

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 13th JUNE 2022

Q.1 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive if there is an estimated date for the Dublin Bikes stand at the Central Bank to reopen.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Contact with the contractor has been ongoing. Unfortunately due to issues with the supply of goods the Contract has been delayed. Dublin City Council has advised that this station should be opened in June.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following housing issues: to have a walk in shower installed and repairs to windows at **(details supplied)**. Inspections were carried out earlier this year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A level access shower has been approved and will be installed for the tenant by the end of first week of June 2022. The repairs to the window have been allocated to the glazier and these will be completed shortly.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that a letter be sent to the senior Garda management regarding the ongoing anti-social behaviour at North lotts Lane Dublin 7.

As local residents say the anti-social behaviour is out of control in this area. Senior Garda management are fully informed to the anti-social behaviour. Residents say no action is being taken.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A letter has been forwarded to the Chief Superintendent, Store Street Garda Station, and the Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that given the ongoing anti-social behaviour at **(details supplied)** that it be brought to the attention Garda senior management to address the ongoing anti-social.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent, Mountjoy Garda Station, and the Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the lock fitting be replaced at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has not received any request for the lock fitting. The Area Depot was out with the tenant in May regarding the windows and the tenant did not mention any issue with the lock fitting; however, we will log it now for inspection and necessary repairs.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what plans DCC have in place to review parking permits in the city flat complexes as it would appear there is a free for all policy in some flat complexes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In a number of DCC flat complexes in the South East Area (all three LEAs) car parking management services are provided by a private contractor. While the service provided has been generally successful some issues have arisen in the 12 months and the service levels have not been acceptable. We recently held a meeting with the contractor and raised our concerns in relation to the service levels. They have agreed to improve these services levels and the matter will be reviewed over the next few months. Should there be no improvement in service we will seek to terminate the current contract and seek an alternative contractor to provide the service.

I can confirm that APCOA manage the permit parking within a number of the Dublin City Council housing complexes within the South West Inner City and this is reviewed on a yearly basis. All residents of these complexes are required to provide proof of vehicle ownership / registration at this address in order to be eligible for a permit. Vehicles parked within these complexes without a valid permit are subject to clamping. There is signage within the complex's outlining contact details to report illegally parked vehicles. Dublin City Council's traffic management department has responsibility for processing requests outside of Dublin City Complexes where permit parking is requested.

There are no flat complexes in the Finglas Area. However, we do have 9 Senior Citizen Complexes where there are no issues with parking.

- Four of which are electronically gated
- Three have manual gates
- Two have open car parking spaces

There are no flat complexes in the Ballymun Area. We have three Senior Citizen Complexes that have no parking issues at present.

A number of DCC flat complexes in the Central Area have parking enforcement provided by a private contractor. Problems have emerged in recent times and the service provided is not to the required standard. We held a meeting with an alternative service provider with good recommendations. We will be trialling their services to assess their suitability, performance and effectiveness in a couple of our complexes. We have identified complexes in the NEIC and NWIC and the contractor is due to start patrolling these sites over the next couple of weeks. We will monitor their progress closely. Once we are satisfied with their provision of service we will introduce their services to other complexes in North Central.

The Cabra Area Office contracted Apcoa to provide car parking management services in three complexes within the Cabra/Glasnevin and North West Inner City area. The service is reviewed on a yearly basis. All residents are required to provide proof of vehicle registration and ownership at an address within the complex and visitors use a texting service to pay for parking for the duration of the visit. The service is working well with regular patrols being carried out on a daily basis and no issues with parking within the complexes.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the below areas of the park cleaned up and repaired in Ellenfield Park.

The maze is badly damaged with chipped and rusted paintwork. Some of the posts are very badly damaged and are just at eye level for a small child.

The soft landing areas around the equipment is worn and is lifting about an inch off the ground. This is a significant tripping hazard for small children.

The whole playground is unkempt and full of weeds. The tarmac is broken and uneven in spots and some of the equipment is very dirty. It's a shame to have such a great amenity neglected in this way. Perhaps it would be possible to send a crew out to clean it up and improve it a bit for users. It is likely that some child is going to be injured there if it's not cleaned up a bit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Repairs to the surfacing are scheduled as part of the annual Playground Maintenance Programme and will be affected in the coming months as schedules allow. As DCC no longer controls weeds chemically in the public realm and particularly where children play, weeds will be more evident in such locations. Weeds are removed manually as programmes allow to prevent them becoming overly dominant.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Bridgefoot Street/Queen Street cycle project: its current status, whether it is funded, when we can expect more details, and if there is an estimated timeline for completion. The project was announced in March 2021.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is under consideration, the Grangegorman to Thomas Street project is currently transitioning to the Active Travel team who will examine the members query in the context of the overall scheme and issue a full reply over the coming weeks.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for the Annual Payments to date to landlords in HAP Payments since the introduction of HAP.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Homeless HAP was introduced in Dublin in 2015 and standard HAP was introduced in 2017. The annual payments to landlords, for households on Dublin City Council's Housing List, since the introduction of both schemes are outlined in the table below.

ANNUAL HAP PAYMENTS TO LANDLORDS (Standard HAP and Homeless HAP tenancies)	
YEAR	PAYMENTS TO LANDLORDS
2015	€179,434.64
2016	€3,901,302.26
2017	€24,228,645.97
2018	€59,858,376.27
2019	€91,270,379.97
2020	€123,809,820.43
2021	€158,971,310.15

Q.10 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many dogs were put to sleep in our pounds in the last 3 years and what reasons for the euthanasia.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of dogs euthanized for the last three years is as follows:

2019 – 17. Unable to supply reasons for these euthanasia's.

2020 – 5. Unable to supply reasons for these euthanasia's.

2021 – 2. One court ordered euthanasia and one medical euthanasia due to cancer.

2022 – 3. One court ordered euthanasia, one medical due to cancer and one unable to be rehomed due to aggressive and repetitive behaviour.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive have any sites been identified in Ballymun/Finglas for Traveller Appropriate Accommodation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently there are four Traveller Specific sites between Ballymun/Finglas –

1. St Margarets Park (Halting Site), St Margarets Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11
2. Avila Park/Close/Gardens (Group Housing Scheme), Cappagh Road, Finglas, Dublin 11
3. St Mary's Park (Group Housing Scheme), Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11
4. St Joseph's Park (Halting Site), Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11

There have been no additional lands identified in Ballymun/Finglas for Traveller Specific Accommodation.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the clearing of weeds, power washing, grass cutting in tree pits and the planting of additional trees around Gaelscoil Bhaile Munna.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned, washed and cleared of weeds on the 24th May 2022.

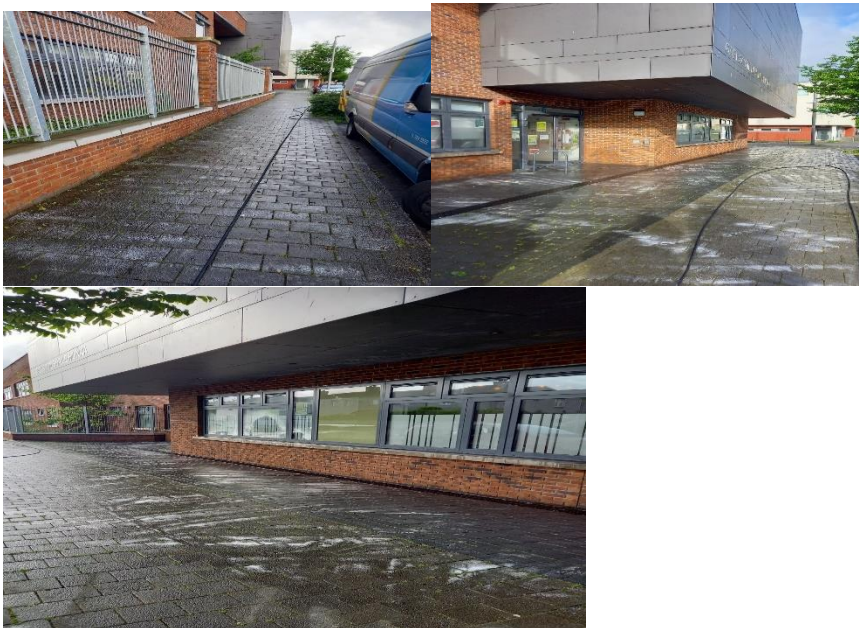
The location has been power washed and cleaned to remove weeds and moss amongst the cobble lock and curtilage of Gaelscoil Bhaile Munna.

Before:





After



Park Services will arrange for inspection of tree pits at this location and will list any available pits for planting in our 2022/23 Winter Tree Planting programme.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if he can submit some projects from Dublin City Council to this map from the committee of the regions under the green new deal section?

<https://cor.europa.eu/EN/regions/Pages/eir-map.aspx?view=stories&type=greendeal>

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Climate Action Team, in conjunction with our key stakeholders are in the process of identifying projects that contribute to the EU Green Deal goals and objectives, and best demonstrate how Dublin City Council is transitioning to a low carbon future. We have already engaged with the Committee of Regions and once this exercise is completed we will submit the associated projects for inclusion on the platform.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive what action has been taken and/or will be taken to implement the motion adopted some years ago by this Council to trial closing Custom House Quay at weekends to through traffic and to create a new civic space at that location in front of the Custom House.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic department have had no requests from any other department who wished to make use of this space for any events and so have not advanced any closures with the exception of the closures for various events i.e. New Year's Eve, St Patricks Festival.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if Parliament Street which is effectively the continuation of Capel Street leading to the magnificent street view of City Hall will be made traffic free now that Capel Street is traffic free.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Proposals for Parliament Street will now be examined including the impact the change to Capel Street being traffic free has on volumes on Parliament Street. Discussions with the NTA will also be required regarding the existing bus service. Proposals will be presented to the local area committee and put out for consultation so local residents and businesses can provide their feedback.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the present status of the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter and when construction on the City Library is expected to begin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There has been good progress on the Parnell Square Project Phase 1 in recent months. A tender for demolition of the Amhraclann and site investigation has been issued. It is hoped to be on site with this contract by late summer 2022.

A further tender for the appointment of a new multi-disciplinary design team (SAQ) is due to return in mid-June 2022.

It is hoped to commence construction on site in Q4 2024 or Q1 2025 with a construction programme of approximately thirty two months.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will put together a comprehensive plan for regenerating the Docklands by developing George's Dock as an open-air swimming pool and sports centre; by developing the old Isle of Man terminal as a historical /heritage/cultural /craft centre; and by refurbishing the old gantry straddling the road at George's Dock as the centrepiece of the entrance to the Docklands.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the December 2021 meeting of the Central Area Committee a presentation was given to members on the proposals for the redevelopment of the current Docklands Office building on Custom House Quay as a Docklands Water Sports Centre. The new Centre will help the City Council to animate a significant element of the River Liffey at a location that is

1. within walking distance of Dublin city centre (less than a kilometre from O'Connell Bridge)
2. easily accessible with excellent transport links, (LUAS, Dart, Intercity Bus and Rail)
3. in close proximity to a community with significant links to the water bodies of the Docklands.

It will do this by providing a range of water sport activities targeted at the local community. It will also assist the Council in providing a range of programmes targeted at groups with particular needs. In addition, the proposed Centre has the potential to

support the wider visitor and tourism offer in Dublin city centre. This project will shortly go to tender for the appointment of a contractor for the construction of the new facility and the new Council Offices for the administration of the Docklands area.

In relation to the regeneration of Georges Dock as an outdoor Public LIDO, at the same meeting in December 2021 a briefing was given regarding the future of Georges Dock following the recent decision not to proceed with the Georges Dock White Water Rafting facility. At present the Economic Consultants working on behalf of the Docklands Office are carrying out an Economic Assessment of the need to redevelop Georges Dock, with a particular focus on the construction of a Public LIDO on the site. In tandem the Design Team is looking at options for the potential layout and construction of such a facility. When these pieces of work are complete, a presentation will be made to both the Docklands Oversight & Consultative Forum and the Central Area Committee.

With regard to the Scherzer Bridge at Georges Dock. The Council is about to carry out works to upgrade the Timber Decking on the South Side of the bridge along the campshires. It is anticipated that this work will commence in July 2022. The City Council has no plans for the overall refurbishment of the Scherzer Bridge, however, its refurbishment does form part of the NTA's Bus Connects proposal for the area. Their proposals were set out in the NTA's Ringsend to City Centre Core Bus Corridor (Route 16) preferred Route Public Consultation document of March 2020.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the change in policy whereby electric cars charging at on-street charging points are now subject to parking fees and being clamped; what the process was for the change in policy and when this new policy was commenced; what public consultation took place prior to the change; and if the he will review this policy given the Council's policy to proactively encourage electric vehicles as part of the City's climate strategy and that vehicles charging at on-street charging points should not be considered as parked vehicles.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In Dublin City Council there has always been a requirement for Electric Vehicles to pay for parking even at an EV charging point. If no fee is sought for parking an Electric Vehicle or they are "not to be considered parked cars" then there is no mechanism for enforcement and this will lead to a chronic problem of those vehicles overstaying in parking spaces at charging points and parking spaces in general. What may be considered as part of a wider strategy is the fee which is sought to park an Electric Vehicle at a charge point. The fee for charging an Electric Vehicle on-street is a matter for the electricity provider.

As the EV charging market develops, international trends indicate that more off-street charging hubs (at destinations such as supermarkets) will become available. Typically, these charging locations do not charge for parking, rather for charging. The Council is aware of this trend and it is a feature of the forthcoming EV charging strategy for the Dublin Metropolitan Area as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the city by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to explore the potential for installing play facilities for children inside the Rathmines Avenue complex as there are significant areas of land that are completely vacant, and the complex has a large number of children living there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Kimmage/Rathmines Area Office does not have funding in place to install or maintain playgrounds or sports facilities in flat complexes. Dublin City Council's Housing Maintenance Section are responsible for maintaining such facilities in flat complexes. However, Housing Maintenance have indicated that there was never a playground here. The Area Office is prepared to work with the Community and the Housing Department if funding can be identified for this. Should discretionary funding be made available next year, and the Councillors are prepared to allocate some monies towards this project, the Area Manager will liaise with Housing Maintenance to see if co-funding would be possible.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to explore the possibility of installing traffic lights for pedestrians at the main junction in Terenure as two of the four sides are without any safe crossing area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Can the Councillor please send an image of the location that he is referring to in the question or a link from google maps identifying the specific location?

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for needed maintenance work to be carried out in Hazel Park, Kimmage, including the cutting of the grass and hedges and for a street sweeping vehicle to be sent to clear accumulated rubbish and debris from the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services cleaned and cleared all the rubbish and debris from the above mentioned location on the 24th May 2022.

The hedge in Hazel Park was cut last winter. The grass on the open space has been cut in the last week.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise who is responsible in Dublin City Council for the installation of EV charging points on Barrow Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council in association with the 4 DLAs is currently finalising an EV charging strategy for the Dublin Metropolitan area. This evidence based strategic approach required careful consideration and planning as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area. It is not envisaged that the type of charging approach included as part of the wider public consultation on Barrow Street recently (which was proposed prior to the formulation of the new strategy) will be part of the final solution at this location.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the relocation or removal of the rope extending from the wooden pole outside (**details supplied**). The rope is obstructing the driveway of the property and the owner is unable to obtain planning permission to have the path dished for same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The "rope" in question in front of house (**details supplied**) is the stay wire for the ESB Networks pole here. This question should be forwarded over to ESB for a reply.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the main Swords Road to be re-surfaced where there are several potholes between Santry Avenue and entrance to Magenta Hall.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This section of (**details supplied**) is part of the resurfacing programme 2022 which is scheduled to take place in a few weeks' time.

Road Maintenance have discussed this location with the contractor with the view of possibly bringing the works forward as there has been a number of complaints received.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the potholes on the main Finglas Road between Charlestown junction and Lidl roundabout to be repaired or the road re-instated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Further information is required on the location of the defects noted. Finglas Road ends at the roundabout adjacent to Mellows Park – where it then turns into the North Road (R135) before coming to a junction with Charlestown Place. There is no Lidl on this section of roadway.

There is a Lidl accessible from a roundabout just off the Finglas Road on St Margarets Road (R104) which also runs up to a junction with Charlestown Place. This road is part shared with Fingal County Council.

Once the correct location is established, a site inspection will be carried out and any defects noted for repair.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the request from the resident in (**details supplied**) to acquire small area of land to the side/rear of his property in order to alleviate illegal dumping issues which are ongoing at this location?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An application was received on the 24th November, 2021 from the resident to purchase a plot of land adjacent to his property. The land in question is in the remit of the Parks Department.

The Parks Department rejected this application on the basis the Dublin City Council do not sell public open spaces for private use.

The applicant was informed of this decision on 8th December, 2021.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive what percent of current DCC procurement includes environmental criteria as permitted under S.I. No. 284 of 2016 and to ask how we are complying with the 2012 National Action 'Green Tenders' plan. To further ask if we are

going to meet 100% green tenders by 2023 in line with government policy and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The percentage of Dublin City Council procurements that contain environmental criteria as permitted under S.I. 284 of 2016 is not recorded. Dublin City Council will be going to tender shortly for the implementation of a Contract Register and Management System that will include recording of environmental (green) procurement under;

1. Selection Criteria
2. Award Criteria
3. Specification
4. Contract Performance

The Central Procurement Unit advises all buyers to consider using environmental and social criteria/clauses when tendering for goods, services and works as set out in Dublin City Councils Procurement Policy and Procedures Manual;

- Page 1 – Foreword, section 1.
- 1) To facilitate economic, social, or environmental objectives through procurement, for example by
- identifying opportunities for social or green procurement;
 - engaging with businesses and suppliers
- Page 21 – Section 7 – Dublin City Council Client Departments – Further Tendering Obligations
 - Bullet Point 2 - Environmental Aspects
- For more information on Green, Sustainable and Environmental issues please go to [Green Procurement Guidance for \(Public Sector\) Booklet](#) and [Green Tenders \(An action plan on Green Public Procurement\)](#) and [Circular 20/2019](#)
- Page 22 links are provided to:
 - Green Procurement Guidance (for Public Sector) Booklet
 - Green Tenders – An Action Plan on Green Public Procurement
 - Circular 20/ 2019 Environmental and Social Considerations in Public Procurement

Dublin City Council aims to have a green element in all tenders during 2023 as required. However, this will be assessed on a contract by contract basis and will be dependent on market maturity.

Dublin City Council will be embarking on a communications strategy through eTenders to advise the market of the upcoming changes to prepare them for the inclusion of environmental criteria in public sector procurement.

The CRES Department does not record the number of its published tenders which include environmental criteria. In line with DCC procurement policy, all contract managers/buyers are advised to consider environmental criteria when tendering. Also in line with DCC policy, the CRES Department aims to have a green element in all tenders (as applicable) during 2023.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a full and detailed list of expenditure per DCC administrative area on active travel projects in 2021.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Total expenditure by Dublin City Council on active travel projects in 2021 was €16,249,735.98 and this figure is broken down as follows:

Central Area Projects	€3,789,929.85
North Central Area Projects	€154,598.94
North West Area Projects	€59,956.34
South Central Area Projects	€60,998.12
South East Area Projects	€1,008,389.66
Trans-Area Projects (i.e. covering more than one area)	€2,214,297.60
Citywide Projects	€8,961,565.47

Project-by-project detail is included in Appendix 1 below.

Please note that breaking down expenditure by administrative area for the citywide projects (e.g. Covid mobility measures) is a significant administrative undertaking that would require a considerable period of time to complete.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the serious problems listed in relation to the tree outside **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location will be inspected and the resident will be advised of the outcome of the inspection.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the following: that small green area at the top of **(details supplied 1)** be upgraded to include wild flowers, tree planting and regular grass cutting maintenance. I regret due to certain housing allocations this small pocket park is experiencing some serious levels of anti-social behaviour, the tree planting / higher level of maintenance will give it renewed focus of positivity. If the manager is happy, I would be happy to meet on site someday to also discuss the poor levels of maintenance in open spaces at **(details supplied 2)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks would be happy to meet with the councillor to look at the areas detailed above about additional tree and wildflower planting over the next few weeks, please make contact directly. The open spaces at Details 2 received additional bulb planting last year that have just finished flowering. In general, the areas detailed above are being maintained under the new Landscape Maintenance Contract which Parks acknowledge has had a number of teething problems due primarily to resourcing and machinery shortages. This is being addressed and should be brought back to an acceptable standard of maintenance shortly.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look into the housing application of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant's **(details supplied)** Choice Based Letting application for Canal Bridge has been successful. Respond Housing will be in contact with the applicant.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on Band 2 of the Housing List for two bedroom accommodation with registration date 12/09/2016, the applicant holds the following positions on the list:

Area	Position
Area J	134

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.

As the applicant is a crossover with DCC, they should contact SDCC to check the position of their main application.

The applicant should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

Q.33 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the refurbishment of the Donore Youth and Community Centre in Donore Avenue, Dublin 8. This centre was central to community activities for years and its loss is severely impacting on local residents particularly post Covid when some older residents need space to begin to reconnect with their community.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The refurbishment of the Donore Youth and Community Centre is being treated as a matter of urgency, however during this period, there have been a number of issues resulting in the current process over which Dublin City Council have had no control,

- Following the fire there was a criminal investigation by the Gardaí.
- Site partially cleared out
- Primary forensics examination carried out on behalf of the insurers
- Legal matters and investigation started
- Secondary forensics examination carried out on behalf of DCC insurers and a second party's forensics team.
- Covid impacted on progress
- A site meeting was held with IPB Insurers and an external insurer, and DCC have been instructed to keep the site preserved for possible additional forensic investigations and await further instruction.
- There are legal matters, not in the control of Dublin City Council, being dealt with by IPB Loss adjusters, forensics team and solicitors and a similar team representing an external insurance company.
- CRES are putting in place an Architect-Led Multi-Disciplinary Design Team, with input from City Architects for procurement matters, to be appointed on completion of tendering process.
- The tender for the Architect-Led Multi-Disciplinary Design Team in preparation by DCC Architects for uploading to eTenders.
- CRES are liaising with the insurers and loss adjusters, with technical input from City Architects. In relation to the reinstatement works, a meeting with IPB Insurers & our Design Team/Engineers will be organised, on completion of the tendering process, to discuss the repair scope and enable DCC progress with works.

- Technical information has been requested by and supplied to the Insurers to allow for a safe inspection to be carried out on the locus of the fire by forensic engineers.
- A meeting with CRES, DCC Architects and the Insurers Design Team/Engineers is being arranged to discuss the scope of repairs and enable DCC progress with works.
- All works leading to the reopening of the Donore facility are subject to the appropriate procurement process and Dublin City Council is progressing the matter as quickly as possible, whilst ensuring that all procurement legislation, rules, regulations and guidelines are adhered to ensure that all processes are fully compliant.

Q.34 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive the following: I note that the April Homeless Update (No 26) provided details that 7 families presented to homeless services on arrival to the country and 6 presented because of experience of domestic violence, of which, 3 from refugees. Could the CE indicate a) if there are also figures for such presentations over the last 6-12 months and b) outline the protocol/relevant legislation for providing supports to those presenting to homeless services on arrival to the country - I am making the assumption here that these are not refugees presenting as homeless but non-refugees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The local authority makes its own assessment and determines the nature and duration of an emergency accommodation placement. All new presentations to homeless services in the Dublin Region must complete a comprehensive assessment with the relevant local authority to determine their need for emergency accommodation. Factors considered in the assessment process include but are not limited to; exploring prevention interventions, accommodation history, reason for homelessness, placement and support needs, presenting need and any other relevant information that will inform the assessment. There are times where a temporary placement may be made while some of the required documentation is pending.

If a household does not provide all the relevant documentation as set out to meet the criterion set out in Section 2 below they may not be placed and will be advised on alternative options. If a household is assessed as requiring placement, specific support needs are identified (if applicable), all vacancies are considered and the most appropriate available placement is allocated.

The only statutory provisions regarding homelessness are provided under Section 2 and Section 10 of the Housing Act 1988. This legislation does not provide specific guidance for any particular cohort of people.

A person shall be regarded by a housing authority as being homeless for the purposes of this Act if

- (a) There is no accommodation available, which in the opinion of the authority, he together with any other person who normally resides with him or who might reasonably be expected to reside with him, can reasonably occupy or remain in occupation of or,*
- (b) He is living in a hospital, county home, night shelter or other such institution, and is so living because he has no accommodation of the kind referred to in paragraph (a) and he is, in the opinion of the authority, unable to provide accommodation from his own resources.*

The table below shows the number of new families presenting to homeless services in the Dublin Region due to domestic violence and those who presented on arrival into the state, from October to April 2022. Those arriving into the state and presenting as homeless is not recorded as a reason for homelessness on the PASS system and

therefore a report cannot be run on same; the numbers below are taken from examining case notes from the Family Support Team completing the assessments.

Month	Presenting on arrival in the state	Domestic violence
April 22	7	6
March 22	23	6
February 22	8	1
January 22	Unavailable	3
December 21	6	2
November 21	4	1
October 21	23	2

Q.35 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the issues around the protection orders for Henrietta Street and its curtilage. This issue has been with Dublin City Council for almost three years. It has been subject to An Bord Pleanála appeals with regards development at No 3 Henrietta Street and also speculation in relation to the remainder of the unique laneways and out-buildings here. I note the CEO's report with regards protected structures in the draft development plan CEO report but there seems to be much confusion around the process. I have been in touch with the development plan team to clarify matters but I have yet to receive any clarity. It would be an absolute travesty to leave Henrietta Street and its environs, a unique heritage space open to such vulnerability.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council recognises the unique heritage of Henrietta Street; as such all the buildings on the street are on the Record of Protected Structures.

It is understood that the question relates primarily to the structures and lands at 4 Henrietta Street, along with those at 4a and 4b Henrietta Lane, Dublin 1.

4 Henrietta Street, Dublin 1, is already a Protected Structure, Ref. No. 3651 on the Record of Protected Structures, Volume 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

Both 4a and 4b Henrietta Lane originally formed part of the curtilage of the main early/mid-18th century residence at 4 Henrietta Street, and comprised outbuildings serving that property. The plots at 4a and 4b Henrietta Lane were severed from the property at 4 Henrietta Street and disposed of during the 20th century. The three parcels of land at 4 Henrietta Street, 4a Henrietta Lane and 4b Henrietta Lane are now in separate ownership.

As part of the review of RPS under the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, the Conservation Section proposed an amendment to the RPS entry for No. 4 Henrietta Street, to provide greater clarity as to the protection of certain structures within the curtilage of the property to the rear. The addition of historic structures at No. 4a and No. 4b Henrietta Lane were also proposed under the draft RPS.

Submissions on the Draft Development Plan were received in relation to the proposed additions of both No. 4a and No. 4b Henrietta Lane. These were considered and addressed in the Chief Executive's Report on Submissions as issued, with recommendations to amend the descriptions; in relation to No. 4a to "Historic stone and brick boundary walls within No. 4a (only)", and in relation to 4b to "Historic stone and brick boundary walls within No. 4b (only) including masonry vaults".

In relation to 4 Henrietta Street, the Conservation Section received email correspondence from an owner of abutting property regarding the issue of property rights and the statutory notification procedures relating to this proposed amendment; which was not part of a submission on the Draft Development Plan.

Given the circumstances and the relationship to the proposed amendment of RPS No. 3651, and the proposed additions at both 4a and 4b Henrietta Lane, the Chief Executive's Report on Submissions addressed this matter under the heading RPS No. 3651: 4 Henrietta Street, (Vol 4, Page 854 of CE Report dated 29th April 2022).

The CE Report concluded that the current description of 4 Henrietta Street on the existing RPS is adequate i.e. the description of the listing to remain as on the current Record of Protected Structures.

In relation to the relatively recent planning application on lands to the rear of No. 3 Henrietta Street, within the curtilage of that property on Henrietta Lane, this application Reg. Ref: 3570/20 for an apartment development was granted planning permission on appeal by An Bord Pleanála on 11 April 2022 (ABP-311064-21).

Q.36 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give clarity as to whether tenants of approved bodies who pay a maintenance fee to the organisation for the upkeep of their estates are legally entitled to be members of the boards of those organisations and charities? In the same way as one would if one was a tenant in a private block of apartments and paying such fees?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is in general no legal obligation for Approved Housing Bodies to include a tenant on their Board, nor are tenants entitled to Board membership, unless the AHB's constitution states this is required, for instance in the case of a Co-operative.

The new Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority (ABHRA) has set out the standards for AHBs, these include governance standards and requirements for an effective Board. AHBs are required to identify the optimal composition of their Board and the skills and expertise that are required for the successful governance of the AHB.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full report of the so-called family HUB at Avalon House, Aungier Street. This report to include an update on the legal matter before the courts? Who manages the family hub? What is the general profile of the family hub? Is this location being used for any other purpose? What facilities are in-house and out-house for clients using this facility?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In December 2021, the DRHE senior management team formally submitted a capital application to the DHLGH, for the funding to undertake the necessary surveys and engage the relevant design team consultants to assist with the preparation of a costed feasibility study.

Formal approval was granted in March 2022 to engage the design team and the costed feasibility study will be presented to the DRHE senior management team in 4 weeks.

The DRHE team, will then inform the DHLGH of these costs and make a final capital application for the monies to formally engage a design team, to proceed with the necessary planning and fire certificate applications to create a family hub at this location.

The preliminary drawings and scope of works include communal dining, homework, play, lounge and laundry areas, bedroom accommodation for 19 families, visiting supports and key workers' offices and a commercial kitchen.

It is anticipated a NGO will manage this family hub and no decision will be made on this matter, until such time as the refurbishment is completed.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full report as to the economic impact of cycle lanes and trial pedestrianisation within the city centre on businesses? These businesses also to include street traders who are reporting a downturn of almost 30% in their trade. Indeed, many shops along the routes are thinking of locking up and moving on because of the difficulties of deliveries etc. Dublin City Council need to have a full independent assessment of these changes both positive and negative. Camden Street is an ideal starting point.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is being examined and a full reply will issue to the Councillor in advance of the July meeting of the City Council.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following: I note the reply to my Question No 12 at the March 7th City Council Meeting. The reply advises that "information regarding (tunnel) closures is available on the Dublin tunnel website <https://dublintonnel.ie/tunnel-closures/> which is, of course, very useful to those who have access to the internet and who have time to regularly check the site.

However, as the Chief executive is aware there are a significant number of people who have no access to the internet. In fact, according to the recently published Age Action Report "Digital Inclusion and an Aging Population" 25% of people in the 60-74 age cohort and 56% of the 75+ age cohort do not use the internet. Furthermore, 65% of people aged over 65 have experienced digital exclusion according to the report.

Can the Chief Executive detail or suggest as to how these people can be advised of Tunnel closures or are they to be discriminated against because they do not have internet access and again, can I ask the Chief Executive to address my question having regard to the figures quoted and also having regard to the request in my question that he contact Egis Road and Tunnel Operation Ireland " requesting that they keep local residents informed of pending closures on a monthly basis, not only by website information but, as I suggested to them, by a leaflet drop in the area affected, which I have estimated to be less than 1,000 houses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have contacted TII and informed them of this Question and requested a response.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, further to the answer to my question no. 13 of the March 2022 City Council Meeting can the Chief Executive give an undertaking that, should a colour-blind person pay for an incorrect zone due to the fact that he/she could not distinguish the colour of the zone and their car is clamped because of this error, he/she will receive a full refund on application to DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is an appeals process in place if a motorist wishes to appeal when a vehicle is clamped. The motorist may pay for the clamp to be released and make an appeal stating the facts of the case which are assessed on a case by case basis.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the grading system for streets surveyed by waste management and to further comment on how the Central Area and City Centre get 80% Grade A ratings yet continually get low scores in the regular IBAL surveys.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services typically survey streets for grading purposes from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Photographs are taken of each street surveyed to support the grades awarded. Surveys are then submitted to administrative staff who review the surveys and photographs before approving each grade.

Grades A to D are awarded under four categories: Litter on pavement, litter on road, presence of dog foul and condition of bins. Under litter on pavement, for example, a grade A is awarded when there is no litter; B when there is a small amount of litter, typically one or two pieces; C when there is a moderate amount of litter and D when the pavement is heavily littered. The overall grade awarded is based on the lowest grade awarded under the first three categories, litter on pavement, litter on road and presence of dog foul. For example if a street is graded A under litter on pavement and presence of dog foul but awarded a C under litter on road, the overall grade awarded for that survey is Grade C. The fourth category, condition of bins is not included in the overall grade but is used to update our maintenance team of the need to repair or replace bins when necessary.

In relation to the annual IBAL surveys, while there has been an improvement in grades awarded by IBAL on many streets in the North East Inner City over the last three years, in many instances low grades are awarded based on conditions outside the control of Dublin City Council's cleansing crews. For example in 2021, Sheriff Street Lower was awarded a D grade by IBAL however the report stated "the street level litter was minimal" which reflects the level of service provided but it was "the build-up of litter behind railings e.g., ESB site and other premises which brought down the litter grade". A number of other streets were awarded C and D grades by IBAL for similar reasons: Aldborough Place (D) – "it was the dumping behind the fencing which created such a poor impression at Aldborough Place"; Buckingham Street Upper (C) – "notable discarding of items along the steps / behind the black railings / in the basement of residential properties"; Ballybough Road (D) – "there were heavy accumulations of a wide variety of litter in the basements of some properties".

Another factor to consider is the times when IBAL conduct their surveys, which are not divulged nor are there photographs to support any grades awarded. For example in 2021 Lower Gardiner Street was awarded a C grade by IBAL, which we find disappointing as this street is manually and mechanically swept and any illegal dumping removed daily from Monday to Friday. North Circular Road was also awarded a C grade by IBAL in 2021, which was also disappointing as this street is cleaned by

hand cart Monday to Friday, illegal dumping is removed 7 days a week and litter bins are serviced at least twice daily.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive how much sponsorship the city Council gave for the Round Room 200 Exhibition and to further comment on the success or otherwise of the exhibition in terms of attendance, media coverage and value for money.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Mansion House Round Room celebrates its 200th year with an immersive exhibition to celebrate the history of the Round Room and the important role it has played in Dublin's history, a grant of €300,000 was provided to fund the event.

The Round Room was built in 1821 to welcome King George IV to Dublin and it was the birthplace of The Irish Republic as the venue for the inaugural Dáil Éireann in 1919. This exhibition ran for 6 weeks beginning on the 16th July and was a free-ticketed event with tickets available for staggered times in order to facilitate safe social distancing.

The exhibition was targeted to people of all ages, including families and created additional domestic tourism in Dublin City as part of the "Dublin for Dubliners Campaign" and City Recovery Action Plan to increase footfall, support to business, provide events/attractions in City Centre over the Summer 2021. The event has an online presence and will reach people worldwide, which in turn will promote Dublin as a destination to visit when international travel returns.

Round Room200 Exhibition

TOTAL ATTENDANCE FIGURES	20,986
Round Room200 Website Visits: Exhibition had traffic to the website from 31 of the 32 counties	11,029
Social Media: People reached in Ireland on social channels Facebook: 461,452 Instagram: 106,848 Twitter: 86,800	655,100
Discover Dublin: Promoted Round Room200 Exhibition to their followers. The video was viewed by 43,700 people	241,000
Outdoor Advertising sites across the city: Luas Columns Bus Shelters 48 Sheets (large advertising sites)	30
Radio Advertising Campaign 98 FM – 193,000 listenership weekly Slots over 4 week period	60
PR Articles: Dublin Live Independent.ie Irish Times x 2 The Irish Sun Irish Independent Star Herald	
LATE LATE SHOW 17 August	

The exhibition was a great success and feedback from the business community was positive, Footfall increased in the city centre and the exhibition was viewed in

31 countries. Media coverage was very positive with 655,100 hits on social media and numerous articles included in the national media forums. A full media pack relating to Round Room 200 is available and can be e-mailed to Cllr Ring on request.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive that the footpath at the junction of Mountshannon Lane/Rialto Bridge be “dished” to allow ease of access for those with mobility issues?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

In relation to your request to install dishings to the footpaths of Rialto Bridge, upon investigation there are a number of services between the footpath and the bridge structure, Road Maintenance are seeking guidance from the relevant utility companies along with negotiations with the LUAS to see if this can be constructed correctly and safely, I would like to retain the granite kerb line, for historical reasons, so the depth of the services are important to see what can be obtained at this location.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on works completed/scheduled at The Iveagh Market?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Iveagh market is subject to a number of legal proceedings and the relevant parties are currently locked in a confidential Mediation process. However, as part of this process, the parties agreed to allow a survey of the building to determine the essential works required to stabilise the building. This survey has been completed and we are awaiting a report on same.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the plans to develop a “Creative Campus” for artists and locals in the Liberties -initiated in 2020? Is the audit of available physical space complete?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Creative Campus proposal receive funding from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund to conduct a Feasibility Study that was concluded in early 2022. A further Business Case Analysis is now required and is being commissioned that will take account of specific economic and social impacts and building cost inflation. The Campus as set out in the Feasibility Study will consist of a new building on Bridgefoot Street and refurbishment and conversion of 8 and 9 Merchants Quay. The new building will house up to 30 Artists in individual studios and have space that can be shared for rehearsal and community use. All of the design had co-design input from local residents and artists. 8/9 Merchants Quay will involve restoration of the St Anthony’s Theatre in No. 8 and making No. 9 the administrative hub of the campus. After the Business Case Analysis is completed this year CRES Department will contribute funding through the Dublin City Council Capital Programme, the Department of Tourism Sports Arts Culture and the Gaeltacht have pledged €3M. The expected cost of the campus is in the order of €15M and further Capital support will be required by central government or through a blend of funding streams that may include grants, development levies, targeted borrowing subject to approval by the Finance Department. Making of Nos 8 and 9 Merchants Quay suitable for temporary use as Artists Workspaces is ongoing and fire safety works, safe access, and minimum refurbishment has been commissioned. It is expected that temporary use after an Open Call application process will occur before the end of 2022 and that the further capitalization of the entire scheme is likely to take until the end of 2023.

A study of Artists Workspaces throughout Dublin and a survey of Artists requirements for workspaces was undertaken as part of the Feasibility Study and is available on request.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive how residents can distinguish whether cars parking in their area have paid for parking on-line?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This information contains personal data and is not in the public domain. It is the role of the parking policy enforcement section and their contractors to ensure that parking in a pay and display area is paid for and access to this data is restricted to these services.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline a timeline for when we can expect the pedestrianisation of Parliament Street. In the interim, can the Chief Executive commit that DCC will introduce temporary measures to reduce Parliament Street to one lane of traffic to allow for footpath widening and on-street dining, which would offer a much-needed boost over the coming summer months for hospitality businesses on the street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Proposals for Parliament Street will now be examined including the impact the change to Capel Street being traffic free has on volumes on Parliament Street. Discussions with the NTA will also be required regarding the existing bus service. Proposals will be presented to the local area committee and put out for consultation so local residents and businesses can provide their feedback.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to explain Dublin City Council's process surrounding presentations by outside groups to Area Committees, in particular why these presentations are not webcast and accessible to the general public. How would changing this approach be brought about?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Standing Orders outline the following in relation to formal deputations at Council / Area Committee meetings:

“16. Deputations

I. The Council or other committees may by resolution decide to receive a deputation. Subject to the direction of the chair, two persons may speak on behalf of the deputation for not more than ten minutes in total, unless permitted by the Chair.

II. Request for a deputation to be heard by the Council shall not be considered unless the subject matter to be raised be notified in writing on the motion of a member of the Council, or direct application by the body concerned, sent to the meetings administrator at least nine clear days before the date of the meeting.

III. The deputation may only be questioned by members of the Council but shall not be entitled to ask questions. When the members of a deputation have addressed the meeting, they shall withdraw from the meeting.

IV. Committees may by resolution limit the number of deputation or presentations at a given meeting.”

There are occasions when general information presentations are given to area committee members and are not part of an official statutory area committee meetings and these presentations are not webcast.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the funding of crucial public realm improvement projects, which have been in the pipeline for some time in the South West Inner City. Can the Chief Executive provide an update on funding and timelines for completion for each of the following:

- Meath Street
- Dolphins Barn village
- Newmarket Square
- St. James's Linear Park

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The first three projects listed fall under the South Central Area Office's Capital Programme. The projects also fall within the South City Concept Area, which was approved for funding under Tranche II of the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF). All URDF-supported projects are currently required to prepare Business Cases in compliance with the Public Spending Code. A Preliminary Business Case for South City Concept Area projects is currently being developed for expected completion in Q3/22.

It is too early to place timelines on these projects but as soon as they become available we will communicate this information through the Director of Services Monthly Report. Meath Street, Dolphins Barn Village and Newmarket projects have 75% funding commitment from URDF with the remaining 25% provided from the South Central Area Office's Capital Programme Budget.

The fourth project listed, St James Linear Park falls under the responsibility of our Parks and Landscape Services. I have requested information on timelines and funding for this project. As soon as this information is received it will be communicated to the Members in South West Inner City.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for a status on 38 and 39 Bolton Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Department is currently preparing plans for the refurbishment and return to residential use of these two properties.

These plans are at an early stage and once completed will require the necessary approvals from the planning Authority after which once approval for same is granted the refurbishment works can commence.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the condition of Crawford Avenue, Dublin 9. Residents report deep potholes, speed bumps in poor condition and trip hazards throughout. As this road serves the school and church it is a danger to young and old alike.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An enquiry (Ref: 11123028) has been created for local defects at Crawford Avenue and forwarded directly to the area inspector for attention who will assess this location. This repair will be completed when a works crew is available in the area.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive report on when the residents can expect to have their gullies cleaned and unblocked on Hollybank Road, Bridget's Road, St. Patricks Road, Carlingford Road, Dargle Road and St. Columba's Road and when the next street sweeping is scheduled for these streets and roads.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Members of the Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned the following Roads as set out below

- Hollybank Road – 21 of 21 on 19/01/22
- St Bridget Road Lwr – 4 of 4 on 01/02/2022
- St Patricks Rd – 5 of 5 on 30/05/2022 PL List
- Carlington Rd – 5 of 5 on 20/01/2022
- Dargle Rd – 5 of 5 on 19/01/2022
- St Columbus Rd – 7 of 7 on 01/02/2022

The roads mentioned above are on our Rotational List & cleaned up to 3 times per year. They will be cleaned again in June / July 2022.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide a report on the number of people accessing emergency homeless accommodation from the DRHE over the past ten years who are not approved for inclusion on a Local Authority Housing list?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no overall report for this information. At a point in time households may be at different stages of the application process, e.g. a household may not have been accepted to a Housing List on the date of assessment, but may have submitted an application yet to be processed or go on to qualify at a later date. A household may qualify for social housing but have a temporary need for emergency accommodation. The DRHE's Housing Support Team and NGOs support people to complete the application process and follow up on those placed within their assigned services who do not have an active housing application.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a tabular report indicating for each year since 2019 the number and location of vacant properties in each of DCC's five areas and the number and location of properties DCC has proposed and completed either the Buy and Renew and/or the Lease and Repair for each of DCC's five areas and the targets for each scheme/per area through until 2024.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council in conjunction with the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government implemented 2 new housing initiatives under Part V of the Rebuilding Ireland Initiative.

The schemes are called the Repair and Lease Scheme (2017) and the Buy and Renew Scheme (2018). Both initiatives were implemented to help reduce the level of long term vacancy rates in residential units in the City. These schemes continue to be in use under the current Housing for All Programme.

The table below outlines the current status of each scheme as per the Councillor's request.

Table for Vacant Properties, Buy and Renew Scheme (BRS), and Repair and Leasing Scheme (RLS).		2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Central	Potential Vacant Props	92	93	105	151	151
	Total Acquired (BRS)	3	10	3	2	18
	Refurbs in Progress (BRS)	-	-	-	14	14
	Completed & Let (BRS)	3	2	1	1	7
	RLS	0	0	0	0	0
North Central	Potential Vacant Props	62	68	96	112	112
	Total Acquired (BRS)	2	2	0	2	6
	Refurbs in Progress (BRS)	-	-	-	3	3
	Completed & Let (BRS)	4	3	0	0	7
	RLS	0	0	0	0	0
North West	Potential Vacant Props	61	65	69	66	66
	Total Acquired (BRS)	5	0	1	0	6
	Refurbs in Progress (BRS)	-	-	-	4	4
	Completed & Let (BRS)	8	1	2	0	11
	RLS	0	0	0	0	0
South Central	Potential Vacant Props	129	124	155	199	199
	Total Acquired (BRS)	7	1	0	3	11
	Refurbs in Progress (BRS)	-	-	-	3	3
	Completed & Let (BRS)	5	5	3	0	13
	RLS	0	0	0	1	1
South East	Potential Vacant Props	84	95	109	128	128
	Total Acquired (BRS)	0	0	0	0	0
	Refurbs in Progress (BRS)	-	-	-	3	3
	Completed & Let (BRS)	1	0	0	0	1
	RLS	1	0	0	1	2
Total Potential Props		428	445	534	656	656
Total Acquired (year)		17	13	4	7	41
Refurbs in Progress		-	-	-	27	27
Total Complete & Let		21	11	6	1	39

Housing For All - DCC Targets	2022	2023	2024	2025
Units	30	32	32	35

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive and Arts Office to revise City Council funding with Dublin Concert Band who had a former annual contract with the DCC Events Department in order to undertake a series of concerts, in conjunction with the Parks Department, in a number of parks across the city. Sunday afternoon events were free to the public and have always been very well received, it is noted that DCB perform at festivals in Dublin for many years and fee is part funded by DCC.

I am advised now that events funding is being managed through the Arts Office. DCB have notified that they have made 2 separate applications to the Arts Office to replicate what they had done successfully for DCC over many years. On both occasions their applications were unsuccessful, with the Arts Office seeking to prioritise funding for small (4 or less people) professional music groups. Can DCB be reinstated to their long standing pre pandemic tradition of summer afternoon concerts in public parks by their large amateur group? I am notified that performance fees go back into the band to cover costs, buy new music and instruments.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**Dublin City Council Events**

A general events funding scheme was not issued for 2022. Instead a number of event companies were publicly procured to facilitate events on behalf of Dublin City Council such as the Smithfield Fleadh 18th/19th June. Other grant schemes may be available such as Arts Grants, Live Performance Grants, and Community Grants.

Cllr Conroy has referred the matter to the Arts Office who will advise Dublin Concert band of funding opportunities.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise regular grass cutting at Mount Prospect lawns please. I'm aware a balance has to be found between biodiversity and recreational use of our green spaces and this is no easy task for DCC Parks. Many constituents have contacted me and while being supportive of biodiversity they feel there also has to be spaces made available to enable children to get away from their screens and go out to play.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This open space is maintained by contract and unfortunately the contractor has struggled to scale-up to meet the demands of the new contract since the new contract commenced last month. The Parks Service has been assured by the contractor that they will catch up in the coming weeks.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please respond to the following: Can the public laneway behind 1 to 13 **(details supplied)** be cleared of rubbish & the person dumping household waste be prosecuted. Can the overgrown shrubbery be cleared away too in the laneway & the footpath / Road which was recently dug up for utilities be reinstated?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Public Domain will remove any accessible waste in the lane and engage with Road Maintenance with regard to repairs and utility reinstatements. A litter warden will also check for evidence with a view to issuing a fine.

Waste Management Services removed the dumped rubbish from the above mentioned laneway. The Litter Enforcement Manager will liaise with the Central Area Office to see if details of the person dumping household rubbish is known to them. If so, litter wardens will be detailed to call to the suspected house and speak with the person to request proof of participation in a waste collection service. If a member of the public has seen this dumping happen and is willing to proceed to court to give evidence, a fine can be issued under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

In response to the question relating to the utility reinstatement on **(details supplied)**, an inspection of the temporary reinstatement running across the footpath and carriageway was carried out by a member of the Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU) team. Irish Water are responsible for this temporary reinstatement. Irish water have been notified by The IMU of the requirement to carry out permanent reinstatement as soon as possible.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following:

- a) Tree needs to be pruned outside this man's house
- b) The Footpath is broken outside his house & needs to be repaired
- c) **(Details supplied)** wall has been damaged by the tree. Can the council please contact him to discuss.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Contact will be made with the resident prior to the tree inspection. If the resident wishes to initiate a claim against the Council with regard to damage to the private garden wall contact should be made with parks@dublincity.ie to request a claim form.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please advise as to the number of developments that were granted exemption from the childcare ratio over the past 5 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Authority is very conscious of the need to ensure that adequate child care facilities are provided in all new developments including in new residential schemes, in accordance with Policy SN17 of the City Development Plan 2016 to 2022 and Appendix 13 - Guidelines for Childcare Facilities.

Policy SN17 - to facilitate the provision in suitable locations of sustainable, fit-for-purpose childcare facilities in residential, employment, and educational settings, taking into account the existing provision of childcare facilities and emerging demographic trends in an area.

For all new residential schemes, the Planning Authority requires one new childcare facility per 75 dwellings unless there are significant reasons to the contrary. In considering all new applications, regard is had to both the existing geographical distribution of childcare facilities and the existing and / or emerging demographic profile of the area. Deviating from this requirement is only considered when the applicant can provide documentary evidence that there is sufficient child care spaces in the area to meet both existing and future needs. A search of the APAS Planning System over the last 5 years (2017 to 2021) will be undertaken and as this will take some time a response will issue in 3 weeks.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding the following: new tea shop for **(details supplied)**. What is the delay with the installation of this shop & toilets & when is it expected to open?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Café and Toilet at Griffith Park has met a number of delays due to installation of the relevant utilities to the proposed location in the Park. Once these issues are resolved the contractor will be in a position to install the temporary unit and open the facility. There should be clarity on the opening of the Café in the coming weeks.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the ongoing programme of de-cluttering works that led to the removal of 600 vacant sign poles last year (2021) and another 250 vacant poles this year (2022):

1. How many new poles were erected in the same period?
2. To receive a report on the decluttering works to remove unnecessary street clutter from streets in the Cabra-Glasnevin Local Electoral Area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is being examined and a reply will issue to the Councillor in the near future.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive, regarding the NOW dublinbikes bike scheme:

1. For a full report regarding future expansion of the scheme?
2. To request that the scheme be extended across the Cabra-Glasnevin Local Electoral Area (Ashtown/Navan Road, Broadstone/Phibsborough, Cabra, Drumcondra, Glasnevin) and for an update on this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently there are no plans to expand the NOW dublinbikes scheme, and the expansion of the scheme is not under consideration by the E&T Department at this time.

There are a few reasons why we are not considering an expansion of the service which are listed below;

- The service is running at a deficit, this had occurred prior to the pandemic
- There is no capital funding for the expansion of the service
- Subscriptions reduced drastically during the pandemic, we are working towards increasing this
- The current contract between JC Decaux and DCC will end in 2027, five years from now

The E&T department has had requests from members of the public and councillors for the expansion of the service, but the enlargement of the scheme is not under consideration at present.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding a DCC housing applicant:

1. If their application could be expedited considering their circumstances
2. Why the applicant's place in line on the housing application list has increased and not decreased?
3. For an update regarding the applicant's appeal for DCC taking five years off the applicant?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant is on Band 2 of the Housing List for two bedroom accommodation with registration date 12/09/2016, the applicant holds the following positions on the list:

Area	Position
Area E	223

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.

Applicants' positions can fluctuate from time to time. An example of when this may occur is when another applicant that is on the list longer, changes area of preference. They will place in the new area ahead of applicants that applied after them, thus changing their positions.

There is no record of an appeal received from this applicant.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce a suite of measures to tackle the congestion at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority, improved cycle facilities along **(details supplied 1)** to provide a safe cycle route between **(details supplied 2)**. The main aim of this scheme was to provide protected, safe, and continuous cycling for all ages and abilities along this route. Active Mobility is being encouraged including walking for those capable who are within 5km of their destination and cycling for those capable who are within 10km of their destination, thereby leaving the capacity on public transport and on the roads for those who have no alternative.

The introduction of the above cycling facilities along **(details supplied 1)** necessitated adjustments to the traffic signal phase timings and re-optimisation of the junctions along the route connected to our SCATS adaptive traffic management system. In particular, the operation of the traffic signals at the junctions of **(details supplied 3)** were adjusted to allow sufficient time for **(details supplied 1)** balanced against allowing appropriate time and priority for the busy public transport corridors along **(details supplied 4)** while also meeting the needs of pedestrians and cyclists at these

locations. For example, at the junction of **(details supplied 5)**, a new configuration was installed on site which allows additional time for left turning vehicles from **(details supplied 6)** outbound which keeps this queue moving at peak times to avoid blocking back the straight ahead **(details supplied 7)** movements. Other changes to junctions along the route included adjustments to time allowed for each approach and adjustments to the maximum allowable cycle length (total time for all movements to be serviced).

We will continue to monitor the operation of these junctions using our SCATS and CCTV systems to ensure the safe and efficient movement of all users of this route.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the housing file of **(details supplied)** is corrected to reflect the fact that she has been in receipt of rent supplement since 2003, the year she joined the DCC housing list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Should the applicant wish to have their file updated they should submit documentation to verify this and we will then update the file.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive list of all temporary emergency accommodation currently being used by DCC/DRHE, and to include the following information: the owners of each facility, the name of those charged with managing each facility, to confirm whether or not every such facility has had a recent health and safety inspection, the number of inspections conducted for each of the past four years, the outcome of each inspection and finally the number and nature of complaints made in relation to each facility and the outcome of same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Presently there are approximately 170 DRHE services and facilities, operated by both NGOs and commercial operators. The DRHE can arrange a meeting with Cllr Lyons, to provide information on all accommodation queries, as we are precluded from distributing commercial sensitive information as set out above.

The DRHE appointed a complaints officer in June 2021 and formally adopted a complaints process. 709 of complaints were recorded in 2021, with 576 in NGO services and 133 in PEAs. The DRHE has a register of complaints for 2022. Presently the total number of complaint is 125 approximately, with approximately 35 in PEAs.

DFB began formally risk assessing DRHE services In April 2021 across the PEA and NGO spectrum of services. In addition the DRHE facilities team, after postponing all inspections due to Covid, resumed unannounced on site visits from January 2022. 70 unannounced site visits have been undertaken since January 2022

Finally the DRHE team, are in the process of appointing an independent inspectorate to inspect all homeless facilities. This tender was placed on e-tenders and the DRHE team, will shortly formalise the proposed engagement of the successful tenderer. On-site inspections are expected to begin in quarter 3, across the full spectrum of DRHE services and facilities.

Q.67 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the relation between Dublin Town and Dublin City Council regarding their respective city centre cleaning rotas - that the response indicate if there is any liaison between the two so as to avoid overlapping of schedules, if they

communicate their cleaning times & areas to DCC etc. If it is a case that there is no liaison on this matter can a relationship be established so as to determine how best they might compliment DCC cleaning and waste management in the city centre area as opposed to duplicating services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management provide a robust street cleaning service to the commercial district that is provided by rotating shifts that service the area 24 hours a day 6 days a week (Sunday to Friday) and from 6am to 9pm on Saturday. All litter bins are serviced several times each day, all pavements are mechanically serviced by mechanical sweepers and manual sweeping also takes place by staff on hand carts. Street washing is provided by the night shift 5 nights per week (Sunday to Thursday) where priority pedestrianised streets such as Grafton Street, O'Connell Street and Henry Street are deep-cleaned with a buffer machine.

Baseline service agreements are in place for each street in the city centre. DublinTown are provided with baseline service agreement and their services are mainly in a rapid responsive nature to their members and complement our services. A working relationship exists with many departments in Dublin City Council and DublinTown. Regular interactions exist to support a cleaner city centre and avoid any possible overlaps and duplication.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the procedures that must be followed by DCC officials and affected DCC tenants when a serious incident of anti-social behaviour of a criminal nature occurs. Please include information on the criteria that must be met for a DCC tenant to be granted an emergency transfer as a result of being a target of serious anti-social behaviour of a criminal nature.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The procedures that must be followed by Dublin City Council officials are outlined in the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy recently adapted by Council (January 2022), which is in line with legislation.

The general steps are outlined below:

- Following a complaint of anti-social behaviour, we will open an investigation.
- There are procedural safeguards that we must adhere to, underpinned by legislation. The tenant must have an opportunity for a fair and objective hearing.
- Where complaints allege criminal activities, we must get an official report from An Garda Síochána, related to any criminal charges.
- Depending on the seriousness of the confirmed anti-social behaviour and the availability of evidence to corroborate the complaint, we will issue a statutory tenancy warning (Section 7).
- The outcome of the investigation must be proportionate to the confirmed breach of tenancy.
- Where a tenancy warning has been issued, opportunity must be provided for the tenant to demonstrate that they will cease, or not repeat, specified actions or to undertake specific actions to prevent the breach occurring again.
- If the behaviour detailed in the Tenancy Warning continues within 12 months from issue, we will make a Possession Application to the District Court to evict the tenant.
- In very serious cases of ASB, there may be justification to move directly to a possession application, but we must provide justification to the Court as to why a Tenancy Warning was not initially served.

- The Court must consider and determine the underlying merits of the application and decide whether the tenant should be evicted
- If the anti-social behaviour relates to a household member, other than the tenant, alternative mechanisms can be taken, up to and including excluding the person from the vicinity of the property.
- A similar application must be made through the courts, should a decision be made to request an exclusion order.
- Where there is a threat to life of a tenant, as a result of being a target of serious anti-social behaviour of a criminal nature, Dublin City Council will engage with An Garda Síochána to determine if there is a 'Threat to Life'. Should there be, a tenant will be transferred.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the traffic volumes along **(details supplied)** since the through traffic was curtailed along Capel Street; his vision for an enhanced public realm along Capel Street; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The monthly traffic quotes post implementation of the traffic free arrangement are being carried out on the 31st May and 1st June. It will take a further two weeks to obtain the data.

The Office of City Recovery/ Central Area Office are working both with central Departments and traders on Capel Street to work collaboratively on the enhancement of the public realm on this traffic free street.

Some of the concepts and plans include:

- Enhanced street cleaning
- A painting programme of street infrastructure (bins/bollards etc.)
- A promotional campaign for the street – welcome signage/social media drive
- A possible greening intervention at Ryders Row
- Shopfront Improvement Scheme
- Enhanced retail offering/Night time economy

A number of meetings have been held with traders on the street and a small working group is being formed to deliver on a suite of measures to enhance and promote the street for citizens and visitors to enjoy.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the decision taken to curtail through traffic along Capel Street, would he consider removing the no left-turn ban from **(details supplied)** onto **(details supplied)** and therefore all traffic exit onto the Quays; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A number of similar requests have been received post implementation of Capel Street. None of the suggestion were made as part of the consultations so we are currently examining the various options. It is proposed to come up with options for the **(details supplied)** area and have a local consultation on these with residents and businesses before any changes are made.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report into the recent trial that took place regarding the collapsible bin trial on **(details supplied)**; the effectiveness of the

materials used; whether a similar trial for residential use on the Northside could be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste management services and the Beta team trialled a concept of a collapsible bin to support the presentation of waste in bagged areas of the city throughout over the last 8 months. Locations included residential settings and commercial (Northside and Southside). Trial is now complete and concept testing finalised.

Final project report will be published mid to late June and available to Climate Action, Environment & Energy Strategic Policy Committee and on the beta website.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the timeframe for appointment of a new senior official to replace the former Executive Manager in the NEIC Programme Implementation Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has commenced the process of filling this post. The post in question is at Senior Executive Officer level and will be filled from a panel currently in place through the Public Appointments Service.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install a ramp for the elderly tenant in **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will send the form for Adaptations to the tenant so they can apply to have a ramp installed at the property. Please note that an Occupational Therapist Report is required for this type of work and should be forwarded with the application form.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the transfer application of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant has no Transfer Application at present. They should submit a Transfer Application to the Housing Allocations office if they wish to apply for a Transfer.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of monies paid by the HSE to DCC over the past 5 years for the ambulance service in Dublin and how much money is owed by the HSE in arrears for same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive is finalising a report regarding the HSE / Ambulance position. This report will be available for circulation, when complete.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if and what is the plan going forward to widen pedestrian crossings and to replace them by zebra crossing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Sub-Committee of the Traffic & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee has been set up to investigate the option of installing zebra crossing in the DCC area. The

working group will hold a maximum of 4 meeting before reporting back to the SPC. The first meeting was held in May 2022. The purpose of the working group is to investigate the installation of zebra crossing as a supplement to current pedestrian crossing, there is currently no plan to replace existing signalised pedestrian crossings with zebra crossings.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information regarding lawn mowing done by DCC: What is the cost of diesel used by DCC to mow lawns? How much surface is DCC in charge of mowing? What is the cost of diesel for tractors and any other machinery used by parks on a yearly basis? How is DCC planning to reduce the use of diesel for parks and green spaces maintenance?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Service vehicles & machinery are used for a very wide range of operations and it is not possible to isolate the quantity of diesel fuel used for grass cutting. We strive to use green technology where it is feasible, but much of our work requires that we use our existing Diesel machinery. As this existing machinery reaches its end-of life stage Parks will explore the feasibility of replacing it with electric alternatives.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive what centres have been used so far to house Ukrainians refugees in emergency accommodations. How many nights does it represent per centres? What other locations is DCC looking at to be used? How many nights do people stay in each centre. Where do they go after they leave one centre? How many refugees have moved to more permanent housing facilities? What is DCC plan to provide more permanent housing solution for the refugees?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council operated emergency rest centres at St. Catherine's Sports Centre, Cabra Parkside, Clogher Rd. and Aughrim St. between 17 March and 27 April 2022 when a regional centre in Ballyogan, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown was opened.

There are no plans to open these emergency rest centres again at this time. Newly arrived Ukrainians stayed between 2 and 7 nights in these centres before moving on to more intermediate accommodation such as hotels and B&B's. Dublin City Council has no statutory remit for Ukrainian refugees and is not progressing any plans for more permanent housing.

The Community Forum for Ukraine continues to operate providing a coordination point for statutory, community and voluntary supports for newly arrived Ukrainians.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to supply the number of bin trucks driving through DCC on a weekly basis. If DCC doesn't have the numbers, for DCC to request the numbers from the relevant organisation/operator. Or if they could provide the amount of kilometres/ weeks it represents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We cannot provide information on the numbers of private bin trucks driving through the city on a weekly basis nor can we estimate the number of kilometres that such vehicles might be traveling while carrying out their collections. This information is simply not available.

There are many private contractors who drive through Dublin City Councils Administrative Area at any given time however their collection routes are not limited to this area only and they may well also travel through Fingal, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin County as part of their scheduled routes.

It would be a mammoth task to try and ascertain exactly how many trucks are in the city and the distances they travel during a particular period. The City Council do not have the authority to demand such information from authorised private waste collectors who operate in the City Council Area nor does any private waste contractor have any obligation to record or furnish such information to the City Council on request or demand. It is highly likely that any information that could be gathered would be inaccurate and hopelessly misleading.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on BETA shared bins trial and if there are any plans to roll out the scheme further and more permanently.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The SharedBinsBETA Project seeks to explore whether shared, on street, residential waste bins might be a useful solution to improve our waste services and also reduce dumping. Councillors can read more at <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/Shared-Bins>
The progress of this project slowed during the past two years, but is again being advanced by the BETA and Waste Management teams. We would hope for an initial trial installation within the next 3 months.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive the following: the Griffith Avenue Mile event is taking place on Sunday September 18th. I have been approached by the Organising Committee with a view to establishing the following:

1. Will all works licensed by DCC between the Swords Road and the Malahide Road (including resurfacing) be completed well in advance of this date?
2. Are there any plans for further works on Griffith Avenue in the short term (e.g. completion of the cycleway between the Charlemont Estate entrance and the Malahide Road) that could potentially conflict with that date?
3. Who is the appropriate DCC Roads Maintenance official with whom the Committee should liaise in this regard?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. Works have recently started to upgrade pedestrian and cycling facilities in the Swords Road/ Griffith Avenue junction on behalf of the Environment and Transportation Department (Traffic Section) and these are due to continue through the summer. The Contractor has been made aware of the Griffith Avenue Mile Event and DCC will ensure that these works don't impact on the running of the event.

The contractor working for Irish Water has advised that the works should be completed by the middle of August. Unfortunately, the nature of utility works is that they can occur, particularly emergency works, at short notice. The event organiser will have to check closer to the event date to see what the situation is like at that time.

2. The Environment and Transportation Department (Traffic Section) are in the process of finalising proposals for improving the current arrangement for protecting the cycle lanes along Griffith Avenue. We would hope to roll out these changes during the summer. The works will be coordinated to avoid impacting on the Griffith Avenue Mile Event.

3. DCC Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide a progress report on:

1. Planned installation of “big-belly” bins in the Raheny area including the locations of those installed thus far and those remaining
2. Any installation or repairs done of the standard public litter bins in the Raheny area since 1st January 2022

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The following Big Belly bins have been installed this year. 12 in total and completes the installation.

Howth Road, Killester Village	at Woodville Apartments
Sybil Hill	Entrance to St Anne’s opposite WMS2653
Watermill Rd, Raheny	Opposite Ulster Bank corner Howth Rd
Watermill Rd, Raheny	Opposite corner to 5
Watermill Rd	opposite Manor House at new bus stop 7726
Watermill Rd	bus stop 7729 opposite entrance to St Anne’s
James Larkin Rd corner Causeway Rd	one corner
James Larkin Rd corner Causeway Rd	other corner
James Larkin Rd	beside Old Park Rangers House at entrance to St Anne’s
Mount Prospect Ave	at bus stop 1794
Clontarf Rd	beside parking meter house no. 162
St Lawrence Rd corner Clontarf Rd	outside church

In relation to repairs in Raheny area this year, maintenance have reported one repair at the Dart station. If a bin requires maintenance please forward details to waste.management@dublincity.ie.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive, further to the response provided to me at the April City Council meeting (Q73) can the Chief Executive provide an updated list of any works remaining and any change to the targeted final spend for the welcome refurbishment of Raheny Library.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Work to extensively refurbish Raheny Library is more-or-less complete, with just some minor upgrades to the exterior lighting, to be carried out by DCC Electrical Services, remaining to be done.

The full cost for the refurbishment was €272,000, which includes upgrades to ceiling, lighting, flooring, toilet facilities, IT, and labour, landscaping, and cleaning costs for the full project.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the partnership with Raheny Shamrocks to facilitate the provision of a club-house on DCC lands near CARA Hall. Can he provide an update on the preparation of the legal documents by the Law Agent.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The status of the legal documents in relation to the arrangement with Raheny Shamrocks to facilitate the provision of a club-house on DCC lands near CARA hall is as follows:

The solicitor for Dublin City Council issued the Lease/ draft Lease and Licence to the solicitor acting for Raheny Shamrocks on 09 May 2022. Accordingly, the matter rests with their solicitor.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to improve the safety for vehicles turning from Dunsink Lane onto Ratoath Road by removing overgrown foliage blocking the view for drivers at this dangerous junction on a bend, install road signage which alerts drivers to the possibility of traffic coming from Dunsink Lane onto Ratoath Road, and any other measure found suitable.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A site visit has been arranged to review the situation. As the foliage appears to be growing from private property, the landowner will be alerted.

Additional road signage can be recommend by the Traffic Department.

This request has been referred to the area engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group. The Councillor will then be advised of the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group and will be provided an update before or at the next area meeting. Ref: 7027149

Q.86 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install traffic calming measures at Hampton Wood Drive in the section of the road in charge by DCC as the level and speed of traffic has significantly increased since the opening of the new major junction with Balbutcher Lane, causing great concern to residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Further assessment is being carried out by the Area Engineers to determine locations where additional traffic calming measures are required, and a tender is being prepared for a Design Consultant to assess suitable interventions for 30km/h roads. A summary report will be made available to Councillors as soon as possible. TAG will also raise the Councillors concerns regarding speeding on Hampton Wood Drive with An Garda Síochána at the next meeting, as they are responsible for enforcing road traffic legislation to ensure that citizens comply with speed limits.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the grass cutting services and provide clarity as to what is and is not included in the new contract compared to the previous contract.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The new maintenance contract commenced the first week of May but unfortunately the contractors who were successful in tendering have had a problem putting together the resources needed to complete their programme. They are endeavouring to catch up with the backlog and this should be under control in the next couple of weeks if not sooner.

The contractor will continue to maintain all larger margins and along longer corner sites where there are no houses however they will not be cutting the narrow verges in front of houses where cars are parked.

There are inevitably issues which arise in a new contract and it is proposed to provide a report to the Area Committee meeting to update Councillors on the situation and to discuss any local issues or concerns.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of;

- how many housing units were leased by DCC for each year 2019, 2020, 2021 and so far in 2022
- what is the total annual cost of these leasing for the same years,
- break down the number of units for each City Council Area

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below sets out the number of long term leases executed by the City Council for the years 2019-2022 and annual rent payments.

Table 1 - No. of leased units per year and annual cumulative rent payments

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022 to date
No. of units	101	211	353	184
Annual Rent Payment.	€2,591,797	€4,614,806	€10,304,811	€7,250,719

The following table indicates the number of leased units per administrative area for years 2019-2022 to date.

Table 2- Leased units per City Council Administrative Area for 2019-2022

Administrative Area	Central	North Central	North West	South East	South Central	Total
	210	213	104	42	280	849

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of;

- how many housing units receive RAS in Dublin City,
- what was the total annual cost of RAS for 2019, 2020, 2021 and total so far in 2022.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following rents were paid to Rental Accommodation Scheme Landlords for the last three years and to date in the current year. The number of RAS Units is at 31st of December each year.

Year	Rents Paid to RAS Landlords	No. of RAS Units
2019	€17,798,262.89	928
2020	€16,459,120.73	872
2021	€16,305,799.63	801
2022*	€5,770,784.95	799

*Figures as of 30th April 2022

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of;

- how many people are in receipt of HAP in Dublin City,
- how many people received HAP in the years 2019, 2020, 2021
- what was the total annual HAP cost in 2019, 2020, 2021 and so far in 2022,
- breakdown number of HAP payments for each of the DCC areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- (a) There are currently 5,352 households from Dublin City Council's Housing List in active Homeless HAP tenancies and 5,495 households in Mainstream HAP tenancies as of 30th May 2022

- (b) Total number of active DCC Homeless HAP tenancies:

@ 31/12/2019	3,477
@ 31/12/2020	4,436
@ 31/12/2021	5,302

Total number of active Mainstream HAP tenancies:

@ 31/12/2019	3,602
@ 31/12/2020	4,863
@ 31/12/2021	5,434

- (c) Total annual HAP cost:

YEAR	Landlord Payment	Tenant Differential Rent Contribution	Total Cost of HAP (standard and Homeless)
2019	€91,270,379.97	€14,285,953.53	€76,984,426.44
2020	€123,809,820.43	€20,400,552.02	€103,409,268.41
2021	€158,971,310.15	€25,940,749.84	€133,030,560.31
2022 (MAY)	€71,424,744.00	€11,640,145.78	€59,784,598.22

- (d) It is not possible to provide this information as tenancies are not recorded on the computer system based on DCC areas.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what are the conditions for DCC leasing Part V units in BTR schemes. Please include the length of time the leasing arrangements are for and at what stage can DCC offer to buy the units?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

When DCC are leasing units under BTR schemes the following terms and conditions apply:

- An agreed rent free period is applied from the commencement date of lease which captures the Part V planning gain
 - The term of the lease is up to 25 years
 - The lessor is responsible for all structural repairs and maintenance of the units for the full term of the lease
 - The lessor is responsible for the management and maintenance of all common areas which is managed by an Owners' Management Company
 - The lessor is responsible for insuring the leased units
 - DCC is only responsible for internal repairs and maintenance and tenant management
- There very limited options for the Local Authority to acquire Part V BTR units. Dublin City Council always explores the opportunity to acquire but has no powers to compel the developer to sell to the Local Authority.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following: can the shrubbery & trees be cut at the front and back gardens of the 2 houses at **(details supplied)**. Also, can the rubbish please be cleared away and prosecutions be taken against those dumping rubbish there. Also, can I please get an update regarding the plan to rebuild these houses (time frames & cost etc.?)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council will arrange to have the front and back gardens attended to together with removing any rubbish that is dumped to be removed.

The Housing Department is currently preparing plans to bring both of these properties back to residential use. These plans are at an early stage and once finalised the City Council will then advise the Councillor of the costs and time schedule for their return to use.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following: **(details supplied)** what plans are there for DCC to take full ownership & to secure the site? Can we please have the site cleared up and made safe & secure as a matter of priority?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied) is subject to a number of legal proceedings and the relevant parties are currently locked in a confidential Mediation process. However, as part of this process, the parties agreed to allow a survey of the building to determine the essential works required to stabilise the building. This survey has been completed and we are awaiting a report on same.

The Council does not have authority to enter the property at this point in time due to the legal proceedings in being.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please advise as to how many fines have been issued by Litter Wardens over the past 3 years and outline as to what innovative approaches are being adopted to deal with the scourge of illegal dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a list of the fines issued.

Year	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Prosecutions initiated for unpaid fines	Convictions obtained in court

2019	820	377	252	22
2020	763	302	136	7
2021	914	481	210	18

The annual awareness campaign for 2022 focused on illegal dumping at bottle banks in the city. 5 (five) sites were identified as being litter blackspots. The message “Litter Free Zone” was painted into a yellow box in front of the banks to make users aware not to deposit any household waste or containers or leave any type of materials at the site. Signage was put in place with the message “Don’t be a Waster”.

The campaign also included radio ads and messages on digi-panels throughout the city.

The Litter Enforcement Manager has and will continue to organise Intensive Compliance Campaigns around the searching of illegally dumped bags and door to door enquires as to how people dispose of their waste. With a lot of properties now being multi-let, Landlords can be tackled under section 2.9 of the Bye-Laws for the Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste 2018. They have a responsibility with providing their tenants with receptacles and information on proper waste segregation, an authorised waste collector is engaged to service the waste and that it is presented for collection on the designated collection day. Once the Circular Economy Bill is enacted, CCTV will also help in prosecuting people found to have disposed of their waste in an irresponsible manner.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise as to what measures are being introduced to prevent a glut of Build to Rent housing in a specific area of the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), December 2020, sets out specific guidance regarding Build to Rent developments. The Draft Dublin City Development Plan recognises that Build to Rent schemes play an important role in the housing market. However, the guidelines state that BTR is intended to constitute an element of the housing market and to augment a range of housing models/typologies. The CE notes the concerns raised in a number of submissions during the public consultation stage on the Draft Plan and by members regarding the growing concentration of this housing typology in the city to the detriment of other housing typologies and tenures.

The Draft Development Plan, therefore, proposes new policies regarding BTR schemes. The policies aim to reduce the overconcentration of such schemes. Under policy QHSN38, the aim is to ensure that in apartment developments over 100 units that 40% of those units must be of a standard design in accordance with the guidance set out in the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, December 2020. The objective of QHSN39 is to ensure that schemes of less than 100 units provide a sufficient level of amenity.

Draft Policy QHSN42 seeks to avoid the proliferation of Build to Rent/ Student/ Co Living in any area of the City.

A detailed assessment of the issue of BTR is set out in the CE report on the submissions received on the Draft Plan issued to all elected members on the 29th of April 2022. The document can be viewed in full at the following link:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/strategic-planning/dublin-city-development-plan/development-plan-2022-2028/chief-executives-report-draft-development-plan-public>

Pages 49-57 are of particular relevance.

The consideration of these draft policies will take place at Special Meetings of the City Council on the Development Plan.

Q.96 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to take immediate action to resolve the traffic management issues being caused by the removal of a sensor on the traffic lights at the junction of the Kilmore Rd and Ardmore Drive, Artane. While I understand that the use of sensors has been removed from policy and a fully signalised junction is recommended to resolve the traffic issues, leaving the situation as it is in the interim (and it will be a long interim) is causing a serious safety issue including some drivers resorting to getting out of their cars to push the pedestrian crossing button to realise a red light on the Kilmore Rd so they can exit from Ardmore Drive.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council policy does not permit Pedestrian crossing signals to be utilised to control traffic movements.

Therefore resolution of any traffic issues at this junction can only be resolved via the installation of a fully signalised junction.

This is the responsibility of the Area Engineer who will consider requests subject to available funding.

Residents are being directed to DCC's online request portal where they can add requests for such a signalised junction.

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/tag/d7652216/consultation/intro/>

It should be pointed out that the exit / entrance to Ardmore is similar to many others throughout the city.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive how many poles were removed by DCC during the time of the current development plan under objective SCO6 and to make a statement on the matter. SCO6: To carry out an audit of existing street furniture poles and signage in the public realm, with the aim of removing at least 20% of such redundant elements, in order to reduce street clutter and to seek the multiple uses of poles for road and directional signage including butterfly bike locking.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC's Sign Cleaning & GPS Asset Survey Contract commenced operation in June 2019.

The Asset Survey portion of this Contract allowed DCC to identify all "Vacant Poles". The initial response was to replace missing signage.

But, this initial policy was changed to that of promoting the removal of "street clutter".

A DCC area-wide survey was undertaken from Jan-Dec 2020, identifying approximately 600 vacant sign poles. A programme of removal commenced in early 2021 to remove same (Completed Mar 2021).

This process was repeated in Jan-Dec 2021, this identified just over 250 vacant sign poles. Another programme of removal commenced and was completed in Feb 2022.

This process continues for Jan-Dec 2022. A programme for removal, will commence in Jan 2023.

There were sporadic efforts to remove vacant sign poles prior to this Contract but there was no Framework or recording system in place prior to 2019.

My estimation would be that there were approximately 100-150 sign poles removed each summer (it was an annual exercise) from 2016-2019.

There are also 2 other strands that DCC has increasingly deployed in relation to the removal of "Street Clutter" since 2019

1. The ongoing removal of Signage from Lamp Standards (Fitzwilliam St, as an example of what can be achieved)
2. The on-going upgrading of sign poles from the Standard 3.4M sign poles, to 4.0M sign poles. This Allows DCC to accommodate additional signage, on a single pole.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive to reinstate the water supply in Bluebell Cemetery which was previously located at the gate pillar and removed during the construction of a new commercial building on the site of the former caretaker's bungalow.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks will carry out an assessment of costs for this work and depending on costs schedule the works this year or seek funding to carry out works in the context of '23 Parks Improvements.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive the total number of fines for dog fouling issued by local area in each quarter of 2019,2020,2021, and Q1 2022.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

See below details as requested.

	2019	2020	2021	2022 to Date	Total
Central	0	1	0	0	1
North Central	0	0	0	0	0
North West	0	0	0	0	0
South central	0	0	0	0	0
South East	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	0	1

Q.100 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive what the purpose of the traffic lights at the north end of Grafton Street at the junction with Suffolk Street given both roads are pedestrianised and if they will be scheduled for removal given the needless street space currently taken up by them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The purpose of the traffic signals at the junction of Grafton Street and Suffolk Street is in order to control the vehicles movements for deliveries to the Grafton Street area in the morning access period. Throughout the rest of the day the signals are used to control cyclist and pedestrian interactions.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can a stop sign be installed on the Corner of Shanard Road at the shops.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request (Ref No: 7027151) has been referred to the area engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group. The Councillor will then be advised of the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group and will be provided an update before or at the next area meeting.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can the situation of rats on the St. Pappins Green be dealt with?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is a matter for the HSE, as they have the equipment and expertise to deal with any issues related to pest control. This location has been reported to HSE.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can all residents have information on the new grass cutting contract.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Information on the new grass cutting contract will be issued to the Councillors at the City Council Meeting of the 13th June 2022.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a timeline for repairing the Ranelagh cycle path.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Ranelagh is not included on our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. It will be put forward for consideration for our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime, the cycle path will be inspected and defects will be recorded for local repairs.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the forthcoming upgrade of the landing area (retail shops including Tesco) at Drumcondra Road please. To request that the upgrade includes seats and green space and to make the area more age and biodiversity friendly please. It would be a shame and a wasted opportunity if the area was just repaved only. Can the design be forwarded to me please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance have plans in place to complete footpath repair works at Drumcondra this year. Any repair works will be reinstated in concrete which is preferable to make the footpath safe in such a busy location.

There is a large section of this footpath between No. 6 and No.14 which is private that greatly limits any potential in terms of seating and greening this area.

The local area office may be able to advise and help with planters and seating in the remaining public areas.

It is also our understanding that this area may be subject to change in the future Bus Connects project however we do not have any details on this.

The Public Domain Officer visited this area on Thursday 9th June 2022 and reported that all the hanging basket poles have been replenished and filled by the contractor in accordance with public domain and the Drumcondra residents association.

The residents will be out this weekend (11th June) planting up the street planters outside of the shops and along the bridge.

The Public Domain section have also agreed to supply paint to the group for the upkeep of the planters.

At present due to the narrow footpaths and the amount of private landings at the shops it is not feasible to place a bench at this location.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following please. I completed some work with the Central Remedial Clinic (CRC) in respect of their recent submission to the draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022 - 2028. The CRC requested in their submission that wheelchair-ability audits be included in the development plan similar to walk-ability audits. Was their submission / request included in the CE's written report and under what section (page) please. DCC are working with the CRC on a localised wheelchair- ability audit which is very much appreciated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Questions in relation to the draft City Development Plan are dealt with through the established Development Plan making process. However, in this particular case a response will issue directly to the councillor.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the traffic management plan for the Marino Scheme including Haverty Road please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A tender brief is currently being prepared in order to procure a consultant to assess and develop a design for the Marino Neighbourhood Transport Scheme in the coming weeks. One of the measures being proposed (subject to further assessment) is a filtered permeability trial on Haverty Road at the junction of Haverty Road / St Aiden's Park Road. The aim of this proposal is to prevent motorised cut-through traffic while allowing cyclists and pedestrians to proceed through the junction. Other proposals being considered include additional traffic calming such as buildouts and additional signage on other streets in Marino to reduce speeds and discourage cut-through traffic in the wider area.

Public Consultation of the plan will be carried out with local residents and businesses and a report summarising the findings of the consultation will be presented to the North Central Area Committee. It is anticipated that the scheme can be implemented in 2022 with the support of our Elected Members. A more accurate implementation timeline will be provided to our elected members as the plan progresses.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if a full review of the junction at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The junction was installed in line with the requirements of the traffic signs manual in relation to the placement of primary and secondary signal heads and the minimum timings for each traffic phase/stage.

After installation the signals have been reviewed and traffic signal hoods have been provided where required. The traffic signal operate on DCC SCATS adaptive traffic management system which allocated timings based on demand.

As part of the design a road safety audit (stage 3) has been commissioned which will review the operation of the traffic signals a further view of the operation will take place once this audit has been completed.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if Ballygall Crescent could be considered for a traffic neighbourhood scheme as there are constant issues with speeding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently no Neighbourhood Transport Scheme proposed for this area. A Neighbourhood Scheme is being proposed for the Ballygall Avenue / Finglas Park Area as it ranked highly in the North West Area. It is expected that this scheme can be implemented in 2022.

Following completion of the Ballygall Avenue / Finglas Park scheme, we will consider other residential areas such as Ballygall Crescent for implementation of a scheme.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if a full inspection of the footpath and the tree outside **(details supplied)** will be carried out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Inspections were recently carried out on **(details supplied)** as part of the 2022 NW Footpath Program. Large sections of footpaths along **(details supplied)** have been replaced with further works (including at no 184) planned as part of the 2023 program of works or sooner if additional funding becomes available.

The tree at this location will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive what procedures are in place in relation to grass cutting:

- a) where the person is unable to cut the grass outside their home
- b) if the person cuts the grass outside their home will DCC take away the bag of grass.

c) where the grass verge is not outside anyone's home

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The programme for the maintenance of open spaces and verges is behind schedule however the contractor is endeavouring to rectify this situation and it should be under control in the next couple of weeks. Throughout Dublin, in residential estates where the elderly or infirm are not able to maintain their garden or verge, neighbours assist with the grass maintenance. However, if we are aware of a street or community where the residents require some support we can arrange for a cut. The City Councils Parks and Public Domain teams work with and support local environmental groups and Tidy Towns to enhance local neighbourhoods and this will continue.

The contractor will continue to maintain all larger margins and along longer corner sites where there are no houses.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for the latest plans for phase 3 of the Royal Canal Greenway and the expected timeline?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Royal Canal Phase 3 – Update

This scheme was advertised for tender in April 2022, tenders were received in May. The tenders are currently being evaluated with the Tender Assessment Board scheduled to meet in June 2022. The scheme will then proceed through the NTA/DCC governance procedures. It is envisaged that the scheme will be onsite October/November 2022 with an estimated construction period of 24 months.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the progress in delivering increased bike parking across Dublin in 2021 and 2022 and the anticipated numbers of additional bike parking to be delivered in 2022?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the On-Street Cycle Parking programme supported by the National Transport Authority a total of 336 cycle parking spaces were installed during 2021, of which 10 catered for cargo/disabled bike parking.

In 2022 the Environment & Transportation Department anticipate circa. 360 cycle parking spaces to be installed. The contract for Batch 18 is currently being awarded and provides for 182 cycle parking spaces. It is expected that Batch 19 will be tendered Q3 2022.

In 2021 additional cycle parking provision was also provided in three car parks. 98 cycle parking spaces plus 4 cargo/disabled bike spaces were provided in the Spire Car Park. 64 cycle parking spaces plus 4 cargo/disabled bike were provided in Drury Street Car Park. 6 bike lockers were installed in Drury Street Car Park. An additional 5 bike lockers will be installed in Drury Street Car Park later this month or early July 2022.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Council is progressing plans to deliver the Blood Stoney Bridge given the changes in planning of the Dart Underground.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are currently working with the NTA to review location options for a new pedestrian cycling bridge in the Docklands. Careful consideration is required to avoid compromising future projects in the area.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to review the layout and timings of the new traffic lights at **(details supplied)**. Alternatively a yellow box in the centre of the new lights may make the new crossings safer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The junction was installed in line with the requirements of the traffic signs manual in relation to the placement of primary and secondary signal heads and the minimum timings for each traffic phase/stage.

After installation the signals have been reviewed and traffic signal hoods have been provided where required as well as an additional directional arrows at the entrance to the carpark. The traffic signal operate on DCC SCATS adaptive traffic management system which allocated timings based on demand.

As part of the design a road safety audit (stage 3) has been commissioned which will review the operation of the traffic signals a further view of the operation will take place once this audit has been completed.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a cost breakdown and comparison for this year's grass cutting contract compared to the contract for 2021?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be issued to the Councillor within a fortnight of the June City Council Meeting.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive can an update be provided on the repair of the pavement at **(details supplied)**?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection has been arranged for this location. Any defects noted will be logged for repair. Please note that timeline for completion cannot be confirmed at this time. Defects are completed based on priority and crew availability.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive can an update be provided on the repair of the pavement at **(details supplied)** as the tarmac is significantly raised by a tree route and is a trip hazard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A job has been raised for this defect and is currently waiting assignment to a crew. Due to the current backlog of defects, it is not currently possible to confirm a completion date.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the former Magdalene Laundry on Sean McDermott Street, its current ownership status, its current condition, what stage the plans to transform it into national centre of research and remembrance are at and

whether the building could be used in the short to medium term as 'meanwhile use' for Arts and Community uses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The former Convent and site on Sean Mac Dermott Street is in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

The Central Area Office has an ongoing programme of routine internal and external maintenance work at this site incorporating the former Convent building, the Church, Grounds, open spaces and the extended area fronting on to Sean Mac Dermott Street that includes the area occupied by the Crinian Youth Project on the ground and first floor. As well as routine maintenance, several other interventions have been arranged regularly to respond to specific issues as they arise. The purpose of these works is mainly preventative i.e. to slow the deterioration of the buildings, particularly those that are still occupied.

A Government established Steering Group has been set up to drive the proposals for a National Centre for Research and Remembrance at the former Convent and site, Sean Mac Dermott Street, Dublin 1. Members include representatives from Dublin City Council, the North East Inner City Programme Implementation Board, the Office of Public Works and various Government Departments and agencies.

The Council will be bringing a proposal to the June 2022 Central Area Committee to dispose of the site to the OPW to allow for the delivery of a National Centre for Research and Remembrance, Social Housing, Educational campus and a fitting memorial.

The unoccupied areas of the building are not suitable for general use at this stage because of health and safety issues. We are reviewing opportunities to use the open areas for activities which open up the area for local community activities.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR DARYL BARRON

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the staffing levels for each area office across the Dublin City Council region? Can he also confirm if each LEA should have its own officer E.g. Environmental Officer or Public Domain Officer?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office management are working with our colleagues in the Human Resources Department to fill all relevant vacancies in the area office structure to cover off each of the disciplines that make up the area office staffing – Administration, Community Development, Public Domain and Housing.

Once complete we will be able to provide an optimum service to Councillors and the public.

Each Area Office is staffed to best reflect the core services that are provided relative to the needs in the respective LEA.

The current position is that we will soon be allocating clerical officer staff to assist in the delivery of opening of public counters, this will be followed by an advertisement for a suite of Community Development Officers (at various grades) to support community organisations, environmental groups and tenants groups across all the LEA's

The plan is then to fill vacancies at Project Estate Officer, Environmental Liaison Officer grades.

Area Management are working with our HR Department to assign the appropriate number of Public Domain Officers and Environmental Liaison Officers so we can deliver a modern, proactive response to issues including Illegal dumping, community greening initiatives, basic public domain improvements.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DARYL BARRON

To ask the Chief Executive when the completion of the Edenmore Pitch and Putt course will be finalised and when further works will be carried out in the Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This spring the Parks Service has been working to establish a playable sward on the newly constructed greens which has proved a little challenging due to the very dry and cold months of March and April. Also certain burrowing wildlife has acted to undermine some of this work requiring repair work on some greens. Growth has improved in recent weeks and it has been possible to reduce the mowing height incrementally to 6mm but there is a little way to go yet before the sward has knitted sufficiently to take regular play. If play were to commence too early the greens would not be able to take the wear and would quickly develop bald patches allowing weeds to become established and could even necessitate closing certain greens again. The greens are improving week on week and it is hoped that very soon an opening date sometime next month can be announced.

A mural was recently completed at the Raheny Road side of the park to enhance this entrance and further improvements to paths and entrances will be affected as resources and schedules allow over the summer months.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive for information on the council's policy of using strimmer's for weed control; for details of when and where they are used, any restrictions around their use that may be in place, and checks and safety measures in place to avoid injury to hedgehogs and other hidden nesting wildlife in verges, long grass, on riverbanks or other habitats.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Biodiversity Officer is currently researching the items raised in this and will provide a report for the next Council meeting.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the process for approving road opening licenses for telecommunications masts and associated utility boxes, and are these licences effectively a grant of planning permission?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance section can process applications from utility companies to erect telecommunication masts and their associated cabinets. Once approved said companies must also receive a T2 permit from the Council's Roadworks Control section before the work can commence.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive when work on footpaths at **(details supplied)** will commence as markings placed there by Dublin City Council (presumably for works indication purposes) are now difficult to see.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance have plans in place to complete footpath works at **(details supplied)** this year. The contract documents are currently being finalised before being sent out for tender.

An exact timeframe cannot be given however subject to a successful tendering process it would be anticipated that works will be completed for **(details supplied)** in Q4 2022.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to my question number 112 at the March City Council meeting and advise me if he can now accept that this person's application for a disabled person's extension can now be revisited and granted as the OT report (submitted over 3 weeks ago) supports the need for the extension.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Occupational Therapist Report was received and was reviewed under the Appeals Process at a meeting on 2nd June. If the extension is refused on medical grounds, the tenant will be informed in writing and similarly, if the extension is approved on medical grounds, the tenant will be informed of the wait times for these works in writing.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to **(details supplied 1)**, who is living in seriously overcrowded conditions, to state when she will be accommodated with housing and if she can be considered for the vacancy at **details B** below as her daughter attends local school and is a member of the local CLG Club or **details C** below.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 05/09/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	95
Area H	2	47

The applicant's interest in **(details supplied)** is noted, however this property is currently on offer.

The Choice Based Letting at Millenium Walkway is also on offer.

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.

The applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, they should make contact with the Allocations Section with

income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to location of footpath at **(details supplied)**, can the CE agree to:

- (1) Include same in footpath reinstatement programme that is currently underway and
- (2) Provide for the installation of a dishing in same

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This customer has been in contact with Road Maintenance a few times in the past few weeks in relation to the footpath outside **(details supplied)** and we also contacted the customer directly. The footpath was re-inspected, even though the footpath had a crack present it was found to be in relatively good condition.

It was noted that there was no dishing present at this location and the customer was advised that if they would like to have a dishing installed that they would have to follow the standard procedure which would be that planning permission or sworn affidavit would be required.

The following link to our website was also sent to this customer which details the requirements and how to apply for a vehicular dishing:

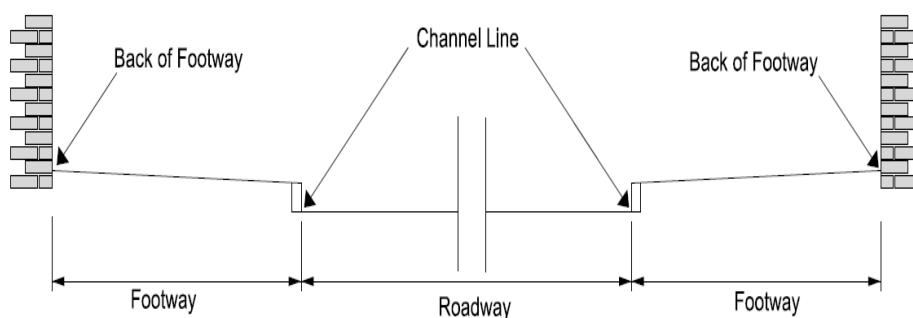
<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/road-maintenance-services/modify-footpath-allow-vehicular-access>

Q.128 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the official council policy on weeding? It appears that different policies apply in different areas. I'm aware that there are restrictions on the use of chemicals previously used and I'm also aware some new processes are being trialled but it's not clear whether the future intention is to continue to remove weeds or to let them grow.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Administrative Area includes **1,131km** of roads, 94km of laneways and an estimated 21,500 trees and street furniture (which includes sign poles, traffic lights, seats/benches, telephone boxes, sculptures, street lighting columns and bollards etc). The areas prone to weeds include back of footway and channel line as shown on the diagram below. In paved areas this could include along the joints.



The following strategy is currently employed in relation to the control of weeds on public roads.

Strategy for the Control of Weeds on Dublin City Council's Road Network 2020 to 2024
As part of Dublin City Council's commitment to eliminate its reliance on the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide for the control of weeds on its road network, an assessment of alternative products and methods for weed control has been carried out and a plan has been developed to cover the period 2020 to 2024.

This plan comprises three key elements:

1. Eliminate the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide.
2. Use of alternative weed treatments on all residential roads approximately **800km over a three year cycle.**
3. The development of a strategy to involve local communities in the removal of weeds from 10% of the road network.

A tender competition was undertaken in 2020. The contract award criteria for this competition was designed to encourage applicants to put forward innovative, environmentally friendly and cost effective alternatives for the treatment and removal of weeds from our roads.

Dublin City Council appointed a contractor (Greentown Environmental) for the purpose of removing weeds from the road network in 2020. There is an option in this Contract to allow use of this contractor for three further periods of one year to cover 2021 / 2022/ 2023.

The contractor uses an innovative process/ product called 'Foamstream'. This involved the application of hot water, sugar and natural oils to the weeds and is an alternative to the use of 'Glyphosate' based products.

The appointed contractor is managed by the Area Offices, who will agree with the contractor a programme for weed treatment and removal and the particular methods to be employed on individual roads and streets across the City and its suburbs.

Dublin City Council had a budget of €317,000 including VAT available for the treatment of weeds using this contract. This budget **does not** make it possible to treat every road in Dublin City Council.

As this plan represents a departure from the methods previously employed by the Dublin City Council to control weeds, its implementation and effectiveness will be monitored on an ongoing basis and if necessary, consideration will be given to revising the plan as appropriate and in the interest of maintaining the City Council's road network to a high standard.

At present we are undertaking a trial on a mechanical means for the removal of weeds.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the decision of the Office of the Information Commissioner not to direct the Housing Agency to release details of Voluntary Housing Bodies in significant breach of the voluntary regulations agreed in 2013 and the fact that AHB's house significant numbers of council tenants, can the Chief Executive confirm whether any AHB's providing housing for Dublin City Council tenants are included on the list of organisations currently under investigation by the Housing Agency?

Can he confirm the number of AHB's working with DCC and the number of council tenants they accommodate individually?

Can he also confirm that all AHB's listed above have signed up to the voluntary regulations agreed in 2013?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has received no notification by the Department of Housing, the Housing Agency or by the Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority (ABHRA) that any AHB who is active in the Dublin City Council Area is in breach of the voluntary regulatory code or is under investigation.

Currently the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage provides Dublin City Council with a list of AHBs deemed to be registered and that have AHB status. This Register was most recently updated in April 2022 and is available to the public on the Regulators website at: <https://www.ahbregulator.ie/registration/the-register/>

Prior to the introduction of the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Bill 2019, AHBs signed up to a voluntary regulation code. The City Council confirms that all AHBs it deals with have signed up to the Voluntary Regulation Code. Dublin City Council is audited on this matter, on a regular basis, by DCC Internal Audit, the Local Government Auditor and the LGMA. In addition, DCC's Housing Department AHB unit carries out its own annual audit of AHBs who are active in the Dublin City Area.

The new Approved Housing Body Regulatory Authority (AHBRA), have begun the process of implementing the statutory regulation of Approved Housing Bodies.

Of the 450 AHBs on the national AHB register, 102 of these have in the past or, are currently, providing housing in the Dublin City Council Area, 46 of these are active in social housing provision and are currently in receipt of funding. These AHBs manage 5,866 individual tenancies in the Dublin City Area.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the outdoor enclosures permitted on Temple Bar Square during the COVID pandemic are temporary and if so, when will they be removed? Do the owners pay a fee for use of the public space?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All outdoor enclosures in Temple Bar must have a Temporary Covid 19 street furniture permit. As the temporary Covid 19 street furniture permit was in response to the pandemic and to help businesses to continue to trade outdoors during the various Covid restrictions, there was no charge for this permit.

This scheme is to end in January 2023 and any businesses that wish to continue to use public space for public dining must apply via the standard street furniture scheme where a fee will apply.

The City Recovery Team are conducting surveys regarding those businesses that are not in compliance with either standard street furniture rules/ licences or temporary Covid permits. This is with a view to encourage businesses to comply with regulations/permits and to ensure that street furniture is not causing obstruction for pedestrians in the City Centre. On foot of the result of the survey, enforcement action will be taken against the businesses if they refuse to comply.

The City Recovery Team are also working with colleagues in our Roads Design division to ensure that the redeveloped Temple Bar square (Project to go on site this Autumn) will provide a high quality public space which will encourage a varied active

use for the area which is welcoming to patrons and provides an environment that people can pass through with ease of access.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if Dublin City Council intend to review the individual agreements to allow businesses use public paths or public spaces for outdoor dining or drinking during the COVID pandemic? Can the Chief Executive outline a sample agreement and confirm whether a fee is charged? Can he also confirm the number of businesses availing of such agreements?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Businesses that are currently using public paths or spaces for outdoor dining should be in receipt of either a Street Furniture Permit or a Temporary Covid 19 Street Furniture Permit. The Temporary Covid 19 Street Furniture Permit was in response to Covid 19 pandemic and the scheme will end in in December 2022.

For businesses that want to continue to use public outdoors spaces in 2023, they will need to reapply for a standard street furniture licence. An annual fee is charged for this and it based on the square meters of the particular area.

There is currently 507 valid street furniture licences. 203 of these licences are Annual Street Furniture licences with 304 issued as Covid Permits.

The City Recovery Team are conducting surveys regarding those businesses that are not in compliance with either standard street furniture rules/ licences or temporary Covid permits. This is with a view to encourage businesses to comply with regulations/permits and to ensure that street furniture is not causing obstruction for pedestrians in the City Centre. Enforcement action is already underway in relation to businesses that have placed street furniture on the public domain without any licence/permit in place.