster/advertising campaign highlighting the fact that it is both illegal and very dangerous to park cars and vans on footpaths?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2017 Dublin City Council funded a substantial public awareness campaign called Make Way Dublin. The basic concept of the campaign was to highlight the everyday physical obstacles that people with disabilities face, particularly when trying to navigate the city's footpaths. This was a very successful campaign which has since transformed into the nationwide annual #MakeWayDay to be held this year on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Make Way Day is organised by the Disability Federation of Ireland and Dublin City Council will be actively supporting #MakeWayDay2021 to raise awareness of the importance of keeping our footpaths clear of obstructions.

<https://www.makewayday.com/>

The City Council also liaise closely with An Garda Síochána on an ongoing basis to raise awareness and reduce the incidence of illegally parked cars. The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on footpaths in the Drimnagh area.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that DCC are the lead developer, like in the case with St. Michael's site and the Oscar Traynor Road site, when developing public land as part of the Cherry Orchard LAP?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Park West / Cherry Orchard Interdepartmental Working Group has been established to facilitate the implementation of the Local Area Plan. The priority for the Working Group is to bring forward the development of eight sites (five of which are largely owned by DCC) and two amenity sites – Cherry Orchard Park and Gallanstown Waterworks. All options concerning the governance and development of these sites, including DCC acting as lead developer, are currently under consideration.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what other sources of funding has DCC applied for or intends to apply for to assist with progressing the Cherry Orchard LAP and when will DCC put an oversight committee in place that includes community reps?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Park West / Cherry Orchard Interdepartmental Working Group has been established to facilitate the implementation of the Local Area Plan. The priority for the Working Group is to bring forward the development of eight sites (five of which are largely owned by DCC) and two amenity sites – Cherry Orchard Park and Gallanstown Waterworks. Since the announcement of the outcome of the unsuccessful URDF Call 2 bid, DCC are considering all options concerning the funding and development of these sites.

As outlined at a recent meeting with stakeholders in Cherry Orchard, the purpose of the Local Area Plan is to facilitate and co-ordinate development while addressing existing issues and challenges such as infrastructure development, public realm improvements and enhancement of community/ sporting facilities in order to deliver a sustainable new neighbourhood. It was agreed that the membership of the Cherry Orchard Development Group would be strengthened, and work is currently ongoing in relation to this. It was further agreed that a communication plan, to highlight the steady work that has been ongoing out of the public gaze, would be developed.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have a copy of all documents relating to the Section 254 application for licence to erect a telecommunications mast ref no CAB 452 Windmill Road, sent to this councillor prior to the closing date for an appeal to An Bord Pleanála. This information to include a copy of the original application form and all related correspondence both internal and external.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The E&T Department will review the request and provide an update. Due to current commitments it is anticipated that an update will be made available in Q4 2021.

Due to the size of the records relating to this question the documents will be sent directly to the Councillor.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all Section 254 applications for the erection of telecommunications devices on public lands for the past three years. For this report to include the applicants details, location, description and decision.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The report will be prepared and forwarded directly to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the surface of the car park at **(details supplied)** with a view to resurfacing and repair.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services Division have arranged for an inspection next week. Any localised defects will be added to our repairs works list, which will be scheduled for completion subject to other competing priorities and the availability of a crew in the area.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the signage and traffic calming measures at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The request for examine the signage and traffic calming measures at **(details supplied)** will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be given an update at or before the May Area Committee meeting. Ref No: 7020314.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a site visit to **(details supplied)** to look at improving the Public Domain of the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Officer will arrange a site visit to this location along with Parks Services to explore the options around improving the Public Domain at this location.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on Dublin City Parking Services efforts to curtail illegally parked vehicles in the Finglas Village area.

1. How many times has DCPS visited the Finglas area in the past 3 years?
2. How many clamps or fines were issued.
3. Has the idea of a Parking enforcement officer been examined?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. For 2019 to date there were 72 patrols of Finglas Village.
2. For 2019 to date there were 20 clamps and or relocations. 16 on a footpath, 3 pay and display offences and 1 on the cycle track. These figures include roads that lead into and out of Finglas Village as the system does not identify the village as a separate area, but as named by road names.
3. Dublin City Council has an Enforcement Officer. The current Enforcement Officer is Dermot Stevenson and he was appointed in November 2018 and heads the Parking Policy and Enforcement Section of Environment and Transportation Department.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive what progress there has been made towards the implementation of parking fines and whether any data is available regarding fines issued so far.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As per the recommendations set out in the report to the Transportation SPC the commencement of the Fixed Penalty Notices would be in Q2 2021. To that, it has been decided that the issuing of fines will begin from June 1<sup>st</sup>. A press release will issue to outline this.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive for details of staffing, including a gender breakdown of staff, for Smart Dublin and current work programme?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are a total of 20 staff working in the Dublin City Council and Regional Smart Dublin work programme. The gender breakdown of staff is 60/40 (identifying as female/male).

Full details of the Smart City programme are available on [www.smartdublin.ie](http://www.smartdublin.ie). More information on the Smart Docklands programme is available at [www.smartdocklands.ie](http://www.smartdocklands.ie) as well as background on the Academy of the Near Future programme: [www.nearfuture.ie](http://www.nearfuture.ie). A public Trello board also outlines some of the key projects in an open and transparent manner: <https://smartdublin.ie/smart-dublin-public-trello-board/>

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the development of the city wide integration strategy?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City's inaugural Integration Strategy was adopted for the period 2016 to 2020 and is now subject to review in advance of adoption of a second follow-on strategy. The *Programme for Government: Our Shared Future* "tasks all local authorities/Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) with developing a County Integration Strategy to promote, through a participative process, the inclusion of minorities."

National policy update and guidelines for same are under consideration by the Department of Children, Equality, Integration, Disability and Youth. While these have not yet issued, working with the Office of the Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Dublin City LCDC has initiated work preparing a *Framework Integration and Intercultural Strategy* for consideration and adoption in 2021 that aligns with a range of public policies and strategies.

This will allow for continuity of actions established in the original strategy and enable the introduction of new actions and pilot projects. It is expected the *Framework Integration and Intercultural Strategy* will be introduced by Lord Mayor Chu in June 2021 for consideration by DCC's LCDC and thereafter for adoption by the elected members.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive what the present status of the White Water Rafting project is and if there is an adequate source of funding for the project to proceed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council recently commenced Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest/Prequalification) of a two stage Procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to construct the proposed Georges Dock White Water project. The deadline for Stage 1 Submissions was 12 March 2021 and the submissions are currently being assessed to establish which firms have the necessary skills and experience to carry out such a development.

The successful applicants at Stage 1 will be invited to submit a tender for the project at Stage 2. It is expected that Stage 2 will commence during Q2 of 2021 and will take several months to complete.

On completion of Stage 2 the City Council will have an actual tender cost and will then decide whether or not to proceed with the project, based on the cost and the confirmed funding for the project. If a decision is made to proceed, it is hoped construction will commence in Q1 of 2022 and will take 18-24 months to complete.

With regard to external funding, the following is the current position

**Fáilte Ireland:** has engaged consultants to confirm the 'likely' tourist demand for the facility. They will make a final decision on grant funding when the consultant's report.

**Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage:** We got a positive indication of financial support for the Swift Water Rescue Training Centre element of the project from the Department. We will confirm this when we have a tender price.

**Sports Capital:** We will apply again under the Large Sports Infrastructure Programme when it is advertised again. Sports Ireland and The Irish Olympic council both support the project.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will address the planning requirements for hostel accommodation after the An Bord Pleanála decision that it was not exempted development in the case of **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The DRHE received ABP's decision recently and it is our intention to fully review the report of the Planning Inspector to understand the Board's rationale for the decision on this case.

On initial review of the decision, DCC contends there are a number of assumptions underpinning this decision, which will require further clarification on the current use of this property and greater detail in the submission made by Dublin City Council.

It is the intention of Dublin City Council to work with the owner and his design team to arrange a Section 5 application to Dublin City Council's Planning Department, which correctly describes the use, so to address the incorrect description of this property in the most recent section 5, referral to on ABP, on behalf of the local stakeholders.

In the broader context, there are currently 3,046 single adults in emergency accommodation across the Dublin Region and while an increase in the overall supply of social housing is critical to addressing homelessness in the longer term, in the interim the DRHE is ensuring that these individuals experiencing homelessness have access to safe and supported emergency accommodation. Sourcing emergency accommodation for singles is not without its challenges, but without this vital

accommodation many individuals could be forced to sleep rough on the streets of Dublin, any reduction in available emergency accommodation would be detrimental to the wellbeing of people experiencing homelessness.

No application has been lodged to date. Should an application be made it will be assessed having regard to the standards for hostels set out in the City Development Plan at 16.12.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will examine all Luas routes in the City with a view to providing a Luas Greening project as the routes are bare and desolate in the heart of the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The LUAS routes into the city were designed and landscaped by the RPA/LUAS Office in accordance their planning permission and all locations that were found suitable for greening were planted. In regard to the City Centre, Parks Services are currently in discussion with the LUAS Office with a view to enhancing the existing planted spaces within the City Centre.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will ensure that cycle lanes are swept regularly as cyclists are experiencing a sharp increase in punctures and if he will ensure that the orcas are replaced when broken.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management ensure all cycle lanes are swept on a regular basis as part of their street cleaning service. To further enhance the cleaning of cycle lanes six sub-compact road sweepers are being procured specifically for this purpose.

The E&T Department will be reviewing locations where bollard installations have been installed. Initially, this process will be slow due to ongoing commitments to facilitate the reopening of the city. Where feasible, consideration will be given to replacement with kerbs.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the proposed measures outlined in the "Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City" report and detailed in the appendix and whether and when a final project report will be presented to the Council on it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All walking and cycling Infrastructure progress reports are now issued to Councillors on a monthly basis. All previous reports are available online:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/covid-mobility-measures/latest-news/reports-lord-mayor-and-elected-members>

Going forward, all walking and cycling infrastructure projects will be progressed via the NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grants. Full list of the 2021 allocation for DCC can be found at:

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Combined-Allocations-Final-20210203-002.pdf>

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to report if any work/feasibility studies have been carried out on the creation of a proposed “Hamilton Way” pedestrian and cycle route, supported by DIAS Dunsink Observatory, to link up the Observatory with the Royal Canal Greenway at Ashtown? This would run from Dunsinea Lane at Priorstown House gates up to the Observatory, approx. 450m. It would be a fabulous additional spur to the Royal Canal Greenway and would open up the Observatory to many more visitors including wheelchair users.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Phase 4D of the Royal Canal Greenway encompasses the provision of segregated cycling and walking facilities between Cardiffsbridge Park and the Phoenix Park, via Ashtown Road and Castleknock Road. Option selection for this element of the greenway is due to progress later this year, once detailed design of the canal towpath is complete.

As this scheme skirts Dublin City Council’s (DCC’s) boundary with Fingal County Council (FCC), we are consulting with FCC on the delivery of this project and the project team recently held a meeting with FCC to discuss the implications of the emerging preferred option for the DART+ West proposals to bypass the Ashtown level crossing.

No work has been carried out on the proposed Hamilton Way route by DCC, as it is located within FCC’s administrative area and is outside the scope of the Royal Canal Greenway works. However, if FCC were to pursue development of the Hamilton Way, DCC are willing to collaborate with them on integrating the scheme with the Royal Canal Greenway.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive for a timeline on the roll out of pedestrianisation of the following areas:

Dame Street Plaza  
Liffey Street  
Grafton Street area

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The submissions for the recent consultation on the improvements to Dame Street as part of the College Green project are currently being assessed. This will inform the design and then this project will be part of a full statutory process which will be undertaken early 2022.

Works to allow for the pedestrianisation of South Anne St, Dame Court, and parts of South William Street and Drury Street will begin at the start of May in line with Government guidelines.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive what plans are in place to provide public water fountains in the city centre?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

A reply will be issued to the councillor within the next two weeks.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a Plan B for provision of public toilet facilities in the immediate future, in the event of a minimal or low take up of the DCC tender competition for kiosk owners to provide public loos at their business location?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Public toilets are currently available at the following 28 locations:

Grafton Street	10am to 8pm Monday to Sunday
Wolfe Tone Square	10am to 8pm Monday to Sunday
Dollymount, Bull Wall	24 Hours
St. Annes Park Tearooms	9am to 6pm Monday to Sunday
Herbert Park Tearooms	9am to 5pm Monday to Sunday
St. Patricks Park Tearooms	10am to 6pm Monday to Sunday
City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2	10am to 5pm Monday to Sunday
Markievicz Leisure Centre, Townsend Street, Dublin 2	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
St. Catherine's Sports Centre, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Irishtown Stadium, Strand Street, Dublin 4	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Finglas Leisure Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas, Dublin 11	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Cabra Parkside Sports Centre, Ratoath Road, Cabra, Dublin 7	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Ballymun Leisure Centre, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre, Blackditch Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Clontarf Rd. Sports Pitches, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Ballymun Library, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Cabra Library, Navan Road, Cabra, Dublin 7	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Coolock Library, Barryscourt Road, Kilmore, Dublin 17	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Raheny Library, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Ballyfermot Library, Ballyfermot Road, Kylemore, Dublin 10	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm



	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Pearse Street Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Rathmines Library, Rathmines, Dublin 6	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Drumcondra Library, Millmount Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 9	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Dolphins Barn Library, Parnell Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Kevin Street Library, Lower Kevin Street, Dublin 8	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Dublin 4	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Terenure Library, Templeogue Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Walkinstown Library, Percy French Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm

Dublin City Council's Office of City Recovery has issued an invitation to tender for the provision of public conveniences in conjunction with retail units. We have 20 expressions of interest with regard to this as of 29/4/21. We are hopeful that this will result in tender applications. If this option is not successful, we will investigate other options.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)**, please agree to install a lay-by or indent in footpath to allow for parking of 1 or 2 cars as **(details supplied)** is one of only 6 homes on the road without driveway parking as a preservation order precludes permission for same, and whose situation is exasperated by the fact that there is a bus stop outside the house next door and there is an 11 meter wide entrance to an apartment complex on the other side of **(details supplied)** and if he cannot agree to install a lay-by, can he please suggest an alternative solution for this residents

whose car was recently removed by DCPS after 27 years of parking in the self-same spot.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is illegal to park on footpaths and Dublin Street Parking Services will enforce against illegal parking on footpaths when this happens. Parking Policy and Enforcement will ask an inspector to look at this location on **(details supplied 1)** and review how this situation may be addressed.

DCC in conjunction with Go-Ahead Ireland will assess if this bus stop can be safely relocated without causing any safety issues for other vehicles using **(details supplied 2)**.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the position in relation to lands in Albert College Park made available some years ago towards a tennis project between DCC/ DCU/ Tennis Ireland and the Dept. of Sport and say;-

- a) If the complex was ever officially named as I recently heard it referred to as DCU centre and separately as Tennis Ireland complex
- b) If Dublin City Council has a representative on the management group and if we contribute or get a dividend from/to operations
- c) If the Council ever sold/gave/leased the site and if so, on what terms
- d) If City Council pays for public liability insurance on the site or do we carry our own risk
- e) If there is much community use of the indoor complex or if it's mainly used by Tennis Ireland elite squads.
- f) If the project has worked out for Dublin City Council as planned and if the CE can make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) The centre is known locally as The Tennis Ireland National Tennis Centre Albert College Park
- b) Parks do not have representation on any management group or contribute to its operation.
- c) The lands in Albert College Park which encompasses the Tennis Court facility are in the ownership of Dublin City Council. Tennis Ireland has the License to control the courts in Albert College Park.
- d) Recipients of management agreements are required to carry their own public liability insurances and indemnify the Council from any claims arising from their operations.
- e) As part of their licensing agreement with DCC, Tennis Ireland have to accommodate public pay and play and the Parks Tennis programmes.
- f) Tennis Ireland have met the requirements of the licence agreement with regard to providing for public access and pay for play tennis at the facility and public participation has increased over the years the agreement has been in place.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive , in relation to the seriously poor condition of footpaths at **(details supplied)**, and the potential danger said condition poses for pedestrians, particularly our elders and vulnerable users, if he can explain why these footpaths have not been refurbished/reinstated since at the least 1979, say why this road/footpaths were not included in the major refurbishment work carried out recently in the locality and if he will give a commitment that much needed footpath reinstatement works will be carried out.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services currently has a large backlog of outstanding repairs which has been compounded by the restrictions on works over the last year due to Covid works restrictions. The annual works program is drawn up based on the condition of footpaths and roads relative to others in the North Central Area and on funding availability. Unfortunately **(details supplied)** was not included as a scheme in the 2021 works program however if additional funding becomes available during the year **(details supplied)** will be given strong consideration.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, with reference to **(details supplied)**, say if he can arrange for the installation of a pedestrian crossing as this particular section of road as same is used by many people, particularly young pedestrians accessing schools and a local GAA club, who currently feel unsafe crossing at this section with no pedestrian signal in place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is a high demand for pedestrian crossings at a variety of locations across the city. Funding for Capital Works for 2021 has been fully allocated; however this request will be re-assessed later this year with a view to inclusion on the 2022 Capital Works Programme.

Any decision that we make on allocation of funds must be made in the context of other proposed schemes and we note that **(details supplied)** junction is proposed to be upgraded in the Bus Connects project. We believe that if this modification is to go ahead it would alleviate your concerns. We will monitor the progress of this project to inform our decision on the shortlist for the 2022 Capital works with members of the North Central Area.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the outdoor gym equipment repaired at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services will arrange an inspection of outdoor gym equipment and any necessary repairs will be carried out. Parks generally use Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd for any necessary maintenance or repairs required. No formal contract is in place currently. Parks will inspect the playground surfacing also.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the lane cleaned **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise of the cost & quantity of big belly bins earmarked for the promenade in Clontarf and the north central area and to ask what's being done to reduce the cost of same.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management have 3 Big Belly Bins to be installed in the month of May at Clontarf promenade. One at the bike rack near the Wooden Bridge, One to the left of the pumping station at Vernon Ave and the other will be installed at the sheltered bus

stop 1736 on Clontarf Rd at the Fairview end of the promenade. This was the most suitable location as the risk of flooding here is minimal. Anywhere else the bins will be under water a couple of times a year.

The cost of these 3 bins is €15,540 + VAT.

There are currently no other Big Belly Bins planned for North Central area.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have a DCC official contact the following (**details supplied**) re: concerns re; grass cutting by the contractor in his area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The area in question is not maintained under contract but rather by direct labour. Contact will be made with this resident in the coming week to ten days as local schedules allow.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the road surface and foot paths to be repaired and the road marking and double yellow lines to be repainted at Wilson's Place, Hogan Place, Dublin 2.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Traffic will inspect the condition of road markings in coming days. Where repainting is required, we will endeavour to repaint within 30 working days of the Council Meeting on the 10th of May 2021.

Hogan Place is due to be resurfaced as part of our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. Wilson Place will be inspected and any defects in the road and/or footpath will be logged in our asset management system for repairs to be carried out.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of a new front door for the tenant at (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council refurbished this property prior to the tenant moving in last October 2020. The front door was deemed to be in good working order and not in need of replacement.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of a new front door for the tenant at (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council called to the above property on 21st April 2021 and carried out any necessary work to the front door. We are satisfied that a new front door is not required.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the council to inspect the cracks that are happening to the wall in the kitchen and upstairs around the bathroom and bedroom doors, in the council property at (**details supplied**) and have them repaired.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council will arrange for an inspection within the next seven days and will carry out any necessary works.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive has this Council looked into the new scheme for creation of native woodland on public land. There are a number of ideal places in Dublin North West e.g. Dunsink Landfill & the site where Finglaswood stream flows under, between Lakeglen and Barnamore Estates.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services do not consider the open space between Lakeglen and Barnamore estates an appropriate location for such a scheme at this time. This area is a hotspot for regular dumping and littering, any increased tree and shrubbery cover would only exacerbate this problem. Dunsink Landfill is located in Fingal County Council administrative area.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can a leaflet be produced headed something like "Be a good neighbour" which reminds people not to play loud music, light fires and not let dogs bark continuously etc., stating what the laws are around these issues. As we are still in lockdown people will be staying in their gardens more. These issues caused a lot of problems last summer and a lot of Garda resources.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As Dublin City Council has over our twenty six thousand tenants, it would not be cost effective to produce and carry-out a leaflet drop. For any issues related to nuisance or disturbance caused by neighbours who reside in Dublin City Council properties, we would advise that complaints can be directed to the relevant local council area housing office. In dealing with this complaint, we will follow the procedures outlined in our Anti-social Behaviour Strategy, currently under review. If the complaint, or a series of similar complaints relating to the same tenant, falls under the category of anti-social behaviour: in this instance 'behaviour which causes any significant or persistent impairment of a person's use or enjoyment of his or her home', an investigation will be opened. Where the reported activities do not fall within the definition of anti-social behaviour, but that do constitute a disturbance to neighbours, tenants will be reminded of their obligations, as outlined in their tenancy agreement.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to review pedestrian safety at **(details supplied)** and install bollards where appropriate as the road and lay by experiences dangerous driving on to the footpath at school opening and closing times which poses a significant danger to residents on the road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied)** have applied for a School Zone and are at the design/consultation stage.

A School Zone is an initiative designed to give 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.

School Zones aims to:

Encourage traffic to slow down in the School Zone area

Prevent parking on pavements

Encourage drivers to make drop-offs outside the School Zone area and not to stop in the School Zone area

A School Zone includes:

Line-marking stating 'School Zone' at either end of the area

Colourful circles on the road demarcating the front of school area

Pencil-shaped bollards on the footpath to prevent illegal parking

These design features assist in creating a safer, calmer, more attractive environment at the school gate.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to remove the ivy tree on the public footpath at **(details supplied)** as it is causing a significant trip hazard.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services will arrange an inspection and clearance of any ivy blocking the public footpath in the coming week.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the road surface at **(details supplied)** as there is a large pothole which is impeding the resident's access to their driveway.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the above location. The pothole was inspected and has been logged onto our road maintenance services asset management database. We will proceed to schedule repairs subject to a priority-based job queue and the availability of a crew in the area.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive examine the possibility of modifying the wall at the end of **(details supplied)** as there is a lot of drug dealing at this wall and cars are driving into the cul de sac to access this. If anti climb modifications were made or rails installed it would help cut off access between people using it for this purpose.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Officer for the North West Area will arrange a site visit to examine the possibilities of making modifications to the wall that will alleviate the current issues.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Living Wage Plaque scheme as introduced by former Lord Mayor, Brendan Carr.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Living Wage Plaque scheme was introduced in June 2017 by then Lord Mayor, with the intention to promote employers who paid a Living Wage to their staff.

While this initiative was supported by Dublin City Council, there has been no continuation of the scheme since.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the repair of the small wall around the enhanced green space at the entrance to Magenta Crescent, Santry.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have inspected the wall at Magenta Crescent and currently awaiting quotation for repair.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any land in the Dublin North Central Area where a linear native forest could be planted, maybe along the Santry green way, connecting with trees in park lands and my railways and other transport corridors to form a wildlife highway”

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Forest planting would have to be given very careful consideration before introducing same into parks or public open spaces and would only be considered suitable in limited circumstances. While the many benefits of such planting are well appreciated there is also the potential to provide cover for anti-social behaviour or create the impression of an area that is not safe. Parks visitors particularly older or those who might feel vulnerable tend to appreciate open clear views and lines of sight. Mass and block planting is generally avoided for this reason and alternative planting structures sought to achieve biodiversity and connectivity objectives that don't overly obscure sightlines.

Improving connectivity between habitats and for wildlife value are amongst main design objectives for all planting schemes and biodiversity projects in the city and environs. These objectives will form part of the design brief for the Santry River Restoration Plan later this year. It is envisaged that riparian planting will form part of the plan which may or may not include some elements of woodland planting as one of the main environmental considerations along the Santry River are the grass feeding areas of the Brent Geese who prefer an open habitat. The introduction of too much woodland or forest planting in these areas has the potential to alter the landscape character and displace the geese from these areas.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if funding could be sought from the department of agriculture for urban farming projects, community's gardens and farmers markets.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is no grant scheme from the Dept. of Agriculture for urban farming projects and communities gardens. We already have farmers markets in St Anne's Park and Herbert Park. If there are ideas or proposals for such initiatives they should be directed to the Parks Service and funding can be identified.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to help facilitate bike hire schemes on DCC greenways Royal canal, Bull Island Causeway and other planned greenway to encourage more active transport to bull island, and city parks for Dublin citizens and visitors.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Bike hire schemes of various types are currently in operation within the city, the responsibility for all shared mobility schemes is being consolidated into one team within E&T. Options to roll out mobility hubs and other means of provided better bike hire schemes across the city will be assessed by this team.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate and report if the ownership of the Dorset Expert Garage at Binns Bridge would allow a mural be painted on their wall facing the

canal in the manner seen elsewhere in the city with a view to improving the area with some appropriate artwork, and would Dublin City Council pay for such artwork.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Office received permission from the Dorset Expert garage and arranged and paid for the swan mural to be painted on the wall of the garage facing the canal. The mural was vandalised with tagging. The murals across the Central Area are being reviewed and repainted and there is a plan to replace this mural also.

The City Arts Officer will establish the ownership of this building and see it is feasible for Street Art.

The following conditions must be met for Planning

Planning have stipulated the following checklist for applicants for an exemption from Planning 41(F).

The following conditions shall apply:

1. The installation of artwork shall be carried out on the walls defined and agreed with Dublin City Council and identified in map attached
2. A letter of consent shall be obtained from the owner(s) of the wall(s) identified.
3. Painting of the walls by street artists shall only take place during daylight hours, any change/ exception must be agreed in advance by Dublin City Council.
4. This agreement shall apply for a period of 12 months commencing April 2021 and will be removed thereafter.
5. The installations shall contain no commercial or branded content including logos of the project partners...
6. The installations shall have no content which is political, religious, sexist or racist in nature or content which may be considered discriminatory.
7. Installations shall be original artwork.
8. Any installations shall not detract from the character or setting of a protected structure or Area of Architectural Conservation or any natural stone wall.
9. No paint or work shall impede on any adjoining walls or structures including utility equipment and shall retain a clear border from the front elevation and roof edges
10. Dublin City Council reserves the right to paint out artwork without explanation.
11. This exemption allows for the proposed content (Appendices A) subject to the conditions set out above.
12. The hoarding wall will carry information giving a point of contact for the scheme should the public wish to make comment
13. Any changes to the process must be agreed in advance with the Planning Department and any other relevant parties.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the amount and location of available land owned by Dublin City Council, which it plans to build or make available to build homes on. Also, can he expand on where the Council is in planning with each and all of these sites?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is currently engaged in an ongoing process of taking stock of all available council owned sites that might offer potential for the development of social housing schemes. There is a significant amount of information already compiled as the process undertaken has involved reviewing all existing planning files and portfolios, housing documents/reports, Local Area Plans and other reference documents as



appropriate. The goal is to collate all of the available information in a map format to enable decision making that is based on accurate and up to date data.

This citywide audit involves reviewing each individual site and identifying the following:

- Description of site area and surrounding amenities
- Infrastructure and services currently in place
- Potential cost to develop/budgets required
- Zoning
- Deficits that may require attention
- Housing development potential

Arising from an analysis and assessment of the above criteria Dublin City Council Housing Management are developing an effective ranking system enabling the prioritisation of sites so that energy and attention can be paid to those sites that are presenting with the most potential (or least issues). This will form the basis of our strategic direction in terms of Land Development and Management moving forward.

The purpose of this strategy is to give an overview of the schemes that are already underway in relation to social housing and to propose a road map for additional schemes that could be developed as a matter of priority. All sites identified that DCC believe offer the best potential in terms of their social housing development will progress to a full feasibility study with a view to developing a Stage 1 funding application to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage. At present we have over thirty such feasibility studies underway.

In addition to producing maps of the sites covering each of the five City Council areas, all sites (in the pipeline) are also being uploaded onto the Dublin City Council GIS mapping system. This is an ongoing work in progress.

In tandem with the above internal process, Dublin City Council has been also been updating the National Social Housing Data Map from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. This is a national exercise that looks at the availability of the necessary land to deliver housing programmes, in accordance with the spatial objectives of the National Planning Framework. To understand the capital requirements for land acquisition, both in terms of the NDP review and the preparation of the new housing strategy, Dublin City Council has been asked to provide details of our existing land holdings, including land currently designated for housing and land that may be suitable for future housing development. Dublin City Council is currently finalising this piece of work.

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the repair of the potholes in the laneway to the rear of #73 and #72 St. Lawrence Road (as shown in the attached photos) – these are causing a serious hazard for pedestrians using the laneway.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has scheduled Pothole repairs at this location. These will be completed when a works crew is next available in the area.

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to direct the DCC Traffic section to undertake a detailed examination of the issues outside **(details supplied 1)** as raised in the attached correspondence **(details supplied 2)** so that the residents at **(details supplied 1)** can continue to avail of a workable parking solution outside their home?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is illegal to park on footpaths and Dublin Street Parking Services will enforce against illegal parking on footpaths when this happens. Parking Policy and Enforcement will ask an inspector to look at this location on **(details supplied 1)** and review how this situation may be addressed.

DCC in conjunction with Go-Ahead Ireland will assess if this bus stop can be safely relocated without causing any safety issues for other vehicles using **(details supplied 2)**.

**Q.131 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the organic debris (trees, soil etc.) in the laneway to the rear of No. 1 to No.77 Richmond Road to be cleared away please; the debris is at the eastern end i.e. Clonturk Park end. Entrance to laneway is at No 15/No 17 Richmond Rd and local residents have already cleared 35 bags of waste from this location.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services will have this work carried out and completed during the first week of May 2021.

**Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive (a) the purpose of the works containers currently based in Maypark, Donnycarney (2 x pictures attached) and (b) indicate when he expects them to be removed?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing Maintenance, Painting Section have two containers outside of the Clanmaurice Court Senior Citizen complex as they are currently back working outdoors again painting the entire complex as requested late last year.

This work was started in October 2020 but due to the level five restrictions this work was put on hold until last week.

It is envisaged to take a few more weeks weather permitting before this complex is complete and once it is fully completes these containers will be moved.

**Q.133 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the lack of business continuity following the unannounced absence from the Ballyfermot Area Manager. To give the reasons why no "out of office" responder for email was put in place. To give reasons why there was no pro-active notice of absence and why until I insisted with the SCA manager during the SCAC monthly meeting I was not given a new point of contact. To let the councillors know what we can expect on the situation of this role in the near future.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Ballyfermot Area Manager is on annual leave. An out of office email is in place. Please contact Dave O'Donovan with any issues as they arise.

Vote No. 1: To Defer the Implementation of Standing Orders 2021	
Councillor Daryl Barron	Against
Councillor Racheal Batten	Against
Councillor Janice Boylan	Against
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	Against
Councillor Claire Byrne	Against
Councillor Danny Byrne	Against
Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan	Against
Lord Mayor Hazel Chu	Against
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	Against
Councillor Keith Connolly	Against
Councillor Deirdre Conroy	Against
Councillor Donna Cooney	Against
Councillor Joe Costello	Against
Councillor Daniel Céitinn	Against
Councillor Daithí de Róiste	Against
Councillor Tara Deacy	Against
Councillor Máire Devine	Against
Councillor Kevin Donoghue	Against
Councillor Daithí Doolan	Against
Councillor Anne Feeney	Against
Councillor Declan Flanagan	Against
Councillor Terence Flanagan	Against
Councillor Mary Freehill	Against
Councillor James Geoghegan	Against
Councillor Alison Gilliland	Against
Councillor Deirdre Heney	Against
Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones	Against
Councillor Janet Horner	Against
Councillor Vincent Jackson	Against
Councillor Mícheál MacDonncha	Against
Councillor Briege MacOscar	Against
Councillor Ray McAdam	Against
Councillor Paddy McCartan	Against
Councillor Eimer McCormack	Against
Councillor Séamas McGrattan	Against
Councillor Declan Meenagh	Against
Councillor Carolyn Moore	Against
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	Against
Councillor Naoise Ó Muiri	Against
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	Against
Councillor Larry O'Toole	Against
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	Against
Councillor Catherine Stocker	Against
Councillor Michael Watters	Against
Councillor Christy Burke	For
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	For
Councillor Pat Dunne	For
Councillor Anthony Flynn	For
Councillor Mannix Flynn	For
Councillor Darcy Loneragan	For
Councillor John Lyons	For
Councillor Tina MacVeigh	For
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	For
Councillor Damian O'Farrell	For
Councillor Cieran Perry	For
Councillor Noeleen Reilly	For
Councillor Nial Ring	For
Rejected	
For	13
Against	44

Appendix C

Vote No. 2: To agree to Implement Standing Orders 2021	
Councillor Christy Burke	Against
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	Against
Councillor Pat Dunne	Against
Councillor Anthony Flynn	Against
Councillor Vincent Jackson	Against
Councillor John Lyons	Against
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	Against
Councillor Damian O'Farrell	Against
Councillor Cleran Perry	Against
Councillor Nial Ring	Against
Councillor Daryl Barron	For
Councillor Racheal Batten	For
Councillor Janice Boylan	For
Councillor Tom Brabazon	For
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	For
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Councillor Naoise Ó Muiri	For
Councillor Claire O'Connor	For
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	For
Councillor Colm O'Rourke	For
Councillor Larry O'Toole	For
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	For
Councillor Catherine Stocker	For
Councillor Michael Watters	For
Carried	
For	50
Against	10

## Appendix D

<b>Vote No. 3:</b> <b>Report 155/2021:</b> <b>To Agree to Dispose of a site at Gulistan Terrace</b>	
Lord Mayor Hazel Chu	Against
Councillor Donna Cooney	Against
Councillor Mannix Flynn	Against
Councillor Daryl Barron	For
Councillor Racheal Batten	For
Councillor Janice Boylan	For
Councillor Tom Brabazon	For
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Councillor Cleran Perry	For
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	For
Councillor Noeleen Reilly	For
Councillor Nial Ring	For
Councillor Patricia Roe	For
Councillor Catherine Stocker	For
Councillor Michael Watters	For
<b>Carried</b>	
For	57
Against	3