

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed environmental analysis on the impact of dumping an e-scooter in a river or canal in Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the progress made on each of the Dublin Development Plan 2016-2022 policies with regard to the provision of artistic and cultural studios and spaces in the city: a list of new artist studios and cultural spaces created as a result of the policies of the current Development Plan should be included.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Development Plan for Dublin City Council is a policy document that through a long process of consultation and expert analysis is set out as guidance. It is not the corporate plan for Dublin City Council. The City Arts Office has throughout the life of the current development plan worked on the area of Arts built infrastructure as a matter of priority. It is important however to look at the context of an unprecedented housing shortage and severe upward pressure in land value and rent in Dublin during 2016-2022. The Arts traditionally does not have the economic power or the political priority to compete with the forces that operate upon City Development.

The aspirations to increase and maintain Artists Workspaces in the current Development Plan is not sufficiently strong to mandate the private sector to address it specifically in small to medium scale developments but the requirement to provide a specified amount of Artists Workspaces in new developments at scale has produced a response in the developments at Sean Moore Road and at the former Player Wills factory where the developers have engaged in detail with the Council to see if they can deliver Artists Workspaces with at least 40 spaces expected at Sean Moore Road.

More importantly the current Development Plan sets out that Workspaces for Artists were important for Dublin and this encouraged property owners to engage with Artists. New developments have occurred at The Complex near Capel Street (10 Studios) at Artane Place (13 Studios). New spaces will open at The Old Filmbase building and at 8 and 9 Merchants Quay in 2022 (20 spaces approx.). CRES is applying for the capital required to build new purpose built studios at Bridgefoot Street.

The new development Plan is far more detailed and clear as to how Artists Workspaces are to be developed and an Arts Infrastructure Policy is expected to follow at the SPC in 2023. This in turn will lead to a Developer's Toolkit for Developers to understand how to develop an Artist Workspace that can be a studio or a theatre or a music hub among many other art form requirements. An Artist's Workspace Subcommittee has also been formed by the SPC to start to find a way from the Development Plan to the place of arts infrastructure in new or found buildings.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report the final cost of the now abandoned white water rafting facility: an itemised list of all costs incurred, the recipients of the monies, the

sources from which the financing of this project were drawn and whether any of the money spent can be recouped.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not possible to clearly itemise the cost directly associated with the White Water Rafting element of the overall project. The design Team and various other service providers carried out work on both the Dock and the Quayside Building elements of the project as a single piece of work. It is important to note that costs incurred for various elements of the project while incurred against the cost centre for the overall project were in fact critically important investigative and design works that will be used in the design of any future project in the Dock and therefore was not wasted money.

The total cost incurred on the project to date is €1,834,809.62. This figure should be considered in the context of the scale and complexity of the project and the volume of works actually carried out to bring the project to the stage it was brought to, i.e. Procurement of Contractors and would be in line with expenditure on projects of a similar complexity and value.

Expenditure on the project has been funding through a combination of streams

€500,000 from DDDA legacy funds.

€800,130.69 from Development Income

€534,678.93 from Urban Levies (S48's)

€1,834,809.62 Total Income

No grant funding was received for the project therefore none of the costs incurred to date is recoupable from external sources.

Table of Expenditure by Supplier.

€ incl VAT	Supplier	Type of Work
€7,865.00	D3D GEOMATICS LIMITED T/A D3D	3D MODEL
€43,004.66	SEA SAFARI TOURS LTD T/A LIFFEY & PORT MARINE SERVICES	MARINE ACCESS EQUIPMENT FOR SURVEYS
€116.85	CCG CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LIMITED T/A JWT FOLK	ADVERTISING FEES
€116.85	DDFH&B LTD	ADVERTISING FEES
€3,245.29	DENTSU AEGIS NETWORK IRELAND LTD T/A CARAT	ADVERTISING FEES
€13,677.60	ED DANAHER & ASSOCIATES LTD T/A ARCHAEOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS	ARCHAEOLOGY INVESTIGATIONS
€1,414.50	OCCUPATIONAL & HYGIENE SAFETY SERVICES LTD	ASBESTOS SURVEY
€7,232.40	ROUGHAN & O'DONOVAN LTD	BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY
€22,539.25	CORE FULL SOLUTIONS LTD	COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP FEASIBILITY STUDY
€2,820.48	OLDSTONE CONSERVATION LTD	CONSERVATION TESTS
€13,764.00	INTERNAL PROFESSIONAL CHARGE	DCC QUANTITY SURVEYING
€1,489,796.53	URBAN AGENCY ARCHITECTS LTD	DESIGN TEAM FEES
€45,460.56	PETER BRETT ASSOCIATES LLP	ECONOMIC APPRAISALS
€15,129.00	BRIGHT 3D ENVIRONMENTS LIMITED	GRAPHIC DESIGN

€7,116.20	GROUND INVESTIGATIONS IRELAND LTD	GROUND INVESTIGATIONS
€75,945.54	IRISH GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES LTD	GROUND INVESTIGATIONS
€7,220.71	GREENVILLE PROCUREMENT PARTNERS LTD	PROCUREMENT ADVICE
€9,778.50	MICHAEL PUNCH & PARTNERS LTD	QUAY WALL STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT
€7,318.50	MURPHY GEOSPATIAL LTD	SURVEYS
€31,057.50	MURPHY SURVEYS LTD	SURVEYS
€3,985.20	PRECISION UTILITY MAPPING IRELAND LIMITED	SURVEYS
€26,204.50	THE TOURISM CO LTD T/A ALAN SHERWOOD & ASSOCIATES	TOURISM FEASIBILITY STUDY
<b>€1,834,809.62</b>	<b>Total</b>	

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many homeless families in hotels will be offered DCC homes before 2022 ends.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not possible to give an accurate figure for the full year. There have been 117 families housed from Emergency Accommodation from January to May 2022. There are currently 115 families under offer for Social Housing from Emergency Accommodation. This will be kept under constant review and we can report back an accurate figure for 2022 in early 2023.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many families are placed in hotels in Dublin City that are homeless.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At the end of May 2022 there were 177 families accommodated in hotels in the Dublin Region. The number of families accommodated in hotels is published in our monthly update, which is circulated to Councillors and published on our website on the last Friday of each month.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if weekend works will take place re the **(details supplied)** path and road improvements cycle way works.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In relation to weekend work, the streets and roads along the route are residential, so a careful balance needs to be maintained with the extent and timing of the works and local residents. The Contractor has worked a number of weekends, and as the Project progresses more weekend works are planned. For reference, the Contractor's normal working hours are Monday to Friday between 08.00 hours and 19.00 hours and Saturday between 08.00 and 16.30 hours.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC can carry out a clean-up in **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services clean the above mentioned location on a daily basis. We will monitor the cleaning there to see if any improvements can be made.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can respond to the issues here about EV charging points: The issue of cars overstaying in EV charge points is a problem. But it's not insurmountable. An EV typically takes 3 hours to charge. Those 3 hours should be free with charges kicking in after 3 hours. Surely there are people with the expertise to devise the correct mechanism for enforcement. Is this addressed in the agreements between DCC and ESB which give the ESB the right to put up the charge points on the public roads?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The initial awareness raising programme/roll out of ESB eCars charge points has now been in situ for more than 10 years. During this period, there have been significant changes in our City: the Council declared a Climate Change Emergency, and consequently we are promoting Active travel. A wider range of mobility options are now available. These mobility options are delivered through the Council's sustainable urban mobility strategies and policies and of course new technology in the form of greater ranges for EVs (most now have a 400km range on a full charge) and newer, faster charging technology is bringing about significant change for charging and mobility in the City (shorter dwell times).

It has been the case, and remains so, that on street charging should only take place where a publicly accessible charge point has been provided and that the necessary parking fees must also be paid if within a parking controlled area.

I understand that it is technically possible to introduce an 'overstay' fee for those occupying charging bays as a 'free' form of parking after their charging has been completed. This matter is independent from DCC parking enforcement (unless in a parking controlled zone) and rests with ESB eCars who own and operate the chargers. I understand that the technical ability to introduce 'overstay' fees may be influenced by the age of charger/technology and manner of electrical infrastructure installed initially.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the delay in turning around housing voids where it is taking several months for contractors to even begin working on housing units.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The budget for void refurbishment in 2022 is €15m. We have a large number of properties currently being refurbished through the Framework or by Direct Labour and are at various stages of completion and we have also brought a large number of units back into use so far this year. We are currently in the process of establishing a new panel of framework contractors which will be in place for 2 years and will continue the refurbishment works of void units.

**Current Refurbishment of Voids underway**

Status	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
For or with Framework	112	59	80	67	54	372
Direct Labour	47	27	35	30	33	172
Total	159	86	115	97	87	544

**Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2022 (year to date)**

<b>Totals by Area</b>	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
House	7	16	22	30	6	81
Apartment	40	10	23	41	29	143
Senior Citizens	17	34	22	18	12	103
Total	64	60	67	89	47	<b>327</b>

The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted, as per NOAC Performance Indicators, was 18.43 in 2021. This included an average of 12 weeks for the refurbishment works to be completed by the contractor. There can be various legal or structural reasons for this including:

- Where property was subject to an abonnement notice
- Where there was an illegal occupier case
- Where a unit has been brought back to use after a long term void period and if extensive refurbishment work is required i.e. some of our bedsit units
- Where there was dispute regarding access with a management company
- Issues with vacant possession, i.e. identifying family members and the handling of previous tenant's personal belongings
- Where there was substantial works required i.e. fire remedial works, structural or engineering involvement.
- Contractors are also experiencing supply chain delays on items such as windows and fire doors.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the value of the grass cutting contract and if a cost benefit analysis was done to ascertain if there is an advantage in using contractors over direct labour staff. Can the CE say whether the removal of grass verges from the contract was to provide a greater service elsewhere on the contract.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The expected cost over the four year period of the new grass maintenance contract is circa €6m.

Analysis on cost benefit of these works showed that the tasks being undertaken as part of the previous contractor were neither quantifiable nor verifiable due to the many grass verges already being maintained by householders and the inaccessibility of many grass verges due to cars being parked on them. Use of direct labour would face similar issues. The removal of grass verges from the contract was because of the inability to quantify or verify these works and also to bring our grass maintenance services in line with those of our neighbour Dublin Local Authorities who do not cut grass margins outside of houses.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is an update on providing railings around the green area at **(details supplied)** which has been requested previously.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Park services do not have any plans to install railings around green at **(details supplied)**.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed All Weather facility at Tolka Valley Park.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Park Services are currently reviewing environmental studies undertaken at Tolka Valley Park. If required environmental studies can demonstrate the proposals will not impact upon protected species, it is envisaged that the proposals can be brought to part 8 planning later this year.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive who owns the lane in between **(details supplied)** and what is the status of the lane.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The detailed lane is listed as 'in charge' of Dublin City Council, however it is gated and locked. There is an ESB substation located at the end of the lane who would require a right of way for access.

DCC do own the lane, DCC acquired it under Ref. Nos. 41, 48a, & 54 of the **(details supplied)** Area CPO 1937.

The main acquisition on 12.5.1939 from Great Southern Railways Company reserved a ROW (Right of Way) over it to the Company to access lands in the occupation of their tenant.

That Right of Way will have transferred to any purchaser of the land to the rear of the laneway.

The Lane is not registered in the Land Registry.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what role has DCC in the installation of electric car charging points and will any DCC facilities be used to host same.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Further to my general reply on this matter last year and the subsequent completion of an industry stakeholder engagement piece late last year, the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now complete. The DMA working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project. This will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies and the use of suitable Council facilities is under consideration. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport. The Department published (31 March) its National Strategy setting out potential new sources of funding and capacity building measures to enable the transition and an initial consultation period has just finished.

Variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to enable and facilitate an increase in the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the Department and the SEAI regarding the available schemes of funding and a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study, to deliver an EV charging solution for the Dublin Metropolitan Area.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide parking permits for people in emergency and temporary accommodation in **(details supplied)** as residents here are being clamped regularly.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council Parking Bye Laws 2020 makes provision for applications for parking permits for residents where a parking scheme is in place. The bye laws state that residents must live and reside overnight for more than 183 days per year at the address.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what are the plans to upgrade the skate park and all weather pitch in **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that the NRA be asked to clean up the weeds and serious tree growth from at and around the traffic island at the intersection of the Chapelized by pass / the slip way beside Sarsfield Road. When travelling into the City Centre last week with a few members of the Ballyfermot Tidy Towns removed 3 bags of weeds, waste and tree vegetation from the very busy junction with traffic coming and going to the west. The tree growth was obscuring views of vehicles going onto the By-pass.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks staff have inspected the above location and found that the grass verge has been cut, litter has been picked and shrubs are not encroaching into the roadway.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the request from residents along Suir Road Inchicore/Kilmainham for dishing to facilitate people with limited mobility to get to the Luas, Shops, Church etc. across this busy road. A resident is looking to have the path here dished to allow safe crossing. I am well aware from this lady the current situation leave her in a very vulnerable situation having to try and navigate this busy road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the footpath is dished at the Bus Stop opposite Spiddle Road at Clifden Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 in order to allow the

safe passage of people with limited mobility to cross the road from the Lawns Park side to the residential developments and can the concrete plinth and bus stop removed a few years ago when new footpaths were going in at Cherry Orchard Ave, Dublin 10 opposite number 162 be replaced. I asked Dublin Bus about this previously and they said the work would be done.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to look at positioning a clearway, junction box or no parking signs at 20/22 Walkinstown Green, Dublin 12. One gentleman (**details supplied**) has said he cannot get in or out of his home due to parking at this location. Can I ask we contact him at the above number and see if we can sort out the problem?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The parking enforcement inspector has assessed the location and as there are no current parking restrictions in place parking enforcement cannot take any action. TAG will need to consider parking restriction solutions to resolve the issue.

The above request has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and will be reported to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. Ref No: 7027525.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on what measures residents can expect to see in the areas in and around Croke Park during the upcoming summer season of GAA matches and concerts in the area of clamping of illegally parked vehicles? What are the council in conjunction with the Gardaí planning to prevent this from happening?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DSPS will patrol the areas outside the event cordon, where possible, enforcing illegally parked vehicles. They will also liaise with An Garda Síochána directly on vehicles they deem necessary to be removed or enforced both inside and outside the event cordon.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on any plans to replace the floor in the home of (**details supplied**). Her son is autistic and spends much of his time sitting on the floor which is now in an extremely poor condition?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of the floors in this property and if the floors are found to be in a poor condition, works will be carried out to rectify this. Please note that floor coverings i.e. tiles, carpets, laminate flooring are the tenant's responsibility.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the uneven and unsafe surface of the Finglas Road cycle path, from St. Philomena's Road to Ballyboggan Road that is forcing cyclists onto pedestrian space. Will the Manager advise when the surface will be renewed and replaced?



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are a number of sections of defective cycle lane on the Finglas Road between St. Philomena's Road & Ballyboggan Road. They shall be assigned to a direct labour crew when they are next working in the locus.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive: having received many complaints from constituents regarding the cessation of the cutting of grass verges outside their homes can the manager outline the insurance and H&S implications for people now cutting grass outside their home boundaries?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As this is a task which has been routinely undertaken by residents in adjoining Dublin Authority areas for many decades and indeed by many residents within the City area, it is not clear if there are any insurance implications.

With regard to health and safety, as with maintenance of private gardens it is more than advisable that residents follow all the manufacturer's recommendations with regard to appropriate use, appropriate clothing, footwear, regular maintenance etc. of any domestic grass cutting equipment employed for the task.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will write to private waste collectors instructing them not to issue notices to residents to change from bags to bins in areas where houses open onto streets and where they have no authority to issue such notices as happened in the case of **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Private Waste Companies are permitted by the National Waste Collection Permit office <https://www.offaly.ie/eng/Services/Environment/NWCPO/National-Waste-Collection-Permit-Office.html>

Communications between waste collectors and private residences falls outside the remit of Local Government.

The Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste 2018 are solely directed at the holder of the waste.

It is the responsibility of the householder to be registered and participate in a waste collection service and to dispose of their waste in a responsible manner.

It is also the responsibility of the householder to make sure their waste is presented correctly and not stored on the public footpath, road etc. outside of the presentation times.

While the streets mentioned above are designated bags collection streets this does not mean that the householder cannot have wheeled bins as long as they adhere to the Bye-Laws with regard to presentation and Storage.

DCC note that Greyhound used DCC's corporate logo without the approval of DCC and this matter has been brought to their attention.

Dublin City Council do not currently have any intention of changing our policy on designated bag collection streets.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that Local Area Committees and local residents are consulted before greening and mobility measures are installed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Active Travel Programme Office plans to commence public engagement on proposed cycling and walking infrastructure in July 2022, starting with a briefing of all five Area Committees regarding the proposed core cycle network.

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services consult with both the Local Area Committees and local residents before greening measures are installed.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to list the summer entertainment events that DCC have planned for the three months of June, July and August 2022.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

MONTH	DATE	NAME OF EVENT	DCC INVOLVEMENT	TYPE OF EVENT	LOCATION
June	5th June	Womens Mini Marathon	Facilitate	Sports Event	Merrion Square and surrounds
June	16th June	Bloomsday	Facilitate	Festival	Meeting House Square
June	18th & 19th June	Smithfield Fleadh	DCC Event	Music	Smithfield
June	18th June	Soapbox Science	Facilitate	Free fun science event	Sth King Street
June	23rd June	Docklands 5K	Facilitate	Sports Event	Docklands
July	10th July	Funtropolis	DCC Event	Family Event	Merrion Square
July	10th July	Irish Runner 10 mile	Facilitate	Sport	Phoenix Pk,
July	11th, 12th and 15th July	Dance Festival (TBC)	Facilitate	Cultural Event	Meeting House Square
July	30th July	Alex Falconer	Facilitate	Music	Meeting House Square

July	30th July	Ratha Yatra (Festival of Chariots) 2022	Facilitate	Cultural Event	Proposed Garden of Remembrance to Merrion Square route TBC
July	30 - 31st July	Art and the Outdoors	DCC Event	Family Event	Parnell Square Nth
August	4th/11th/18th/25th August	Opera in the Open	DCC Event	Music Event	Woodquay Venue
August	21st August	Funtropolis	DCC Event	Family Event	Mountjoy Square Park
August	August 26th and 27th	American College Football + tailgating event	Facilitate and Support	Sports Event	Aviva + potentially Smithfield/oth er location for tailgating
August	28th August	Alex Falconer	Facilitate	Music Event	Meeting House Square
August	29th August	Family Funday (TBC)	DCC Event	Family Event	Meeting House Square

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on what progress has been made in the last six months to bring about the refurbishment and regeneration of the Iveagh Market, Francis Street; 1 and 3 John Dillon Street; and the Mother Redcap Market, Back Lane Dublin 8 and can he make a statement on the matter?

**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 which is hoped will conclude in the coming weeks. The Council is currently reviewing the recently completed survey of the building which will determine the essential works required to stabilise the building.

The City Council has never had ownership of Mother Redcap's Market, but understands that the owner is advancing plans to lodge a planning application in the near future.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive does the answer to the question submitted with this question indicate that work on the flood relief works at Sandymount will be delayed for a further year or can some works proceed and further if the containers are not going to be removed can they at least be repainted and the area around them tidied up.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A number of the containers have been recently painted and the area around them cleaned up. DCC Drainage is still engaged with Homeless Services in relation to a specific issue in relation to one of the containers.

It is programmed to commence the flood relief scheme later this year. The scheme will take approximately 12 months to complete once commenced.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive how many HAP tenancies on DCC housing list are living outside the DCC administration area in Fingal County Council, South Dublin and Dunlaoghaire-Rathdown.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The current figures for active Mainstream HAP tenancies for people on DCC housing list, living outside the DCC administration area are:

Fingal County Council	807
South Dublin County Council	345
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	78

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive what activities are provided in the Ballymun and Finglas sports and fitness centre for people with special needs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In keeping with Dublin City Council's policy and commitment to social inclusion, both Sports & Fitness Ballymun and Finglas and all facilities/services housed therein are accessible to all including those with special needs. Fitness/swim classes etc. can be adapted by very experienced staff to ensure persons with special needs can fully participate in the various services offered by the centre.

Some staff have specific training in particular areas of service delivery to those with special needs for e.g. providing services to persons with Autism.

However, if an individual or group have specific needs which cannot be accommodated in house centre staff will assist in trying to identify/provide an external resource who has the appropriate qualifications and experience to assist the individual/group access our facilities/services.

Activities available at both centres include, recreational swimming, aqua aerobics, gym and fitness classes etc.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of housing adaptations outstanding and to give a breakdown per area and DCC tenants or Private tenants.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Disabled Persons Section currently has the following applications outstanding:

- Showers – 48 on the waiting list for assessment
- Ramps – 2 on the waiting list for assessment
- Stair lift – 1 on the waiting list for assessment
- Extensions – 28 on the waiting list for assessment
- Appeals – 13 on the waiting list
- Surveyor – 268 on the waiting list for Surveying

It is not possible to give a breakdown per area.

Housing Adaptation Grants provide assistance to people making adaptations to their owner occupied homes, privately rented home or home provided by an Approved Housing Body.

Grants are reported on a citywide basis and not by geographical area.

There are 633 Housing Adaptation Grants that have been approved but not yet drawn down as the Applicant has not yet proceeded with the work or completed the work.

There are 167 Grants awaiting approval as there are outstanding technical and medical reports required.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the repairs works on the footpaths outside Shangan shops following on from some very serious accidents.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This section of path originally formed part of the 2022 NW footpath contract, but was removed due to subsequent notification to RMS of the redevelopment of the Civic Plaza and the housing development on Shangan Road. Representations have been made to complete works here due to the deterioration of the path, which have been agreed to by RMS.

These works are now being coordinated with the redevelopment of the Civic Plaza on Shangan Road. This requires the path to be completed in block pavers and not concrete as originally priced by RMS. Pricing from the subcontractor is due in the coming days. Once approval on costs are agreed, work can be expected to start in August. There is a lead in time on availability of paving material and crew.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full report with regards the court case taken against Dublin City Council and the Peter McVerry Trust in relation to the exemption of change of use at a number of properties in Baggot Street? This report to include what planner took the decision regarding the planning exemption Part V here? And what are the implications now for this property going forward bearing in mind its connection to Dublin Regional Homeless executive as a service provider.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The name of the case is: HT Financial Services Limited and Get The Tables Limited v Dublin City Council (Respondent) and Peter McVerry Trust (Notice Party) (High Court 2021/1120JR).

On the 23rd March 2022 Justice Meenan granted leave to the applicant to take Judicial Review proceedings against DCC. The Applicant was seeking various orders including an Order quashing the decision of the Respondent declaring that the proposal the subject matter of a Section 5 application is exempt from the requirement to seek planning permission (use of the premises as a hotel). On legal advice and in order to mitigate costs the Respondent conceded the case before the matter was heard before the court. By Order perfected on the 2nd June 2022, Justice Meenan quashed the decision made by the Respondent on or about the 1st November, 2021, to declare the development at 99-100 Baggot Street, the subject of a Section 5 reference to be exempted development and also granted costs to the Applicant.

It will be a matter for the Peter McVerry Trust to decide on the planning approach but the DRHE has confirmed its need for emergency accommodation.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to take immediate action to address the issue of an outbreak of bedbugs at a dwelling in Crampton buildings. This is a very serious issue that would appear to have been address haphazardly by DCC. Urgent action is needed here especially given the vulnerability of those impacted by this outbreak.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance had contracted a pest control company to carry out pest infestation treatments in Crampton Buildings on 3 occasions in 2019 and 2020. This was done as a good will gesture, as the responsibility for this lies with the tenant. The Area Office and Housing Maintenance have agreed to carry this out one last time for the tenants, however they will have to sign a letter acknowledging this and agreeing to take responsibility for this going forward.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards DCC withdrawing its court proceedings with commercial company Subset on the issue of development and breach of planning. This report to include who took the decision to withdraw the case? The reasons why? And what future actions will be taken against Subset with regards the ongoing breaches of DCC byelaws.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The matters concerned are still before the courts as there are matters to be resolved in respect of the District Court proceedings referred to in the Councillors question. Therefore it would be inappropriate to comment further on the matter at this stage.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to offer an opinion with regards the suitability of the Dublin bus depots for sites of future public housing and that the manager make provision in the DCC development plan to future proof these lands for that purpose.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are six main depots located in the city area. Under the current Dublin City Development Plan 206, the sites are zoned as follows:

**Coyningham Road:** Z5: To consolidate and facilitate the development of the central area, and to identify, reinforce, strengthen and protect its civic design character and dignity. Residential is a permissible use.

**Donnybrook:** Z6: To provide for the creation and protection of enterprise and facilitate opportunities for employment creation. Residential is an open for consideration use.

**Ringsend:** Z14: To seek the social, economic and physical development and; or rejuvenation of an area with mixed use, of which residential and Z6 wold be the predominant uses. Residential is a permissible use.

**Broadstone:** Z10: To consolidate and facilitate the development of inner city and inner suburban sites for mixed uses, with residential the predominant use un suburban locations, and office/retail/residential the predominant uses in inner city areas. Residential is a permissible use.

**Clontarf: Z1:** To protect, provide and improve residential amenities. Residential is a permissible use.

**Summerhill: Z5:** To consolidate and facilitate the development of the central area, and to identify, reinforce, strengthen and protect its civic design character and dignity. Residential is a permissible use.

Under the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, all of the subject sites retain the same zoning objective.

With regard to Donnybrook, under the draft plan, the Z6 zoning allows for a range of employment uses. However, residential use is no longer open for consideration and in this regard, a variation would be required to facilitate residential development on the site.

Both Broadstone and Summerhill are included in the SDRA's for Grangegorman and NEIC respectively. The Draft Plan (page 534) acknowledges the significant potential of the Broadstone lands, and that where redevelopment proposals are considered for the site, a masterplan shall be prepared having regards to the constraints, strengths and opportunities for the site. The Summerhill bus depot site is identified as a key opportunity site (page 554) and the draft plan identifies that it has strategic regeneration potential.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the income and expenditure in relation to the Dublin Bike Scheme for 2021 and year to date if figures are available. In particular, can the Chief Executive detail the maintenance contract involved and how much DCC pays annually to JC Decaux for this charge.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tables below outline the approximate Capital and Revenue, Income and Expenditure since 2019 along with an estimate for 2022.

1. Slightly reduced sponsorship income due to production charges on changeover to new sponsor.
2. Negotiations are ongoing between Dublin City Council and JCDecaux regarding a reduction in Digital Advertising income for 2021 due to Covid.
3. In 2020 the Just-Eat Sponsorship Agreement came to an end mid-year, thus the reduced income for the year. NOW sponsorship commenced in January 2021
4. In 2019, Dublin City Council agreed to JCDecaux's request for a 75% reduction on income from Digital Advertising due to Covid.

Below are approximate capital income and expenditure for 2021-2019 along with estimate for 2022.





1. Costs of Technological and Hybrid Upgrade
2. Share of costs associated with Grangegorman Expansion.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Smart Dublin and Google street-by-street air quality monitoring programme, in particular, given that the "Airview Dublin" initiative was launched in May 2021, when will the some initial results be made available/public and will these be available on a street-by-street level?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The data is undergoing quality assurance and validation from Google and Dublin City Council. Over 44 Million data points have been collected from May 2021 to June 2022. The project team is working to release an interim report and preliminary results to be released by September. The preliminary results will include a static map / image highlighting street level readings. The final results with fully interactive map which is searchable street by street, is planned to be published later this year.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of the BikeBunker scheme, in particular, eligibility and way to get a BikeBunker onto a street. Also, to detail what would be considered as sufficient "expressions of interest" to qualify a street/location for a BikeBunker i.e. if a street has 50 houses what percentage would have to submit expressions of interest to qualify? Also, would a signed petition of residents qualify as an expression of interest? Finally, is there an email and, in particular, an ordinary mailing address for sending such expressions of interest?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The three bike bunkers on trial at present hold four bikes in one model and six bikes in the other two models. Prior to installing a bike bunker we assess demand by using our online mapping system this is generated when people register their interest in having a bike bunker on the website.

We aim to have full capacity in every bike bunkers within 4 weeks of installation. So six committed persons or three households as its max two spaces per household is sufficient to warrant a bike bunkers on any given street, If there is more demand and a suitable location more bike bunkers will be installed. Locations for bike bunkers must meet the criteria set out by the bike bunkers team – please see attached link <https://bikebunkers.ie/explore/locations/> Note: Space are offered on a first applied first offered as it's the fairest way.

Petition: We ask people apply directly as it's more efficient when it comes to allocating spaces. - Please see attached link for persons interested to register their interest. . <https://bikebunkers.ie/register-your-interest/>

Website: please see attached link for information on the bike bunkers. <https://bikebunkers.ie/>

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the URDF funding secured for the City Library on Parnell Square and to indicate the scope of the project which this funding will facilitate and also to indicate the source of further funding to ensure the full Parnell Square Cultural Quarter project can be delivered.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In accordance with the Public Spending Code, a strategic business case was prepared which gave preliminary approval for Parnell Square Cultural Quarter (€56.6million) and Parnell Square Public Realm (€14.18million).

Both funding figures represent 75% of the estimated costs of the project.

The remaining 25% of the project costs are to be provided by Dublin City Council.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report to the councillor on the progress of hiring five parks wardens for Bull Island to protect this important biosphere, which is a site of international importance and one of the most protected areas in Ireland.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Provision has been made in the Parks Budget for the recruitment of Park Rangers to cover both St. Anne's Park and the North Bull Island Nature Reserve. A recommendation and proposed job specification has been forwarded to HR who are to commence the recruitment process as their programme allows.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a table that shows the number of residents in each local authority home (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5+,) in a format that allows comparison with the number of bedrooms per local authority home (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5+), and could he make a statement on what efforts are being made to provide tenants with accommodation that best suits their needs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Number of Bedrooms in a DCC Property (Number of Properties in Brackets)	Number of Residents in a DCC Property (Number of Properties in Brackets)
1 (4287)	1 (3697) 2 (497) 3 (62) 4 (21) 5 (9) 5+ (1)
2 (9017)	0 (1) 1 (2002) 2 (3233) 3 (2167) 4 (1023) 5 (392) 5+ (199)
3 (8679)	0 (3) 1 (889) 2 (1857) 3 (2162) 4 (1836) 5 (1103) 5+ (829)
4 (1351)	0 (5)

	1 (123) 2 (252) 3 (256) 4 (188) 5 (196) 5+ (331)
5 (22)	2 (2) 3 (2) 4 (6) 5 (2) 5+ (10)
5+ (2)	5 (1) 6 (1)

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to state whether the water reservoir at Roundwood is under the control of the Council and can he make a statement on the closing off of public access to some of the public walkway that surrounds the reservoir outlining the reasons for its closure, the actions being undertaken to re-open it, and the expected timeline for these actions?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The reservoir is under the control of Dublin City Council and most of the land immediately adjacent to the Reservoirs is also under our control. There are areas where private property abuts the reservoir and this is the case in the areas where the walkway is closed at the northern end of the Upper Reservoir. Initially the property owner had given permission for the walkway through their property adjacent to the reservoir but has withdrawn that due, I understand, to public liability issues. The walkway in this area cannot be reopened at present. Dublin City Council will keep this issue under review and continue to look at options for this section of the walkway.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to put in place an upgrade for the pavement surface of the footpath on the north side of Conyngham Road between Infirmary Road and Chesterfield Avenue adjacent to the Special Criminal Courts and can he also ensure that it is cleaned on a regular basis?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance visited this location and inspected the existing footpath. Upon inspection the granite stonework is in an excellent condition however the concrete footpath is showing uplift from the tree roots and these two defects have been added to our works list for repair.

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned footpath is monitored and cleaned on a regular basis.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to how much emergency accommodation has the DRHE acquired outside County Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 45 beds in Kerdiffstown and 53 families are currently placed outside of Dublin.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make available to me any recent studies that he has carried out before and after the implementation of 30 km/h speed limits to examine issues such as average speeds, noise levels, air pollution levels, road incidents, and public support for measures on individual streets and roads.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Traffic Section are assessing the benefits of the 30 km/h schemes. The results of the study are not yet available. The Councillor will be updated on the matter in September.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to list the annual costs of managing and maintaining traffic signals within the city and list the principal three contractors that provide this service, the service that they provide and the amount that is paid to them on an annual basis?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC operate an all-inclusive maintenance contract for maintenance of the traffic signals. SWARCO UK & Ireland Ltd is our current maintenance contractor. The annual cost of the contract is 2.2 million.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive who will run/ manage the Age Friendly housing scheme on Moeran Road if successful with their planning application for 59 apartments? Will DCC manage it? Will the tenants be from DCC housing list? Will DCC buy the units? What housing body will manage it?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Approved Housing Body section was approached by an AHB seeking preliminary support for a turnkey acquisition of an older person's housing development on Moeran Road. As there is a significant need for this type of accommodation in the area the Housing Department is supportive of this proposal.

If an Approved Housing Body does proceed to acquire this development using CALF or CAS funding, all tenant nominations will come from the DCC social housing waiting list. Dublin City Council would not acquire the facility and it would be managed by the AHB in question.

To date no funding application has been submitted by an AHB to acquire the development. In certain circumstance however, it is not unusual for an AHB to not commence a full financial appraisal on turnkey acquisition of a new housing development until Planning Permission has been granted.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with An Garda Síochána to increase patrols to police cars parked illegally on the footpath outside the shops at the intersection of SCR and Donore Avenue. Many families with young children use the footpath there and the car situation is a real danger to small children walking on DCC footpath, danger to pedestrians with vision difficulties and wheelchair users. Residents have been sent back and forth between DCC and AGS which is unhelpful to find some solution for the area. Residents are open to what measures could be investigated to make the footpath safe.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This request (Enquiry Ref No: 7027584) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Area Engineer will investigate with a site visit to the location of SCR and Donore Avenue and monitor the junction. It is illegal to park on a footpath and this will be raised with Parking Enforcement.

This illegal parking on the footpath will also be raised at the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting with An Garda Síochána.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to get the yellow box outside the Northcliff apartments in Chapelizod to be repainted.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for road markings to be renewed at this location will be carried out within 30 working days of the Council meeting on July 4th 2022.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce a safety buffer zone around trees and surface roots on DCC land to protect them from repeated damage to tree trunks and tree roots. Such open wounds let diseases enter the tree and result in irreversible situation with trees are damaged and sick and have to be cut. Trees trunks and surface roots are being damaged by lawnmowers by DCC staff and contractors on a consistent and regular basis.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services already allow for areas of long grass around many of our trees, however it should be noted that not all locations are suitable for this treatment due to differing demands, uses and space constraints. The current Landscape Maintenance Contract allows for strimming to the base of trees, twice a year, in lieu of chemical treatment which would have previously been used.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive why containers are being used by Dublin City Council as temporary mini-depots on Ballygall Road East for several years, if the council requires and has a permit for these, when they will be removed and to list all other containers and their locations in the city which are being used for the same purpose.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These containers are used as canteens and tool storage huts for Road Maintenance crews carrying out essential maintenance across the city. These allow the crews to report directly to site each day and are a critical part of the Road Maintenance operational requirements. There are approximately 20 such containers in the North City Area and permits are not required for them.

The containers on Ballygall Road require a hoist to move and are due to be moved to Tolka Valley Road in the next two weeks.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the works at the Sean Moore Rd/Beach Rd junction; precisely the measures implemented; for an update on works pertaining to the Strand Road Cycleway at this junction and if measures implemented will enable

this or if further works will be required; the basis and process followed for approval of said works; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is currently an upgraded crossing being constructed at the Sean Moore/Beach Road junction. This is due to requests from the NCBI and local councillors on behalf of a resident who requested Audio Tactile units at this junction. Having been inspected by the Traffic Department it was found that due to the age of the infrastructure the junction needed a complete upgrade in order to provide these facilities.

We are obliged under the Equal Status act to not discriminate in the provision of services and one of the grounds for complaint is discriminatory treatment in relation to a disability. Therefore when DCC provide traffic signals we are obliged to ensure that they can be used by all. In the case of Beach Road this was an old installation which was not equipped with necessary Audio Tactile units and could not be due to the age of the installation and to the age of the ducting. This then left DCC open to a complaint under the equal Status Act 2000 from any visually impaired user who wished to use this crossing. It should be noted that in the past on a number of occasions complaints have been made to the Equality Tribunal regarding the provision of Audio Tactile signals at traffic signals and they have been upheld by the equality tribunal and DCC has been fined and had to rectify the issue.

An application for funding to the NTA was made in 2022 and approved such that work could start on the junction upgrade. When it's complete the necessary audio tactile signals will be in place and working allowing all users to safely use these facilities and not leaving DCC open to a complaint under the equal status Act 2000.

This upgrade is to provide the necessary audio units and is also a major improvement for pedestrians in terms of reduced crossing width, much wider footpaths and a signalling a new arm for pedestrians (across Sean Moore Rd) which was previously not signalised.

There is no update or works being carried out related to the Strand road cycleway. The pedestrian crossing works are unrelated to the strand road cycle route. The layout being constructed is different to what was proposed for the cycle trial so the cycle layout will need to be re-examined if the appeal is successful.

This junction is an old configuration which works as a 7 arm signalised junction. This has inefficiencies and reduces the numbers of arms that can be run or optimised. For example it's difficult to give the Sean Moore road arm extra time without having a knock on effect on the Ringsend and Church Avenue arm. As part of these works the junction will be split in two which will make it much more efficient and will allow us to give extra time if and when needed to clear arms.

The works are due to be complete early July.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will replace the footpaths on Melvin Rd, Derravaragh road, and Mt Tallant Avenue as they are largely damaged by tree roots; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The footpaths on Melvin Road, Derravaragh Road and Mount Tallant Avenue will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Footpath Renewal Programme.

In the interim, if addresses of any specific areas of concern are provided, these can be inspected and logged for local repairs.

Parks staff have inspected the above locations and found the majority of trees growing to be in good health that do not require pruning at this time. Parks will liaise with our colleagues in Roads maintenance about footpath repairs.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on efforts to improve heating and water supply at Glover's Court; if he will commit to de-tenanting Glover's Court as a priority due to the inhumane living conditions; if he has a timeline for the stage 1 approval of the regeneration; if he will put in place a special scheme of letting to de-tenant City Council accommodation which is unfit for habitation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Housing Regeneration Response:**

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

DCC has now received Stage 1 approval for the redevelopment of Glovers Court. The next step will be to commence the procurement process for the appointment of a design team.

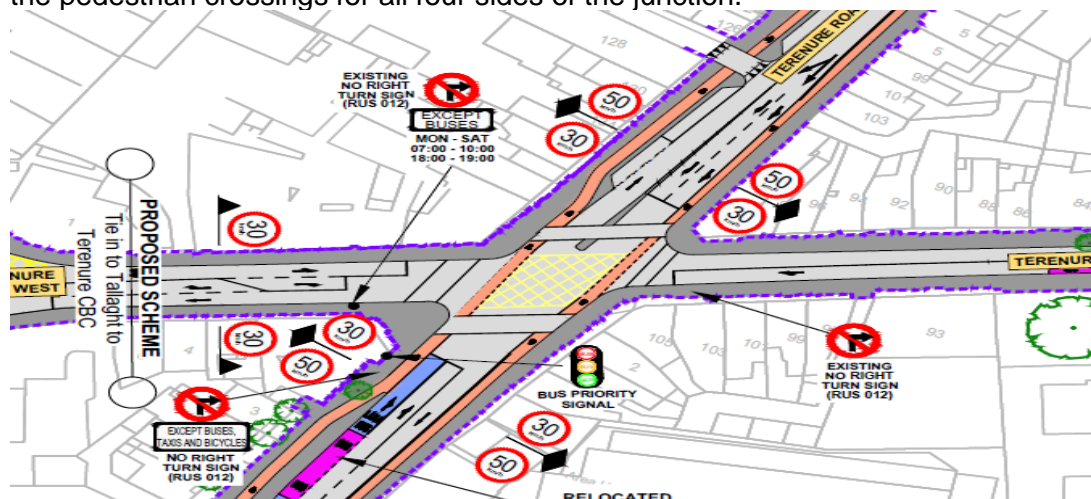
Housing Maintenance are currently in talks with Irish Water to try and find ways to improve the water pressure going into the complex. We have recently installed telemetry on our pump systems in the area and with the data collated it is hoped that further improvements can be made with water pressure in the area.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will install traffic lights for pedestrians at the main junction in Terenure as two of the four sides are without safe crossings (image attached) (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/L8aD7fMUcRAj9VRc6>)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As per the proposals for the Bus Connects Core Bus Corridor route 12 Rathfarnham to City Centre in the diagram below, there a plans to upgrade this junction and provide the pedestrian crossings for all four sides of the junction.



These proposals are being prepared for the Planning process with An Bord Pleanála and planned to be submitted over the next few months.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the mismatched traffic light sequencing at the bottom of **(details supplied)**, if he can arrange to have the traffic light sequencing examined with a view to putting in place a more appropriate sequencing to reduce traffic tailbacks on the main road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All traffic signals operate on a principle of a 'Traffic Signal cycle' whereby traffic on each approach at a junction and any pedestrian crossings are serviced each cycle of the traffic signals. This principle applies regardless if one or multiple vehicles / pedestrians are awaiting traffic signal green time.

**(details supplied 1)** does not receive priority over the Main **(details supplied 2)**, but simply is serviced in turn each cycle of the traffic signals as are the pedestrian crossing and cycle only phase.

The traffic signal cycle length at this junction is a maximum of 110 seconds, dependant on traffic volumes, during which time the Main Road, **(details supplied 3)** traffic, pedestrians and cyclists must all receive traffic signal green time.

The **(details supplied 3)** approach can receive a maximum of 26% of the traffic signal time each traffic signal cycle, however, for example, if only one or two vehicles are waiting to exit this time will be considerably less, only enough time for the 1/2 vehicles to exit.

The junction is operated by Dublin City Council's traffic management system, SCATS, which allocated signal timings and cycles based upon real time traffic/ pedestrian/ cyclist demand taken from detectors on approaches.

The ITS section will monitor the junction and make changes to traffic signal timings and sequences as required where there is scope to do so.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to **(details supplied)**, to confirm that all the circumstances of the family (as outlined at details attached) can be taken into account when considering this housing application, say how the medical evidence, circumstances will be dealt with in terms of priority for this application if he will give every consideration to accepting this family, (currently living in private rented accommodation) onto the housing list.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

When the applicant **(details supplied)** submits a Social Housing Support application, it will be assessed in accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations. If the applicant's income is in excess of the income limit they will be ineligible for Social Housing Support. There is no discretion in the legislation to accept an application that is over the income limit on medical or compassionate grounds.

The applicant could contact the Tenant Purchase section to discuss applying for a Local Authority Home Loan.

I would advise the applicant to contact Threshold in relation to her lease. They may be able to assist the applicant in securing a lease on the property she is renting.



**Q.60 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to **(details supplied)**, to confirm that he will arrange for the repair of footpath as part of the ongoing footpath repairs that are being carried out in the area by contractors currently. Path is old and cracked and poses a trip hazard; the fact that bin lorries are on the path while reversing down the Cul De Sac does not help; it seems this section of footpath was over- looked while the City Council/contractors were marking out areas for repair.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Our contractor has now completed their works at **(details supplied)**. However Road Maintenance will inspect the location and if there is a defect found it will be logged and recorded. We will then discuss with the contractor to check if they can return to complete the additional repair. If the contractor cannot return it will be assigned to our inspector for repair, for when one of our own crews are working in the area.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to **(details supplied)**, to say if he can arrange to have same cleared of a large amount of dumped materials, serious overgrowth, vegetation etc. and confirm that he will also arrange for one of his officials to contact **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Section can confirm that Waste Management have agreed that they will clear this laneway with Grab next week. In relation to the overgrowth this should be diverted to Roads as they can send representations to the residents stating overgrowth is hindering access.

Road Maintenance will complete an inspection of the laneway to assess the overgrowth **(details supplied)**. If overgrowth is found to be originating from private properties which impacts public access then a notice will be issued to the property requesting that they have the overgrowth cut back.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The order for this door has been sent to the Joinery Workshop for manufacture.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing maintenance matter: To have repairs carried on the windows at **(details supplied)**. Some of the windows can't be opened (permanently locked) and some have seized up.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Depot have called to this tenant on a few occasions but to no avail, they have also tried contacting them by phone and again to no avail. They will call again tomorrow 24th June to address this issue.

Depot called on 24th and all works have now been complete for tenant.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive if a planning applicant can request that parking space, long used by residents outside their homes, be removed, so as to provide access to a proposed development in order to satisfy planning conditions?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Many developments require alterations to the existing road layout for them to proceed for example for the provision of new vehicular accesses, loading facilities, pedestrian crossings and public realm improvements. Any changes to the road layout are reviewed and agreed across all the relevant sections in E&T Department. Where existing on-street parking is potentially effected, this is generally discussed and agreed with the Parking Enforcement Section. There is a fee associated with the removal of on street parking spaces.

The Parking Enforcement Officer is consulted when a request is made to permanently rescind a pay and display parking bay. Consideration is given to the amount of spaces on the street and the amount of permits issued.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive that "Children at Play" signs be erected within Rialto Street/Cottages please?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the 30 km/h speed limit zone, 30 km/h speed limit signs have been erected at all entry points to the zone, indicating the commencement of the reduced speed limit. Incorporated into such 30 km/h speed limit signage are "Home Zone" and "Slow Zone" signs warning motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children.

In view of this the Area Traffic Engineer has reported that it is not proposed to add further signage at this location.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive that a pilot residential parking priority scheme, where the majority of spaces are clearly marked for residents only and a proportion clearly marked for visitors/business - be trailed at Rialto Cottages (numbers 12-29), adapting this successful scheme from Belfast City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Officer will consider the proposal and revert to Councillor Devine with his recommendations.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive that an assessment of the public lighting at the road linking New Dolphin Park to Dolphin House Community Centre be undertaken. It seems some of the lighting has been deactivated and the residents, especially those elderly at the new Dolphin Park are fearful when traversing the area to access the local shops and local amenities.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Lighting Department will carry out an assessment of the lighting on the road linking New Dolphin Park to Dolphin House Community Centre.

There was, however, new public lighting installed nearby in conjunction with the new FOLD Housing development on Dolphin Park and this is operational.

In relation to the deactivated lighting mentioned in the question this was temporary lighting that was provided to facilitate construction activities on the new development while maintaining lighting in areas still accessible to the public. This temporary lighting was due to be decommissioned and removed when the new lights were switched on. Unfortunately there was a period where both the temporary lighting and new lighting

were operating side by side as DCC wasn't informed that the new lighting was powered up. However the new lighting meets the required standard for such a development and there are no plans to provide additional lighting here.

**Q.68 LORD MAYOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can sensory gardens be put in all local parks which are a benefit to our special needs community?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Sensory gardens often form part of new park developments, the latest one being unveiled in Ballyfermot Peoples Park in June 2022. Often where space is a constraint and a more multi-functional approach is needed the principles inherent in sensory garden design can be brought into the overall design so that the sensory function is emphasised and forms part of the overall park experience. This approach is now widely used and ensures that where space is not available for a stand-alone sensory garden, when park refurbishment projects are planned this requirement can be met.

**Q.69 LORD MAYOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can parks buy in bulk wildflower seeds so local groups can buy these directly at cost. The reason is to ensure they are the correct seed i.e. Irish native rather than groups buying from supermarkets etc. which are not always Irish native.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services provides some pollinator friendly plants for local groups, including spring flowering bulbs and some perennial plants. They have provided wildflower seeds in the past. However, the advice from the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and leading botanists is to allow areas to naturalise first to allow native wildflowers that are occurring in the existing seed bank to grow. These flowers provide better pollen and nectar resources and to replace these with short flowering mixes would be detrimental to our pollinator populations. The Biodiversity Officer is happy to liaise with groups who would like to enhance their local area for biodiversity and can advise on appropriate planting schemes.

Wildflower meadows are increasingly in demand as part of the open spaces throughout the city. The preferred ecological approach to developing wildflower meadows in an existing open space is to allow the natural seed bank inherent in the existing soil to establish first rather than introducing new seed mixes to the area.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following: that a 50kph sign be erected in the vicinity of lamppost 119 on **(details supplied)** on the grounds of safety. This has previously been raised with DCC see below **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Traffic Section will install a 50 km/h sign & pole on **(details supplied)**, approximately 75 metres east of the interchange.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following issue regarding a garden wall: **(details supplied 1)**. As a result of heavy traffic using **(details supplied 2)** the boundary wall is cracking. As it is a boundary wall onto a public road is the council half responsible for this?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance completed an inspection of the wall at this location (**details supplied**). It was found that this is a boundary wall around a private property. It was noted that there is cracking present which would suggest that there are structural issues related to the wall itself. It was also noted that this wall appears to have been increased in height at a later stage which would have added additional loading to the wall foundation.

Road Maintenance would advise that, as the maintenance of this wall is a matter for the property owner that property owner organises the repair of this wall before further deterioration of the wall takes place.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding plans to roll out Electric Vehicle charging points throughout the city especially at apartment blocks & to advise as to the number of EV there were in 2018/ 2019 / 2020 / 2021 & to date in 2022.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

According to the SEAI, at the end of May 2022 – there were approximately 41,000” electric vehicles, including plug-in hybrids, on the road in Ireland.

According to figures from the Society of the Irish Motor Industry (SIMI), 8,646 new electric cars were registered in 2021 compared to 4,013 in 2020 and 3,444 in 2019. It means that only 8.24% of all cars sold in Ireland in 2021 were fully electric.

The rise in electric vehicle (EV) sales continues and they made up 20.85 per cent of the new car market so far in 2022 (May).

BEV 8,261 (13.10%) registered between Jan and May 2022  
PHEV 4,889 (7.75%)

Further to my general reply on this matter last year and the subsequent completion of an industry stakeholder engagement piece late last year, the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now complete. The DMA working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project. This will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies and the use of suitable Council facilities is under consideration. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport. The Department published (31 March) its National Strategy setting out potential new sources of funding and capacity building measures to enable the transition and an initial consultation period has just finished.

Variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to enable and facilitate an increase in the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the Department and the SEAI regarding the available schemes of funding and a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study, to deliver an EV charging solution for the Dublin Metropolitan Area.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following:

- a) That road be tested for ramps test as residents are looking for ramps on **(details supplied)**
- b) That trees be cut in the estate as the trees planted were for a park & are overgrown relative to the houses

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) **(details supplied)** is short in length (approx. 130 metres) which is not conducive to speed and does not meet the criteria for the provision of ramps (it does not have a straight road of more than 200 metres). It is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking, which reduces the carriageway width for motorists and increases driver caution.

In addition, **(details supplied)** is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. This is clearly marked at entrance from Blunden Drive.

Considering the above, further measures such as ramps are not recommended.

- b) These trees appear in good condition and have been extensively crown-lifted in the past. An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the legal cases / legal issues in respect of the Sandymount Cycleway up to the time of and before the start of this current three judge appeal court case only please. The report to include the cost of all legal bills on this matter covering the same time period please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A judicial review was taken by the applicants against the Council and others - Peter Carvill and Mannix Flynn v Dublin City Council, Ireland and the Attorney General (High Court Record No. 2021/111JR). The applicants were successful in the High Court. An Order of Certiorari was granted quashing the decision of Dublin City Council, to proceed with the Strand Road Cycle Trial. Justice Meenan held that both an Environmental Impact Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment was required for the proposed cycleway and that the screening reports commissioned by the Council were fundamentally flawed. The judgement of Justice Meenan on 30th July 2021 is available on the website of the Courts Service. The matter is currently under appeal to the Court of Appeal. As such costs have not yet been settled.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the role played by the likes of Arnott's Plc and McDonalds Restaurants in providing toilets and baby changing facilities in the city for the public to use considering DCC's failure to provide same despite many requests from councillors to do so. Does the CE believe that these type of establishments are worthy of a Lord's Mayors award considering their service to the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Lord Mayors awards are an annual event with the 2022 ceremony-taking place on Thursday 23/06/2022. It is entirely a matter for the Lord Mayor of the day to select and recognise any premises or persons they believe deserving of an award.

The number of commercial premises providing toilet facilities for the use of their customers are great and varied and it would be very difficult to single out or distinguish any one organisation, group or business for a Lord Mayors award on that basis. The availability of such facilities for the public use are of course very welcome and in many cases a mandatory requirement attached by the Council as part of the planning approval process before any business can be established.

Waste Management are currently exploring the provision of permanent public toilet facilities in the city centre. Toilet facilities available by DCC for public use are below:

Grafton Street	10am to 6pm Monday to Sunday
Ryders Row, D1	10am to 6pm Monday to Sunday
Dollymount, Bull Wall	24 Hours
St. Annes Park Tearooms	9am to 6pm Monday to Sunday
Herbert Park Tearooms	9am to 5pm Monday to Sunday
St. Patricks Park Tearooms	10am to 6pm Monday to Sunday
City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2	10am to 5pm Monday to Sunday
Markievicz Leisure Centre, Townsend Street, Dublin 2	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
St. Catherine's Sports Centre, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Irishtown Stadium, Strand Street, Dublin 4	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Strand Road (beside Martello Tower), Sandymount, Dublin 4	24 Hours
Finglas Leisure Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas, Dublin 11	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Cabra Parkside Sports Centre, Ratoath Road, Cabra, Dublin 7	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Ballymun Leisure Centre, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre, Blackditch Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Clontarf Rd. Sports Pitches, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	10am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday
Ballymun Library, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Cabra Library, Navan Road, Cabra, Dublin 7	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Coolock Library, Barryscourt Road, Kilmore, Dublin 17	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm

Raheny Library, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Ballyfermot Library, Ballyfermot Road, Kilemore, Dublin 10	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Pearse Street Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Rathmines Library, Rathmines, Dublin 6	Monday & Thursday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm
Drumcondra Library, Millmount Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 9	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Dolphins Barn Library, Parnell Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Kevin Street Library, Lower Kevin Street, Dublin 8	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Dublin 4	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Terenure Library, Templeogue Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm
Walkinstown Library, Percy French Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12	Monday 1pm to 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that all the Road Safety Audit no 3 recommendations have been implemented in respect of the Griffith Ave Cycleway please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Road Safety Audit for the Section of Griffith Avenue between Walnut Rise and Charlemont Estate was conducted on 25th August 2021. The full audit and the recommendations are still available for inspection on the Griffith Avenue Public Consultation page.

In total the auditors identified 11 items that they considered problematic and made recommendations to address.

The project to install cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue remains on-going. While some of the issues raised as part of the Road Safety Audit have already been addressed, others will be addressed as part of the upcoming works in the Griffith Avenue Swords Road junction upgrade while others will be addressed as part of the installation of the permanent arrangement along Griffith Avenue which will involve coloured surfacing to the cycle lanes and installation of the final road markings. A table summarising the issues raised in the RSA, using the original numbering, and the responses is included below:

Number	Issue	Response
3.1	Tapers ahead of floating parking	Will be addressed as part of the permanent arrangements.
3.2	Yield Signs ahead of Bus Stops	Will be addressed as part of the permanent arrangements.
3.3	Cleaning of Cycle Lanes	Is being addressed as part of on-going maintenance by Street Cleansing
3.4	Approach To Beresford Avenue	Addressed. Red surfacing has been applied to cycle lane in advance of junction
3.5	Protected Cycle Lanes either side of Swords Road	Will be provided as part of the Swords Road junction upgrade works.
3.6	Parking Bay outside Corpus Christi	Addressed. Bollards removed and red surfacing installed
3.7	Priority Controlled Side Roads	Addressed: Green Bollards have been installed.
3.8	Calderwood Road- Missing bollard	Addressed: Missing/damaged bollards are rectified as part of on-going maintenance
3.9	Overhanging Trees	Parks have been made aware of the issue and address as part of on-going maintenance

3.10	Road Markings on Approach to the Swords junction	Will be addressed as part of the Swords Road junction upgrade works.
3.11	Toucan Crossings	Will be addressed as part of future Bus Connects project

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a full report on an amendment that was passed by the Council at the September 2020 council meeting whereby a revised speed limit of 40 km/h for suburban roads will be implemented on specific designated roads outside the canals please. Each area committee was to be consulted for their own recommendations for the preparation of a revised scheme to go out to public consultation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Traffic Section are investigating a further plan of action in relation to reducing speed limits within Dublin City, including proposed 40 km/h on designated roads outside the canals. However, due to limited resources, progress on the plan is slow and consultation with Area Committees has been delayed. Therefore, the Councillor will be updated on the matter in September.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following query in relation to the older people's housing at **(details supplied)**.



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied)** is an Approved Housing Body Complex, run by Fold and therefore not a Dublin city council issue.

I can confirm that all residents are given a guided tour of all facilities onsite before they sign their tenancy agreement.

These Complex's provide independent living and all residents living here can raise any issues such as provided above with the local management of the complex.

Dublin City Council has made contact with FOLD Housing directly regarding this tenants query and they have advised the following, **(details supplied 1)** Older Persons Housing Complex on the **(details supplied 2)** has a communal outdoor garden which is landscaped and is utilised by a tenants, some of whom are involved in planting and Fold have provided funds for this..

The corridors in the development are extra wide and contain bays which are equipped with sofas and books and are large enough to hold chair exercise groups and casual space for residents to congregate – residents have held parties themselves at Christmas and New Year's Eve here and chair yoga and other activities have also taken place in these shared spaces.

The church hall next door to the complex is available for community get togethers any time it is required. As recently as last Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June a summer get together was held for all residents in here. **(details supplied 1)** has a dedicated Housing Officer and tenant engagement officer who visit the scheme a minimum of weekly to check on tenant's welfare. Fold's housing officer has been holding one to one clinics on site for any tenant who needs assistance or advice and all tenants have direct access to their housing officer via mobile phone.

There is also a residents association which meets regularly and every resident is encouraged to become involved. Fold maintenance and development staff are also on site on a regular basis. The residents association can bring suggestions forward around a general large/bulky waste disposal initiative should the residents require this periodically or indeed a resident can always speak directly to their Housing Officer about this.

There is a large communal bin store with recycling bins – green and brown – available for tenants and all tenants are encouraged to recycle and every assistance is given for this, bins are collected weekly.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

- a). Can this be looked at with Dublin Bus? The parking of the **(details supplied 2)**.
- b) The traffic calming speed bumps on **(details supplied 3)** need to be replaced as they are in such a bad state they could damage cars.
- C) The Parks dept. to carry out extensive curb weed spraying throughout the estate as it is badly needed.
- D) Who is responsible for the central medium along the stretch of the **(details supplied 4)**. This area is in very bad condition and had never been looked after since the developer planted the trees along the centre of the road. It needs to be swept/cleaned

and some flower boxed or bulbs planted here would make a big difference to the area. Very rundown looking as is.

E). Why didn't the planning dept. pursue the breach in planning in relation to **(details supplied 5)** the boundary is an absolute disgrace (bare block low wall and grey spiked industrial fencing surrounding the buildings.) I wonder why the owners don't see that it's the most uninviting surrounding to attract business. There is also an abandoned large sign that has been blank for about 8 years! I wonder if the owners can be approached and asked what plans they have to improve this area. I have looked at several of their complexes in the UK and none of them look like this. All that is needed is for the wall to be clad and the fencing replaced with railings.

F). the parks dep did plant wildflowers on this corner last year, but it been left abandoned this year for some reason?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A) With regard to the request to move the terminus down to Clongriffin **(details supplied 2)** this request has been referred to the NTA for their comments. On receipt of the NTA's response the Councillor will then be notified.

B) The ramps at **(details supplied)** are not part of the resurfacing programme 2022. However upon inspection it can be seen that these ramps are in need of repair. Road Maintenance will try to have these ramps repaired as soon as possible if the budget is available.

C) Control of curb-side weeds is not a matter for the Parks Service.

D) Neither the sweeping of hard surface medians nor installation of flower boxes on such areas are matter for the Parks Service. It is noted that a good number of trees planted opposite the hotel have failed over the last few years. It is not clear why this is the case. The planting pits will be inspected over the summer months to assess their suitability for replanting as part of next winter's tree planting programme.

E) The planning enforcement section will inspect the area mentioned in Part E of the Councillors question, **(details supplied)** and reply directly to him in terms of whether any enforcement action is possible in respect of the matters raised.

F) This area is not maintained by the Parks Service and is considered part of the shopping centre. The wildflowers were not planted by the Parks Service but by the developer or management of the centre.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following:

a) Can the gap in the park fencing please be fixed at **(details supplied 1)**. The gap is in the corner on the right hand side.

b) Can the road surface please be tarmacked beside the park railings at **(details supplied 2)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

a) The railings will be inspected in the coming weeks with a view to affecting a repair as soon as local schedules allow.

- b) Road Maintenance completed an inspection of the location **(details supplied)**. It was found that although this section did not visually seem as appealing to the eye with moss attached on top of the tarmac, the tarmac did appear to be in relatively good condition and did not seem to be trafficked on very often. Road Maintenance would prefer to target other areas in the North Central Area which are in a more urgent need of repair at this time.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following:

- a) Can some park benches be provided in the park between **(details supplied 1)**
- b) Also, residents request that the walkway be completed onto **(details supplied 2)**
- c) To ask that the mound in the Park be removed close to the **(details supplied 3)** as it is being used as a dumping ground for dig dirt etc... Has its lack of success being reviewed?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) A bench was installed in 2021 as a trial in the park. So far it has been a success and Parks will seek to add more benches incrementally subject to budget.
- b) There are no plans to extend the footpath through this biodiversity area.
- c) The mound was created during the installation of the paths in **(details supplied)** in order to avoid the costs and emissions involved in sending spoil to landfill. It was planted with a variety of trees; pines, birches and amelanchiers, which were under-planted with daffodils, the foliage of which had to be allowed to die-back naturally to feed up the bulbs to ensure successful flowering next spring. This unfortunately allowed the seedbank of the disturbed soil to dominate the planting scheme. These weeds species in the mound will be dealt with as resources allow and the area will be seeded with grass.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please confirm how many;  
BTR developments have received planning permission in Dublin City, what is the total number of apartment units,  
BTR developments are currently seeking planning permission, what is the total number of apartment units?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Set out in the table below are the details of the number of Build to Rent (BTR) planning permissions granted or currently awaiting decision by either Dublin City Council or An Bord Pleanála with a breakdown of the number of associated units:

52 BTR Applications have been Granted Permission by <b>DCC</b> and <b>ABP</b> – <b><u>12,869 Units</u></b>
3 BTR Applications are currently waiting for a Decision by DCC – <b><u>643 Units.</u></b>
4 SHD BTR Applications are currently waiting for a decision by ABP – <b><u>1,317 Units</u></b>
2 BTR Applications Refused Permission by <b>DCC</b> but Granted Permission by <b>ABP</b> - <b><u>137 Units.</u></b>
5 Applications Granted Permission by <b>DCC</b> are on Appeal to <b>ABP</b> – <b><u>340 Units.</u></b>

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please outline the total cost owed to Dublin City Council by the HSE for the Dublin Fire Brigade and emergency ambulance service, what attempts have been made to recoup this cost, and what plans are in place to recoup this cost for this service in future years?

**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.84 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any negotiations taking place concerning Part 5 units in BTR developments, can the CE confirm what sites are involved and how many units in total are subject to these negotiations?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended 2002) requires that where a residential development is undertaken, including Build to Rent developments, that an agreement be entered into by the applicant with the City Council for the provision of social and affordable housing subject to certain exceptions. Part V does not apply to residential developments of 9 or fewer dwellings (recent changes to legislation reduced the number of dwellings to 4, subject to a transition period) or sites of 0.1 HA or less provided the applicant has applied for and been granted an Exemption Certificate from the Planning Authority.

The City Council is actively negotiating Part V units in the following Build to Rent developments;

Project Name	Administrative Area	Part V Status	Part V Units
City Block 3	Central Area	In negotiations	47
Parkgate Street 42a/26	South Central Area	In negotiations	51
Corner of Mill Street and Sweeney's Terrace	South Central Area	In negotiations	3
Chivers Site, Coolock	North Central Area	In negotiations	55

The City Council has recently negotiated Part V units and additional social units in the following Build to Rent developments;

Project Name	Administrative Area	Part V Status	Part V Units	Additional Units
Bonnington Hotel, Swords Road	North Central Area	Agreement in place	12	112
Newtown (Tyreland) Malahide Road	North Central Area	Agreement in place	33	60
3 Poplar Row	Central Area	Agreement in place	3	36
Former Dulux Factory Site, Davitt Road	South Central Area	Agreement in place	26	
IDA Business Centre, Newmarket	South Central Area	Agreement in place	41	
Former Faulkners Site (Tristan Square)	South Central Area	Agreement in place	17	155

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the tap in the Bluebell graveyard is reinstated to ensure visitors have access to running water?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks will seek prices to install a tap at the above location. Depending on cost works it may need to wait until 2023 when a new Parks Improvements budget comes available.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the timeframe for work to begin on the preparation of a background issues paper for an Environmental Improvement Plan for **(details supplied)** as recently agreed unanimously by the Central Area Committee; the expected timeframe for the delivery of same and the consultation process that will be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not possible for Central Area staff to advance this plan as it falls outside the core business of the Area Office. The focus of the area office is to further progress the areas Neighbourhood Transport Scheme along with our colleagues in the Environment & Transportation Department. The 'next-steps' of the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme plan has been circulated to all area Councillors last month (June).

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive progress report into the delivery of **(details supplied)**; the likely projects to be advanced across 2023; and to specify the progress here to fore in respect of the Summary Principles for the Plan as detailed on P.51 of the Strategy Document; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following the completion of the **(details supplied)**, DCC Parks, Landscape & Biodiversity Services have been working to achieve the aims of the Strategy – to implement green infrastructure interventions as an integrated network of parks, open spaces, tree-lined streets and other nature-based solutions to deliver on UN sustainability goals and climate-action objectives.

A core principle of the approach is to develop the projects through co-design with the local community. The Parks landscape architecture team continue to engage with residents on a project by project basis to develop options.

Below are a list of the upcoming projects that include tree planting on the key East-West routes Arbour Hill, Montpelier Hill and Cowper Street and on secondary residential roads and feasibility stage for a new park in the area.

**At Tender**

Tree planting on Sigurd Road, Niall Street & Murtagh Road – Contractors tender response expected on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July with construction complete by November

**Preparation for construction tender:**

**Arbour Hill Rain garden** –Detailed design is being finalised based on the Road Safety Audit. We envisage it will be ready for tender in August with construction completed by November 2022

**Cowper Street Green School** – A proposal for tree planting and traffic calming on Cowper Street is at detailed design. An update on this project will be communicated by email in Cllrs in July. Aim to tender for construction in September.

### **Detailed design**

**Montpelier Hill tree planting & traffic calming** – Developing detailed design. Further consultation will follow in July-August

**Swords Street & Fitzwilliam Place North Tree planting** – Tender in September for construction in 2023

### **Concept**

**Moira Road Pocket park** – This project will be detailed during the test closure of the section of Moira road between Ben Edair & Niall Street. We are finalising the details of this closure with E&T with aim to be implemented in July.

**Aughrim Street Park** – Early feasibility stage for park improvements at the Aughrim Street MUGA. Community wide consultation will be planned in autumn.

#### **Q.88 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to specify the planned improvements being prepared by the Parks Department in respect of **(details supplied)**; the likely time frame for the implementation of same; and to detail the nature of the recent meetings that took place on site between officials from the Parks Department and members of An Garda Síochána; the actions agreed by both and the implementation of each to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

The queries raised remain under consideration by the Parks Biodiversity & Landscape Services Section. Cllr McAdam will be contacted in this regard once this review is complete.

#### **Q.89 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for **(details supplied)** to be resurfaced given all other roads in the area have been resurfaced in recent years due to the success of this Councillor securing funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

Resurfacing of the carriageway at **(details supplied)** will not feature as part of the 2022 Works Programme. It will be considered in subsequent works programmes. An enquiry **(Ref: 11123837)** has been created for local defects at **(details supplied)** and forwarded directly to the area inspector for attention who will assess this location.

#### **Q.90 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is an update to my previous requests for the amenities to be improved at **(details supplied)**:

1. To request a timeline as to when the tarmac will be resurfaced and the sports equipment upgraded and the sports nets replaced?
2. Is there a revised timeline/update on a new playground for this area? It has been mooted for the past three years.
3. Are there plans for an outdoor gym here?

4. Will there be further landscaping at this location following the area recently being used as a construction site.
5. Is there plans for further public lighting to be erected here and if not, could it be?
6. To request the grass be cut more regularly here?
7. To request that a suite of measures be introduced here to tackle the dog litter problem?
8. To request that measures be put in place to tackle the litter issue at this location and that the sports areas be swept regularly?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. Resurfacing of tarmac area was completed last year during reinstatement works of the open space. Parks services have recently engaged a contractor to carry out improvement works to sports equipment and awaiting further details regards contractor scheduling to complete these works.

2. Park services are currently assessing how the space is functioning following the opening of the new train station, in terms of levels of anti-social behaviour and how increased footfall is influencing how people use the space. Parks services are more than happy to engage with stakeholders and residents to look at how the open space could be developed, which may include a play equipment, into the future and in the context of future budgets.

3. Parks services have assessed the open space recently with the view to install some outdoor gym equipment, it is anticipated these works will happen in the coming months.

4. There will be some further improvement works to address some patchy areas of grass in the coming months.

5. Parks services do not have any further details regards lighting at the park. This would be a matter for Public Lighting to address.

New public lighting has been installed on two footpaths in **(details supplied 1)** in conjunction with the new train station. One footpath links **(details supplied 2)** to the new train station and the other links **(details supplied 3)** estate to the train station as well. The light levels on the footpaths are satisfactory and there are no further plans for any works on the Public Light in Ashington Park.

6. Parks services expect a more regular and improved standard of grass cutting from now on, as contractors have now received new stock of machinery to fulfil requirements of the new contract 2022-2025 and to ensure all areas are cut regularly, which includes **(details supplied)**. Park services will continue to monitor this situation.

7. Parks services will carry out a review and ensure that appropriate dog signage is in place to remind dog owners of their duties to clean up after their pets.

8. The new Landscape Maintenance Contract 2022-2025 includes a weekly litter pick of this open space. Parks services will highlight this with contractor to ensure the sports area is kept clean and requirements of the contract are upheld.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive for the update and timelines regarding the proposed retail unit (coffee shop) and adjoining toilet at Griffith Park.

**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.92 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the trees at **(details supplied)** be trimmed where they are dropping onto the footpath to avoid members of the public being hit with branches.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Park services will examine these trees in the coming weeks and any necessary crown raising of these trees will be included in the tree care programme for the area.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update for my request for the speed ramp at **(details supplied)** be repaired due to the bad condition it is in.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The speed ramp opposite was recently reconstructed as part of the **(details supplied)** Station development and is now complete.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive for Dublin City to address traffic light difficulties at the junction of Cork Street/Ardee Street, where local residents have repeatedly complained of cars coming through when the light is green for pedestrians.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This issue has been referred to our Traffic Officers to investigate the feasibility of installing double height or cantilever traffic signal poles at this location. We will revert with a follow up response when this review has been completed. Please note that the ITS section have previously reviewed the operation of the traffic signals at this junction. Following this review, the All Red Time after the traffic phase runs was increased by 2 seconds above the standard required to allow a greater length of time before the pedestrian light goes green. This measure was implemented on the 29/01/21 following previous queries.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the HAP and Homeless HAP tenancies currently supported by Dublin City Council, categorising as follows: Single Adult; Couple; Single Parent with dependents; and Families (Two parents with dependents).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please find set out below the breakdown for the current active Mainstream DCC HAP tenancies:

Applicant Size	Numbers
Single	961
Single Shared	500



Single Plus 1	1424
Single Plus 2	643
Single Plus 3	209
Couple	259
Couple Shared	18
Couple Plus 1	483
Couple Plus 2	603
Couple Plus 3	339
	5439

The breakdown of Homeless HAP tenancies currently supported by Dublin City Council are outlined in the table on the next page:

Household Size	No. of tenancies
Single Adult	1,546
Single and 1 dependent	1,679
Single and 2 dependents	769
Single and 3+ dependents	270
Couple	131
Couple and 1 dependent	308
Couple and 2 dependents	336
Couple and 3+ dependents	301
Total	5,340

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that there is a planning enforcement file open against **(details supplied)** and provide a full history of enforcement activities and latest actions?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following a full and detailed investigation by the Planning Enforcement Section an enforcement notice has recently been served on the owners of the property concerned;

1. **The removal of the unauthorized front porch / front extension.**
2. **The removal of the first floor flat roofed extension to the rear which exceeds the height of the eaves.**

**This notice is to be complied with, within the period commencing Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June and ending on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

A further inspection will be carried out towards the end of August to check for compliance with the notice. If the issues concerned have not been regularised at that time further action will be considered.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm which agency has the remit for investigating the noise complaint issue as set out in correspondence below **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will investigate noise complaints under the provisions of Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 (Noise) Regulations, 1994. The below link will advise how to make a complaint.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/air-quality-monitoring-and-noise-control-unit/making-noise-pollution-complaint>

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the assessment of a traffic calming request for Collinswood (Ref # 7020525) as raised at the March 2022 Area Committee.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) have prepared a tender to procure consultancy services for review of speed surveys and recommendations for traffic calming measures for highlighted 30km/h roads, with the aim of implementing traffic calming measures where appropriate subject to funding. Once the Area Engineer receives designs from the consultants, TAG will determine what, if any recommendations are necessary.