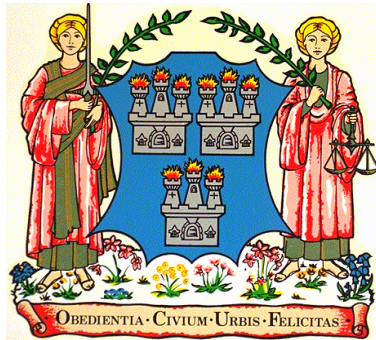


**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 5<sup>th</sup> Meán Fómhair 2022 sa Seomra Cruinn ag Teach An tÁrdmhéara agus ar físchomhdháil cianda ag 6.15 i.n.i láthair an tArdmhéara Caroline Conroy sa chathaoir

**Comhairleoir:**

Daryl Barron  
Tom Brabazon  
Claire Byrne  
Hazel Chu  
Caroline Conroy  
Joe Costello  
Hazel de Nortúin  
Máire Devine  
Pat Dunne  
Terence Flanagan  
James Geoghegan  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Dermot Lacey  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Paddy McCartan  
Declan Meenagh  
Sophie Nicoulaud  
Cat O'Driscoll  
Larry O'Toole  
Nial Ring  
Michael Watters

**Comhairleoir:**

Racheal Batten  
Christy Burke  
Danny Byrne  
Anthony Connaghan  
Deirdre Conroy  
Deirdre Cronin  
Daithí de Róiste  
Kevin Donoghue  
Anne Feeney  
Mannix Flynn  
Alison Gilliland  
Janet Horner  
Darcy Lonergan  
Briege MacOscar  
Eimer McCormack  
Carolyn Moore  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Damian O'Farrell  
Michael Pidgeon  
Patricia Roe

**Comhairleoir:**

Janice Boylan  
Dearbháil Butler  
Mary Callaghan  
Keith Connolly  
Donna Cooney  
Daniel Céitinn  
Tara Deacy  
Daithí Doolan  
Declan Flanagan  
Mary Freehill  
Deirdre Heney  
Vincent Jackson  
John Lyons  
Ray McAdam  
Séamas McGrattan  
Darragh Moriarty  
Claire O'Connor  
Colm O'Rourke  
Noeleen Reilly  
Catherine Stocker

**Oifigigh**

Owen Keegan  
Kathy Quinn  
Richard Shakespeare  
Samantha Gill  
Ruth Dowling  
Coilín O'Reilly

Eileen Quinlivan  
Caroline Fallon  
John Flanagan  
Kirsten Hart  
Victor Leonov  
Alice Simington

Natalie Leonard  
Kim Breen  
Michael Gallagher  
Owen P. Keegan  
Brendan O'Brien  
Liam Bergin

## 1 Lord Mayor's Business

### **In memorium**

The Lord Mayor extended her deepest sympathies on behalf of the City Council to the family, friends and neighbours following the tragic loss of three young people in Tallaght over the weekend. A minute silence was observed.

### **Congratulations**

The Lord Mayor expressed her gratitude to Brother Kevin of The Capuchin Day Centre for over 50 years of service helping those in need.

### **Lord Mayor Scrolls**

The Lord Mayor informed council that she presented Lord Mayor Scrolls to six staff from Parks & Biodiversity and Landscape Services (Ian O'Lone, David O'Donnell, Gavin Doyle, Joseph O'Neill, Joseph Byrne and Brian Dowling) in recognition of their professionalism in dealing with a serious situation relating to a bus crash incident that occurred on Northumberland Road recently.

### **Councillor Conference**

The Lord Mayor sought agreement from the members to approve the Dublin Economics Workshop in Wexford. Agreed

### **Recovery Month**

The Lord Mayor noted that September is National Recovery Month with many events happening across the city to bring awareness to initiatives that promote and support evidence-based treatment and recovery practices. She urged all members to attend an event if possible.

### **Donore Avenue Youth and Community Centre**

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the presence of a gathering of people outside City Hall who were campaigning for the reinstatement of the Donore Avenue Youth and Community Centre, which was devastated by a recent fire. She informed council that she had engaged with Council Officials and local councillors to examine ways in which to speed up the restoration works. An update has been circulated to local councillors. Staff from the local area office will be engaging with local groups in the coming weeks.

## 2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 18

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

## 3 Correspondence was received from the following Local Authorities;

Correspondence was received from the following Local Authorities;

- Donegal County Council
- Kerry County Council
- Limerick City County Council
- Wexford County Council

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of all correspondence listed. The motion was put and carried.

- (a) One vacancy on the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Claire O'Connor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Heney and seconded by Cllr. Daryl Barron that Cllr. Tom Brabazon be appointed to the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) To appoint a Chairperson of the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Claire O'Connor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Heney and seconded by Cllr. Daryl Barron that Cllr. Tom Brabazon be appointed Chairperson to the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) One vacancy on the Climate Change, Environment & Energy Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Tom Brabazon.

It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Heney and seconded by Cllr. Daryl Barron that Cllr. Claire O'Connor be appointed to the Climate Change, Environment & Energy Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- 5 To confirm the minutes of the Annual City Council meeting held on the 27th June 2022, the Monthly City Council meeting held on the 4th July 2022 and the Development Plan meetings held on the 5th, 6th and the 7th July 2022.

The minutes of the Annual City Council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and Monthly City Council meeting held on the 4th July 2022 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

The minutes of the Development Plan meetings held on the 5th, 6th and the 7th July 2022 were deferred.

- 6 Reports of the Chief Executive, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8:

- (a) Report No. 231/2022 - Proposed development of 93 residential dwellings at Shangan Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 231/2022 and hereby approves the contents as set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 232/2022 - Proposed development of the construction of 83 residential dwellings at Collins Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 232/2022 and hereby approves the contents as set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 207/2022 of the Executive Manager (D. Kelly) - With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way over a walkway/desire line across a site at Coolock Lane, Dublin 17 (Site otherwise known as the Oscar Traynor Road Development Site).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that we, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way over a walkway/desire line across a site at Coolock Lane, Dublin 17 (Site otherwise known as the Oscar Traynor Road Development Site) as shown on the attached drawing SM-2021-003 is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993. The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Disposal of Fee Simple and Freehold Interest:

- 9 Report No. 214/2022 of the Executive Manager (F. D'Arcy) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 214/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Granting of Licenses and Leases:

- (a) Report No. 217/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With further reference to the proposed grant of a Licence to Dublin City Farm and Ecology Centre CLG to manage and operate St. Anne's City Farm, at lands adjoining St. Anne's Walled Garden, St. Anne's Park, Raheny, Dublin 5.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 217/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 218/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of Units G05-G07 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, No. 1 Green Street, Dublin 7 to North Dublin Citizens Information Service CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.218/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 219/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Units T12 & T14 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7 to the Irish Penal Reform Trust.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.219/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 220/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Units S06 - S10 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7 to Snug Counselling & Information Service CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.220/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (e) Report No. 221/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of Unit T22 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7 to Safetynet Primarycare CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 221/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 222/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 year Short Term Business Letting of Workshop 3 & 4 Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9, to Poppintree Environmental Project Limited.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 222/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (a) Report No. 223/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of further licence of the Ballybough Community Facility (formerly known as Ballybough Pigeon Club) Ballybough, Dublin 1 to Ballybough Boxing Club.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 223/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 225/2022 of the A/Executive (M. Igoe) - With further reference to the proposed grant of a 10-year licence of the all-weather pitch at Brickfield Park, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 to St. John Bosco Football Club.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 225/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 228/2022 of the A/Executive Manager - With reference to the lease of the property known as Dance House, Liberty Corner, Foley Street, Dublin 1 to the Association of Professional Dancers in Ireland CLG t/a Dance Ireland.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 228/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

13 Disposal of Property:

- (a) Report No. 215/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of 118 Chanel Road Dublin 5.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 215/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 216/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to a proposed disposal of a plot to the front of 5 Cairn Court, Poppintree, Dublin 11.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 216/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 224/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the front of 5 Streamville Close, Donaghmede, Dublin 13.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.224/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 226/2022 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 5 Marino Green, Marino Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 226/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (a) Report No. 227/2022 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Braithwaite Street, Pimlico, Dublin 8 to Focus Housing Association CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 227/2022 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 210/2022 of the Assistant Chief Executive (C. O'Reilly) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 210/2022. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 229/2022 of the Assistant Chief Executive (C. O' Reilly) Dublin City Council's Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council approves the contents of Report No. 229/2022. The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 212/2022 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to Temporary Overdraft Accommodation on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the Period From 1st January to 31st December 2023.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council approves the contents of Report No. 212/2022 and to the seeking of the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to this borrowing. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 230/2022 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement and Reports as submitted under the EU/IMF Framework.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 230/2022. The motion was put and carried.

It was agreed that the Lord Mayor would write to the Health Service Executive in relation to the shortfall in funding of our ambulance service.

- 19 Report No. 209/2022 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.209 /2022. The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 206/2022 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 15th July 2022, Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 206/2022. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 205/2022 of the Area Committees - Breviates of Area Committee meetings held in the month of July 2022.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 205/2022. The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 204/2022 of the Area Joint Policing Sub Committees - Breviates of the Area Joint Policing Sub Committee meetings.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 204/2022. The motion was put and carried.

It was raised by Cllr. Keith Connolly that there was an error in relation to the date of the North West Area JPC, this was corrected to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

- 23 Report No. 213/2022 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 13th July 2022, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 213/2022. The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Report No. 208/2022 of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 25th July 2022, Councillor Cat O'Driscoll Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 208/2022. The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 211/2022 of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 5th July 2022, Councillor Tara Deacy, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 211/2022. The motion was put and carried.

- 26 Topical Issues

No topical issues were submitted for consideration.

- 27 Motions on Notice

**Motion No. 1** proposed by Cllr. Vincent Jackson and seconded by Cllr Christy Burke *“that Dublin City Council Management see the employment & enhancement of Community Development Staff working on the ground across the City of Dublin as essential tool in developing the full capacity of our communities, that staff numbers be increased to ensure we have sufficient staff to work with & motivate various voluntary groups on the ground. I look upon areas and see when we have good staff the multiplier effect this has on the ground, these effort must be fostered going forward and sufficient resources made available for the community development staff.”*

The motion put and carried.

It was unanimously agreed to take the following motion proposed by Cllr Hazel de Nortúin and seconded by Cllr Catherine Stocker without debate

*“This motion is to seek the introduction of a Domestic Violence Liaison Office within Dublin City Councils Housing Department. Women and children experiencing Domestic Violence are left with no options other than being forced into Homelessness to seek safety or in most cases, women won't see their children homeless so enduring the suffering at home is the option they choose in order to prevent the family being homeless.*

*We need more support from DCC to remove the alleged perpetrator from DCC tenancies and allow the victims to reside in their own home. This Council supports the review of current legislation to strengthen the powers of social landlords (LA or AHB) to remove tenancy rights from persons with a barring order to allow the safe enjoyment of the home by the victim of Domestic Violence. Therefore, the core function and purpose of the DV liaison officer would be to:*

- Act as a direct link between all DV services in Dublin and DCC for any housing needs DV clients have in a case management model.*
- Have a knowledge of and be able to access and escalate emergency cases at the different areas of housing such as allocations, HAP, homeless etc.*
- Act of an advocate for DV victims/survivors within DCC while having an awareness of places available in Family hubs/Crisis accommodation for DV clients in order to support a swifter accommodation response.*
- Understand the extensive Dynamics of Domestic Violence/Family Violence. Have an unbiased non-judgmental approach when working with clients who have experienced DV and to understand the complexities of DV and risk to*



*children exposed to the same.*

- *To write to the Housing Minister requesting that the Housing Legislation be amended to strengthen the removal of tenants convicted of Domestic Violence offenses.*
- *To offer support and advice with key stakeholders such as Gardai Justice Tusla and DSP to support victims of domestic violence access immediate safe accommodation.*

*This Council supports the review of current legislation to strengthen the powers of social landlords (LA or AHB) to remove tenancy rights from persons with a barring order to allow the safe enjoyment of the home by the victim of Domestic Violence. The motion was put and carried."*

The motion was put and carried.

**Motion No. 2** proposed by Cllr. Nial Ring and seconded by Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll that *"this council notes that 27 councils have passed motions calling for the reinternment of the Invincibles, as has the Central Area Committee of Dublin City Council.*

*The councils supporting the Invincibles Reinternment Campaign to date are:*

*Galway County Council, Westmeath County Council, Wexford County Council, Cork City Council, Tipperary County Council, Louth County Council, Sligo County Council, Cavan County Council, Carlow County Council, Clare County Council, Mid Ulster District Council, Laois County Council, Limerick City & County Council, Fingal County Council, Cork County Council, Mayo County Council, Monaghan County Council, South Dublin County Council, Derry City & Strabane District Council, Waterford County Council, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Dún Laoighaire – Rathdown County Council, Kildare County Council, Donegal County Council, Kerry County Council, Kilkenney County Council and Meath County Council.*

*The Members agree that Dublin City Council should be included on the list of councils that have passed motions calling for the Reinternment of the Invincibles. In adding the name of Dublin City Council to the list of supporting councils, the Members of Dublin City Council formally call on the Office of Public Works to carry out the necessary exhumation works to recover the remains of Joe Brady, Daniel Curley, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Tim Kelly, in what is commonly known as the Invincibles Yard at Kilmainham Gaol.*

*The bodies of these five members of the Irish National Invincibles lie beneath the paving slabs of the yard where they were executed in 1883 for their part in the Phoenix Park assassinations.*

*The families of the five men are represented by the National Graves Association and the wish of the families is for their relatives' remains to be exhumed from Kilmainham Gaol and reinterred in consecrated ground at Glasnevin cemetery."*

The motion was put and carried.

**Motion No. 3** proposed by Cllr. Carolyn Moore and seconded by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy *“that in recognising the challenges inherent in steering the city towards a sustainable, climate-proofed and green recovery from the economic impacts of Covid 19, this council agrees to follow the direction of Amsterdam, Portland, Philadelphia, Copenhagen and Brussels and formally implement the policies of Doughnut Economics in the preparation and finalisation of the City’s Local Economic and Community Plan.*

*In agreeing this objective, this council recognises that the principle of Doughnut Economics - implementing policies aimed at protecting the environment and natural resources, reducing social exclusion, and guaranteeing good living standards for all - offers a framework by which we can effectively realise the strategic vision of the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022 to 2028 in line with Dublin City Council’s Corporate commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and as such Dublin City Council will engage with the Advisory Group of the Dublin City Local Economic Community Plan (forthcoming) to identify the key stakeholders and partners for the development and adoption of the Doughnut Economics principles and working to commission a ‘city portrait’ for Dublin.”*

The motion was put to a vote and was carried. Full details of the vote can be found in **Appendix B** to these minutes.

**Motion No. 4** proposed by Cllr. Catherine Stocker and seconded by Cllr Naoise Ó Múiri *“that this council agrees that the manager should seek with urgency to install public toilet facilities in our public parks and areas with high footfall outside the city centre. That we agree this should be determined at local area committee level with a number of such facilities being allocated to each LEA. It is not acceptable that people who need to use toilets - in particular women who may be menstruating, pregnant or have weaker bladder control due to birth, older people or people with health issues who may have bladder or bowel weakness and children learning to use the toilet are left without basic facilities in our city in 2022.*

*A number of the Councillors on the North Central Area committee have now submitted motions at a local level requesting toilet provision to no avail. The model which was proposed to us was one of combining toilets and commercial outlets and has failed to materialise. We note that other local authorities are more than capable of providing and maintaining toilet facilities - in particular we note the installation of new toilet facilities in many areas of Fingal county council (Photo attached of toilets at the Ardgillan Castle playground but there are similar in many other locations - recently installed) and ask that if necessary the manager liaise with adjacent councils with a view to learning from their progress.”*

The motion was put and was carried.

**Motion No. 5** proposed by Cllr. Tara Deacy and seconded by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy *“that Dublin City Council agrees to the trialling of new Zebra Crossings in a number of local areas. There has been a reluctance to install this traffic calming measure in recent times and seems to be a policy of DCC not to use them anymore, can this be addressed.”*

The motion was put and was carried.

### **Comments**

At 9.25 p.m. it was proposed by Cllr Vincent Jackson and seconded by Cllr Cat O’Driscoll that the meeting be extended by one hour until 10.30 p.m. The motion was put and carried.

### **28 Emergency Motion(s)**

No Emergency Motions were taken for consideration.

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive whether flashing beacon lights are a national requirement for zebra crossings, or if zebra crossings can be installed without them. If the former, which rules or documents require the lights?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Flashing amber beacons are currently a requirement for all Zebra Crossing. Section 9.8.11 of the current Traffic Signs Manual states the following, "*Zebra Crossing are pedestrian crossing marked by flashing amber beacons, alternate black and white stripes across the road, and other road markings.*"

In section 7.16.9 of the same document gives some more details on the road marking for zebra crossing and also states that the beacons should be located on either side of the road and on a refuge where provided.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the housing file of **(details supplied)** currently in Band 2 of the Housing List.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 26/08/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area B	3	158
Area E	3	177

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

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

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, they should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when the weeds on **(details supplied)** will be removed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Officer has contacted the weeding contractor and this area is scheduled for weed trimming in the coming two weeks (W/B 27/07/2022).

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many court cases from January this year until July this year have been heard regards illegal dumping in the city wide of Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following are details of court cases in relation to unpaid fines issued For illegal dumping in the city from 1 January to 31 July 2022.

Cases presented in court re unpaid fines for illegal dumping	Returned summons	Did Not proceed	Out of court settlements	Probation Act applied/ Taken into consideration	Dismissed/ Struck out	Fines paid before hearing	Adjourned	Convictions obtained
260	23	36	1	12	11	39	98	40

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on staff numbers as lifeguards in **(details supplied)**. Will the CEO be increasing the lifeguard numbers in this area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 4 beach lifeguards on **(details supplied)** which is considered just adequate to provide the service. Each year the Council endeavours to recruit between 6 and 7 however this is proving to be more and more difficult as less applications are received each summer. The recruitment of beach lifeguards for the summer period is very much dependent on the availability of suitably qualified students who are based in the locality as such students seem reluctant or unable to travel longer distances to take up this employment particularly as similar opportunities exist in the north and south county. The Council will liaise with Swim Ireland and local swimming clubs to encourage their members to obtain the necessary qualifications to take up this summer employment opportunity.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the traffic team consult with the management at the **(details supplied)** regarding the loss of parking and let down spaces at below address.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The situation will be assessed by the Area Traffic Engineer and the Councillor will be informed of the findings.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive the full cost and all related expenditure to date of the college green plaza and pedestrianisation plans, etc., itemized and by year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An update on the College Green Dame Street project is to be given at the next Transport SPC on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive the reasons why the current contract for the design of the college green plaza was terminated and if he will elaborate on the "EU procurement

rules" reason given in the Irish Times on 25 July ("College Green civic plaza project 'halted' due to EU procurement rules, council says")

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A comprehensive update on the College Green Dame Street project will be given at the next Transport SPC on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3 p.m. This presentation will include an explanation on the procurement. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the floor surface at **(details supplied)** repaired. The floor was damaged when the Gas Boiler burst through no fault of the tenants.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing Maintenance Afterhours Service visited the property that evening but due to some members of the household being unwell, it was not possible for them to enter the property. For information, the hot water cylinder burst not the gas boiler. The Housing Maintenance Area Depot attended the property once it was safe to do so and replaced the hot water cylinder. Flooring is the tenant's responsibility and in this case where the tenant felt that the leak was no fault of their own, they would be advised to submit a claim for damages caused to the floors.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicants should be advised to submit a transfer application, at present there is no record on file that they are seeking a transfer.

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

To ask the Chief Executive when this DCC housing applicant will be considered for suitable accommodation **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP Priority Housing List, with an application date of 19/09/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area B	3	286
Area E	3	347
Area N	3	162

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

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

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to specify the status of each individual project included in **(details supplied)**; whether they have been tendered for; if a contractor has been appointed; who that contractor is; when the improvement works are expected to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Annual Works Programme comprises 2 different contracts – The Minor Works Contract (for footpath works) and the Resurfacing Programme (for carriageway works).

The carriageway contract will commence the night of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 and run until end of November 2022. I attach a copy of the provisional works programme for the carriageway resurfacing.

The footway contract has only been awarded to the contractor and there is as yet no works programme. This should be available within the next couple of weeks.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive what provisions are made for individuals with disabilities that are presenting as homeless? Can he provide a detailed breakdown of the process, step by step, what assessments are carried out, the number of assessments, what professionals are involved and what is the procedure if the place identified does not meet the disability needs?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All new presentations to homeless services in Dublin region must have a comprehensive assessment completed with the relevant local authority to determine their need for emergency accommodation and specific support needs. Factors considered in the assessment process include but are not limited to; exploring prevention interventions, accommodation history, reason for homelessness, placement and support needs, presenting need and any other relevant information that will inform the assessment.

If a household is assessed as requiring placement, specific support needs are identified (if applicable), all vacancies are considered and the most appropriate available placement is allocated by their Local Authority.

Factors considered in the assessment process include, but are not limited to;

- accommodation history
- reason for homelessness
- support needs
- presenting need
- any other relevant information that will inform the assessment

All relevant documentation provided for the assessment by professionals linked to the client

In the absence of documentation from professionals referrals are sent to relevant inclusion health teams for the disclosed needs.

Applicants are placed in the most suitable accommodation available to Central placement on the day accommodation is required. The central placement team will continue to work with clients and providers to source alternative accommodation should it be required.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive for a full report of the amount spent on the Staircase building on Aungier Street.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

With the support of the DRHE, the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) leased the Staircase, 21 Aungier St, Dublin 2, in late 2016 to provide emergency accommodation for single adults experiencing homelessness. It was previously used for accommodating other vulnerable groups.

The building required works and as some elements within the building had been on the National Monuments Register prior to 2007, it was of interest from a historical, conservation and protected structure perspective. Work was carried out under the supervision of a Conservation Architect with oversight and co-operation from the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, who confirmed that no damage or material alteration was made to the national monument as a result of the works.

There followed considerable opposition to the use of the building for persons experiencing homelessness and following extensive discussions with public representatives and stakeholders, agreement was reached not to proceed with the planned use of the building. The DRHE appreciates the outstanding efforts of the PMVT in providing both emergency and long-term solutions to homelessness. However, as it could not be used to accommodate persons experiencing homelessness and lease costs amounted to €195,000 per annum 2018 -2021 inclusive as well €54,000 in refurbishment costs in 2018, we advised the PMVT in October of this year that no funding will be provided after 31st December 2021.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 18/02/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area M	2	12

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list. It is noted on the applicant's file that she is interested in The Bottleworks.

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

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpaths on **(details supplied)** to be resurfaced. This was requested many times over the years and yet the opposite side was done recently.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The footpaths between No 1 & 19 were reviewed prior to the footpath works across the road commencing. Whilst they are aged and have begun to degrade, they were not in a similar condition to the opposite footpaths to justify replacement.



They can be reviewed again as part of the 2023 works programme to see if inclusion is warranted. If they are not included on future works programmes, localised defects will be logged for repair by DCC crews.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for new windows and doors at **(details supplied)** please as they are in a poor state.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

New windows have been approved, front/back doors frames, and this work will be completed by the Joinery Workshop.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the roads maintenance works programme for 2022 and can he say whether there will be any resources available to finish works to footpaths at top of **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Additional funding has been sourced to allow works to continue in **(details supplied)**. Works are due to commence here in the coming weeks.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR TARA DEACY**

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the latest traffic calming measures and bicycle lanes being adopted by Dublin City Council along the Dolphin Road area and the Suir road area of the canal at Drimnagh, there is now an opportunity for greening measures to be added to these build outs that are currently under construction. Trees and SUDs scheme would be an excellent addition to this while it is being constructed, similar to other areas in the city lining in with the greening strategies. Is there scope to include this?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council and the National Transport Authority have appointed a contractor to construct a programme of pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements along the Grand Canal. The work involves the upgrade of seven major and seven minor junctions on a 3.8km section of the Grand Canal from Suir Road/Slievenamon Road to Leeson Street. Work began on site in June 2022 and the programme of works is due to last 12 months.

The project consists of a number of urgent improvements to make the junctions along the Canal safer for pedestrians trying to cross.

The project's primary objective is to make the crossing points shorter and safer for vulnerable road users, particularly the visually impaired. The Design team has been looking to include planted areas along this scheme. However, the opportunity to create new planted areas is limited by the need to maintain the desired line for pedestrians, adequate footpath widths and aids for the visually impaired.

The area along Dolphin Road, Slievenamon Road and Parnell Road also features a large number of driveways. Access needs to be maintained to these driveways and this is also a significant obstacle to introducing planted areas. The designers have identified some possible greening along the route and are working with Parks & Landscapes Dept. to come up with a suitable landscape design.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the benefits to Dublin City Council of the hosting of the Big Grill event in Herbert Park to justify the closure of large swathes of the Park for over a week and specifically to outline what improvements will be made to the Park arising from the income from this year's event.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Big Grill is a popular food event, similar to 'Taste of Dublin', which has run for a number of years and takes place annually in Herbert Park.

In 2022 the event had in excess of an estimated 30,000 attendees, with feedback being positive. The event is run by Edible Events who apply to Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services for the use of park.

The applicant pays a fee for this use and these funds are used to support the objectives of the Park Management Plan which include repair and conservation of historic features and ongoing investment in facilities within the park, such as sports courts, pitches and playgrounds.

It is acknowledged that there may be temporary inconvenience to some park users when events are hosted in public parks, however, these are social events, which bring life and enjoyment to the city and support the objectives of the City Parks Strategy in animating our public space.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could outline the real timescale for Flood Improvement Works to commence along Strand Road/Beach Road, Sandymount which has been repeatedly promised for years now.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The project was to be carried out in two phases.

Construction of the Phase 1 Works (coastal flood defence measures along the Sandymount promenade between Gilford Avenue and St. Alban's Park) by the *Office of Public Works (OPW)* direct labour crews was scheduled to commence on site in August this year. However, correspondence received from the *OPW* by *Dublin City Council* in late July has identified further requirements before the *OPW* can move forward with the scheme. DCC's Project Management Team are meeting with the *OPW* on 01.09.2022 to discuss these requirements and will report thereafter on the new timescale for Phase 1.

Phase 2 of the Project (coastal flood defence measures between the northern tip of the existing promenade and Sean Moore Park) is not as advanced as Phase 1. Tender Documents have been completed to procure a Consultant for Stage I: Scheme Development and Preliminary Design and Stage II: Planning Statutory Delivery Route and Public Exhibition. Our aim is to complete the procurement and appoint a Consultant in 9 months. Following the appointment of the Consultant and the development of the design options, a Project Programme showing all the key milestones to Project completion - Part 10 planning permission through An Bord Pleanála, procurement of Consultant for the Construction Stage, procurement of construction Contractor, construction period, handover of completed works – can then be advised and presented.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, arising from the recent letter from the Department and circulated by the City Treasurer/ Finance Office could the Chief Executive outline:

1. What would be the net additional income available to Dublin City Council if the 15% reduction is applied?
2. What the additional net income would be available if a 5% and 10% reduction was applied.

3. What would be the net additional income available to Dublin City Council if the baseline figure was retained and finally to outline any other information on this general matter that the Chief Executive believes to be of interest.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A 15% reduction as applied to the base rate equates to €14.2M.

A 5% reduction to the LPT base rate equates to a value of €4.7M. It should be noted that if the Council agreed a 5% reduction then the financial position of the City Council would improve by €9.5m in Budget 2023 when compared to the 2022 LPT Council resolution of adopting an LPT factor of -15% for Budget 2022.

A 10% reduction to the LPT base rate equates to a value of €9.5M. It should be noted that if the Council agreed a 10% reduction then the financial position of the City Council would improve by €4.7M in Budget 2023 when compared to the 2022 LPT Council resolution of adopting an LPT factor of -15% for Budget 2022.

The self-funding requirement is based on the total expected level of LPT in each local authority area before any application of a local variation decision and will not be adjusted if the basic rate of LPT is varied. Therefore the self-funding amount is fixed and doesn't change if the LA decides to vary the local rate upwards or downwards. Every 1% variation increase / reduction in DCC's case is at a value of €0.946M discretionary income. If the Council was to adopt a resolution for Budget 2023 not to adjust the local adjustment factor therefore an additional income of €14.2M would accrue.

In regard to general matters of interest, report 132/2022 was presented to the May City Council meeting which outlined the financial impact of inflation in respect of the current year. Budget 2023 will be significantly impacted by inflationary pressures across energy, materials, services and general contracts. A preliminary estimate of the financial impact is circa €21M. In order to maintain services at the current level, it will be necessary that the income base has a material uplift.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the Council's response to dangerous buildings, could the manager provide details on the following:

A, To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Dublin Fire Brigade take when there are recurring and frequent fire outbreaks in a particular site like **(details supplied)**.

B, To ask the Chief Executive what obligations does the Dublin Fire Brigade and Dublin City Council have to address the causes of recurring and frequent fires at individual sites like **(details supplied)**.

C, To ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm if **(details supplied)** has been charged for each and every Dublin Fire Brigade call out when a fire breaks out at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Dublin Fire Brigade take when there are recurring and frequent fire outbreaks in a particular site like **(details supplied 1)**.

**Response.** With reference to frequent fire outbreaks in a particular site, DFB do record the details of the incident, respond to the call received, and deal with the incident and in certain circumstances hand over to the Gardaí at the closing stage. DFB regularly

engage with community groups, schools etc. to highlight fire safety messaging and help reduce the incidence of fires occurring. DFB do not have a record of a fire incident occurring at **(details supplied 1)**

To ask the Chief Executive what obligations does the Dublin Fire Brigade and Dublin City Council have to address the causes of recurring and frequent fires at individual sites like **(details supplied?)**

**Response:** From the period 2006 to 2021 the records indicate DFB responded to eight incidents with an address as per Details 2. Dublin Fire Brigade may offer advice under the Fire Services Act. Such advice is offered as part of our Community Fire Safety Programme. However Section 18 of the Fire Services Act places an obligation on every person having control over premises to which this section applies to take all reasonable measures to guard against the outbreak of fire on such premises.

To Ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm if **(details supplied 1)** has been charged for each and every call out when a fire breaks out at **(details supplied 2)**.

**Response:** Not every incident was chargeable e.g. Car Fire and False Alarm, hence not every call out was charged to **(details supplied 1 + 2)**.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of sites upon which a vacant site levy has been Issued by Dublin City Council and are the subject of court proceedings and to set out in tabular form for each of those sites, (i) the year in which court proceedings were initiated, (ii) the cumulative revenue forgone to the council in the non-collection of the levy and (iii) the reason for the delay in concluding those proceedings

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

VS Reference	Address	Legal Proceedings	Year court proceedings initiated	Update on current situation to answer part iii of Cllr Meenaghs question	Cumulative revenue forgone to the Council in the non-collection of the levy
VS-0453	2A Fassagh Avenue, Dublin 7	Judicial Review	2022	The Council is only a Notice Party and the matter is not in court until 04/10/22.	None pending conclusion of Legal proceedings.
VS-1077	40-48 Back Lane (former Mother Redcaps Market), Dublin 8	Judicial Review	2020	Currently part of the confidential Mediation process for the Iveagh Markets.	None pending conclusion of Legal Proceedings.
VS - 0048	113 Phibsborough Road, Dublin 7	Judicial Review	2017	Awaiting Counsel's advices	None pending conclusion of Legal Proceedings.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide a report on the issues referred to in the email submitted with this question relating to the operating of the new relief drainage line from St. Albans in Sandymount to Sandymount/Merrion Strand.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Pumping Station at Ailesbury Gardens was constructed and commissioned in the late 1960's following a major flooding event in south Dublin in 1963

This pumping station takes storm overflows from the Rathmines & Pembroke (R&P) Low Level Sewer (which also serves St Albans) and pumps it directly to the beach at Merrion. It was originally installed with a single 300mm discharge pipeline to the beach. That was augmented by a 450mm pipeline in 2013 following the October 2011 event. The outlet from the original 300mm pipeline is not visible as it predates the Dodder Valley Sewer and its embankment, but it is protected and still fully operational. Last year, the pumps were upgraded by Irish Water.

The flapped outfall from the 2013 pipeline is checked by a Drainage Crew every 2-3 weeks and after any overflow occurs to the beach. This crew also cleans rags and debris from the beach after each discharge. Irish Water are currently investigating the operation of the drainage network and pumping station here with a view to providing additional flood protection to houses in the St Albans area.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will meet with the owners of Smithfield Tower with a view to making the Tower more accessible to the public and if he will examine the traffic arrangements for Smithfield Square with a view to enabling tourist buses and Hop-On/Hop-Off buses access the Square as they could in the past.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

With regard to traffic arrangements for Smithfield Square regarding tourist buses, this request will be referred to the relevant Engineer for assessment and report. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

The Smithfield Viewing Tower is a privately owned and run attraction and the opening hours are a matter for its management.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the extra specialist staffing resources and one stop shop facilities that have been/will be provided to the City Council to deliver the City's ambitious Climate action plans.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council has a dedicated Climate Action Coordinator who is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the City Councils' Climate Action Plan ('CAP'). The coordinator is assisted in this role by a full time graduate with an graduate qualification in Climate Change, Media and Society, a full time Energy Manager, who is working on the City's EV strategy and examining our plan for delivering our energy and building targets, in conjunction with administrative support.

The team is further supplemented with approximately 100 internal resources who are working on implementing the projects and programmes identified with the CAP.

The City Council's Libraries and Areas Office teams have developed and are managing public engagement programmes on climate action. Local Authority staff are receiving Climate Action training through the Local Government Management Agency to support the City Council in being a climate leader and achieving our targets.

In addition to the above, the city council is working with full time resources within Codema, our energy agency to develop and delivery our CAP targets pertaining to energy. The Climate Action team is further supported by third level researchers that contribute to the climate action plan via EU projects and independent research.

The City Council is continuously examining our resourcing plan and anticipates that additional resources will be made available in the coming months as we commence the review and updates to our CAP as part of the National requirements set out in the National Climate Action Plan.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to state the total number of homeless/emergency hostels in the City; the number that are privately owned; the number in each of the five Committee Areas; the number that have been inspected by the Fire Brigade for safety; and the number that have fire certificates.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 99 homeless facilities, 54 of which are privately operated, in Dublin City Council's administrative area as set out below;

Central Area - 55 Facilities

North Central Area – 6 Facilities

South Central Area – 18 Facilities

South East Area – 17 Facilities

North West Area – 3 Facilities

In 2021 Dublin Fire Brigade carried out 38 inspections of homeless facilities. The DRHE is currently completing a procurement process for the creation of an independent inspectorate to inspect all DRHE facilities across its administrative area which will begin in Q4 2022.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to state the total number of hotels in each of the five Committee Areas of the City; to state the number of new hotels that were granted planning permission in each Committee Area in each of the last five years; to state the number of hotels with planning permission but no commencement notice has been submitted; and the number of hotels currently in the planning process

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Set out below are details of the number of planning permissions granted for new hotels or amendments to existing hotels broken down across the five electoral areas. For assistance, the number of additional bedrooms granted is provided for each year.

Central Area	Current Applications	Applications Granted Permission	# Rooms	# Commencement Notices
	7 were Refused Permission by DCC but Granted Permission by ABP			
2017		15	1851	14
2018		13	1558	12
2019		16	1195	13

2020		12	1447	10
2021		3	208	2
2022		-	-	-
<b>Current Applications</b>	6		631	

	<b>Current Applications</b>	<b>Applications Granted Permission</b>	<b># Rooms</b>	<b># Commencement Notices</b>
<b>North Central</b>				
2017		1	209	1
2018		0	0	0
2019		0	0	0
2020		0	0	0
2021		0	0	0
2022		0	0	0
<b>Current Applications</b>	0	0	0	0

	<b>Current Applications</b>	<b>Applications Granted Permission</b>	<b># Rooms</b>	<b># Commencement Notices</b>
<b>North West</b>				
2017		0	0	0
2018		0	0	0
2019		0	0	0
2020		0	0	0
2021		1	3	1
2022		0	0	0
<b>Current Applications</b>	0	0	0	0

	<b>Current Applications</b>	<b>Applications Granted Permission</b>	<b># Rooms</b>	<b># Commencement Notices</b>
<b>South Central</b>				

**4 were Refused Permission by DCC but Granted Permission by ABP**

2017		1	239	0
2018		3	334	3
2019		4	578	2
2020		8	491	7
2021		2	23	2
2022		-	-	-
<b>Current Applications</b>	2		574	

	<b>Current Applications</b>	<b>Applications Granted Permission</b>	<b># Rooms</b>	<b># Commencement Notices</b>
<b>South East</b>				
2017		24	1688	24
2018		17	820	17
2019		21	1115	18
2020		9	457	8
2021		5	253	5
2022		3	44	3
<b>Current Applications</b>	4		39	

<b>Total Number of Applications</b>		<b>158</b>	<b>13757</b>	<b>142</b>
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**Q.30 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made in relation to the ambitions to support last-mile deliveries in the city and in particular in identifying and establishing a last-mile delivery hub?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Last Mile Delivery Working Group (LMDWG) met mid-August following an extended break due to the pandemic. This meeting's objective was to touch base with delivery organisations and re-establish the group formally, to enhance collaboration between the delivery industry and the Council focusing on challenges to Last Mile Delivery optimisation, sustainability and collaborative initiatives.

Objectives for the next meeting include;

A representative from the Transport SPC will be sought to chair the groups meetings. An appraisal of the existing delivery hub by the user.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive for a list the Key Performance Indicators relating to the contract for the clamping and removal of illegally parked vehicles within the city, and make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All publicly reportable Key Performance Indicators for the parking services contract are published on the Dublin City Council website annually. Please see link below for the specific information.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/clamping-and-tow-away/clamping-statistics>

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all ongoing URDF projects that have been successful in being awarded funding?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. Under the URDF First Call, in 2018 the following projects were successful:

2.	Rutland Street NEIC
3.	Santry River Restoration
4.	Artists Workspaces (Merchants Quay and Bridgefoot Street)
5.	Inchicore – St Michaels Estate Restoration
6.	ParkWest/Cherry Orchard Lands Analysis (City Edge)
7.	Naas Road LAP Lands (City Edge)

Under the URDF Call 2 the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage notified Dublin City Council on the 5th March 2021, of preliminary approval for the inclusion of projects in the North Inner City Concept Area 1 and South Inner City Concept Area 2. These proposals now move to the next stage which entails submission of a preliminary business case. This is currently being prepared for each concept area.

North Inner City Concept Area 1



Markets & Public Realm Study & Works
Fruit & Vegetable Market
Broadstone to Grand Canal
Ryders Row
Parnell Sq. Public Realm Works
Parnell Sq. Cultural Quarter Phase 1
Mountjoy Sq. Conservation Plan
Five Lamps Public Realm Works
14-17 Moore St
Moore St Public Realm Works
41 Parnell Sq

#### South Inner City Concept Area 2

Liberties Greening Strategy
Francis St Environmental Improvement Scheme
Newmarket Square Environmental Improvement Scheme
Dolphin's Barn Environmental Improvement Scheme
Cork Street Environmental Improvement Scheme
Meath Street Environmental Improvement Scheme
Exchange Street CPO
Public Lighting Upgrade
Grangegorman to Kevin St Public & Pedestrian Route
Werburgh Street / Ship Street CPO
A) Gateway Site
B) Produce Framework Plan
Ringsend Project:
A) Library square
B) Cambridge Road
C) Ringsend Park
D) Sean Moore Roundabout
Liberties Hub

#### **Q.33 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the direct and indirect expenditure of Dublin City Council on the proposed civic plaza for College Green which, after previously having been rejected by An Bord Pleanála which stated that the scheme would have “significantly negative impacts” on bus movements and traffic, and now has fallen foul of EU procurement guidelines, has now been suspended/delayed/postponed delayed after six years of effort and expenditure. In particular, but not confined to, can the Chief Executive detail the following:

1. Amount paid to Paul Keogh Architects, the firm which has worked on the design of the plaza for the past six years.
2. Amounts paid to any other third party consultants/advisors etc. engaged as part of the project.
3. Estimate of cost of DCC staff's time (including direct hours, allocation of overheads etc.) spent on the project since inception.

4. Estimate of future expenditure if, as the Chief Executive has indicated, the procurement process for a design will be restarted. Such estimates include external and internal costs.

In order to prevent possible future losses to DCC, and ultimately on the negative impact of services being provided to the citizens of Dublin, would the Chief Executive agree that a full cost/benefit analysis of the project be firstly undertaken before DCC embarks on what could be an expensive design/planning project?

Finally, to ask the Chief Executive to outline how the scope of the original project had increased to the extent that procurement rules were broken, given that the amounts being asked for at 1, 2 and 3 above represent a direct loss to DCC, a loss which could have been avoided if the scope of the project had not been extended, or if DCC had taken on board the direct criticism of the project detailed in the rejection of the plan by An Bord Pleanála four years ago?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A comprehensive update on the College Green Dame Street project will be given at the next Transport SPC on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3 p.m. This presentation will include detail on expenditure to date. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following details in relation to each of the fire tenders/engines and ambulances owned and operated by Dublin Fire Brigade.

1. Date purchased
2. Mileage (or Kilometres travelled)
3. Net Book Value
4. Estimated annual running costs.
5. Number of incidents attended per annum for the last 5 years.
6. Estimated date when needing replacement.
7. Cost of replacement.

Also, to ask the Chief Executive if he would consider it more prudent and a better use of scarce resources to provide for the upgrade and/or replacement of Fire Engines/Tenders and Ambulances rather than the provision of a €10m plus "training centre" at George's Dock which, according to the reply to my question (No 37) to the Central Area in November 2020 confirmed that the current cost of Swift Water Rescue Training is only c. €25k per annum.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Fire Brigade have 27 fire tenders and 20 ambulances.

9 fire tenders have been purchased since 2017:

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
2	2	0	3	0	2

17 ambulances have been purchased since 2017, 5 due for delivery in 2022:

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
5*	7	3	0	2	5

**Replacement** - Fire Tenders over 15 years old

**Replacement costs:** between €300,000 and €1,000,000 depending on the vehicle type

**Maintenance Costs:** €968,514.81 for year 2021

**Fire Calls Per Annum:** 25,000 fire calls approx.

**Fire Calls over 5 years** 125,000 approx.

**Ambulance Calls per Annum:** 150,000 approx.

**Ambulance Calls over 5 years:** 750,000 Approx.

**Mileage:** 1.7 Million Km. Total

**Ambulances cover:** 100,000 Km. per Annum.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail how Dublin City libraries is engaging with or indeed leading the national strategy to develop the public library service over the next five years - "Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities".

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The new national strategy for public libraries is being drafted under the auspices of the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), and the County and City Management Association (CCMA).

Dublin City Libraries has contributed to the strategy through:

- Chairing the LGMA Libraries Infrastructure Committee
- Membership of the County and City Librarians' Section
- Participating in stakeholder and staff workshops facilitated by the LGMA
- Promoting the public consultation process through the libraries' social media channels

Dublin City Libraries will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft strategy before it is finalised and published in October 2022.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the plan/attempt by Dublin City Council to downgrade the Shamrock Terrace Recycling Centre, North Strand and, more importantly, is he aware of the absolute unanimity of local councillors against these proposals. By way of background, to date I have had An Emergency motion (March 2022 CAC), two standard Motions (May 2022 CAC and July 2022 CAC) a council Question (April 2022 CAC) and a Motion tabled to the City Development Plan (Motion 9.16 – Mot-01495 – Chapter 9: Sustainable Environmental Infrastructure and Flood Risk) on this issues and yet the future status of the centre is still unclear, notwithstanding the passing of the motions at the Central Area Committee (all unanimously).

However, my last Motion (July 2022 CAC – reproduced below) is very clear in its content and instruction to the council and, notwithstanding the report from management thereon, the position of myself and my fellow councillors on this issue is very clear. Therefore, can the Chief Executive confirm that he will comply with the instructions of the local councillors and the wishes of the local (and wider Dublin) community and clearly and unequivocally confirm that the services being offered at Shamrock Terrace recycling centre will continue to be retained in their entirety. This is what local councillors, the local community and the wider Dublin population want! (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In light of the concerns expressed by local Councillors, the decision to reduce the level of recycling services provided at Shamrock Terrace Recycling Centre is being reviewed.

A full report will be brought to the Area Committee in due course.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the concrete landing (**details supplied**) to be re-surfaced. The surface is very uneven and dangerous in poor weather conditions.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection has been arranged for this location. Defects will be logged onto our asset management system and addressed in order of priority and crew availability.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive provision for litter bins in the following locations (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services will install litter bins at the above mentioned locations as requested.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

To ask the Chief Executive May I have the amount of road tax collected for 2020 and 2021 separately please. The amount collected for commercial transport and separately for private cars.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The amount of motor tax collected in the Smithfield Motor Tax Office for the Years 2020 and 2021 is as follows:-

The total receipts for **2020** was €22,664,053.84 of which €20,902,947.00 related to tax discs issued.

€9,825,700.00 was Commercial/Goods vehicles

€9,564,262.00 was Private/Private CO2 vehicles

The total receipts for **2021** was €22,241,116.50 of which €20,418,731.00 related to tax discs issued.

€11,112,353.00 was Commercial/Goods vehicles

€7,684,498.00 was Private/Private CO2 vehicles.

These figures are exclusive of monies collected by the Motor Tax On Line Unit, Driver and Vehicle Computer Services Division, Department of Transport, Shannon, County Clare.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm for how long it permitted a private developer to use Council land, a former halting site, adjacent to the Grand Canal Harbour private development in the Liberties, Dublin 8, to confirm for how long this agreement will last, to confirm how much Dublin City Council is being paid for the use of these lands and to confirm if this money is being ringfenced for use by the South Central Area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Terms for a licence for a period of 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 has been agreed with Walls Construction for use of the site as a compound. This licence is currently with DCC's Law Department and the applicants Solicitor for completion of legal documents. The land is under the control of the Housing Department and the licence fee of €4,300 plus vat per month will go to the Housing Department.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his understanding of the obstacles to be overcome in a prolonged legal dispute involving the City Council, a private developer and a management company which has resulted in 13 years of empty ground-floor commercial units at the Herberton apartment complex, formerly Fatima Mansions. Apartment blocks facing onto St. James's Walk, near Fatima Luas Stop, have never been rented out (see photos attached), bringing a sense of dereliction to a recently-built apartment complex. Can the Chief Executive outline his understanding of this dispute, the City Council's involvement and offer some insight as to how long more we can expect these units to gather dust?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Commercial units on the ground floor to which this question refers are not in the ownership of the City Council and are owned by private parties.

Not all of the commercial units are currently vacant as the one of the larger commercial units is currently occupied by a tenant who is working on the nearby National Children's Hospital.

Dublin City Council together with the Developer and the Management Company are currently engaged in a legal process to have the Project Agreement finalised to have this matter resolved.

The details of these negotiations are private and confidential and therefore cannot be disclosed to the public suffice to say that it is the City Council's intention that this matter will be finalised shortly.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive what grants are available to Senior Citizens who own their homes?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are three available Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability.

1. **Housing Adaptation Grants for people with a Disability.** This Grant provides assistance to people making adaptations to their owner occupied homes, privately rented home or home provided by an Approved Housing Body. These adaptations would include a ramp to access your home, grab rails, bathroom conversion, a stair lift etc.
2. **Mobility Aids Grant.** This Grant is for older people and/or people with a disability who find it hard to move around their own home due to mobility issues. The work included in this Grant would be grab rails, a stair lift etc.
3. **Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme.** This Grant is designed to meet the needs of private homeowners where the applicant in the household is over 66 years of age living in extremely poor conditions. In some hardship cases a Grant

can be made to a person under 66. The types of work Grant aided under the Scheme include re-wiring, roof repairs, the provision of central heating (where none exists) and the replacement of a boiler when broken beyond repair.

The Home Grants Office can be contacted on at 222 2195 for further information on the above Grants Schemes.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for details of DCC homes Insulated and those left to be done and to give a breakdown by area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following is a breakdown of the remaining houses categorised under Phase Two of the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme as per the electoral areas:

<b>Lot</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>No. of Houses Remaining 2022</b>
Lot 1	Finglas West	607
Lot 2	Finglas East	192
Lot 3	Artane / Whitehall	66
Lot 4	Donaghmede	10
Lot 5	Clontarf	61
Lot 6	Cabra / Glasnevin	239
Lot 7	North Inner City	105
Lot 8	South Inner City	328
Lot 9	Ballyfermot West	342
Lot 10	Ballyfermot East / Drimnagh	350
Lot 11	Kimmage / Rathmines / Pembroke	418
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,718</b>

We have upgraded approximately 9,000 houses under the programme to date comprising of 8,057 under Phase One and 947 under Phase Two.

Please also see attached map that gives the geographic areas associated with each lot

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR NEOLEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive how many fines have been issued for illegal dumping in 2020, 2021 and is CCTV being used to identify culprits.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please see below details of fines issued re 2020 and 2021

Year	Fines issued	Fines Paid	Prosecutions Initiated	Convictions Obtained In court	Out of court settlements	Fines issued as a result of CCTV in place
2020	763	302	136	7	6	443
2021	914	481	310	18	0	800

CCTV cameras were in place at 7 sites during 2020/2021. This number has now been reduced to 5 sites.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive when the list for the affordable housing scheme will be open for Sillogue and Balbutcher lane.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Housing and Community Services Department Section is progressing proposals to deliver 101 Affordable Purchase houses at Sillogue Road and 105 Affordable Purchase homes at Balbutcher Lane.

These homes form part of Dublin City Council's affordable delivery programme under Housing for All, the national plan to improve the mix of social, affordable and private housing options available to buyers and renters.

Under the Affordable Housing Act 2021, all local authorities will be required to advertise affordable dwelling purchase arrangements for each scheme in advance of its scheduled completion. The current scheduled completion date for the two schemes in question is late 2025 / early 2026.

Under the Affordable Housing Act Regulations the information in the advertisement has to contain details on, but not limited to:

- The location, number and type of dwellings being made available for affordable purchase
- Information on eligibility criteria including that the scheme is available only to first time buyers and those who qualify under certain exemptions such as the 'Fresh Start' principal
- The manner in which an application can be made, including where the application form and further details may be obtained, the date from which the Council will accept applications, the documentation required to accompany the application form and the closing date for receipt of such applications
- Information on the market value of the dwellings, the method for calculating the affordable purchase price, the equity stake the local authority will retain and that the affordable purchaser can subsequently redeem the local authority's equity share
- Information on the local authority's Scheme of Priorities for affordable purchase dwellings which will apply in the event of eligible applications exceeding the number of affordable purchase homes available in the scheme in question

It should also be noted that a separate application process will apply for each affordable purchase scheme that the local authority advertises. Unsuccessful applicants will not automatically be included in subsequent affordable purchase schemes. Housing and Community Services are currently developing a draft Scheme of Priorities for Affordable Purchase. This will be presented to the Housing SPC for observations before being presented to the Elected Members.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full list of all DCC buildings where free period products are made available and to confirm, to date, how much the City Council has spent on the rolling out of this initiative following the allocation of €100,000 for the project in 2019's Budget

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

From December 2019 we have supplied free sanitary items to the public toilets in the Civic Offices. A total of **€1033.20** (incl. VAT) has been spent to date.

As previously reported to the March City Council meeting the process of putting in place a contract to satisfy procurement requirements initially delayed the programme of providing free sanitary products. A trial programme was in place up to February 2020 in a limited number of Sports and Recreation buildings. From March 2020 when the procurement process was resolved a contract was entered into with Bunzl to supply products as required. The products were ordered and due for delivery just as the Covid – 19 restrictions were introduced and the suppliers resources went into transporting urgent goods for the HSE. However a supply of the sanitary products were received in August and are available in those Sports and Recreation centres which are open. However as Covid 19 restrictions introduced in March 2020 have had a significant impact on the numbers accessing these buildings no meaningful analysis or report can be provided at this time in relation to uptake. The initial costs to the Sports and Recreation Section is approximately €9,000 to date.

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services do not provide free sanitary products in any of our parks buildings.

Libraries do not provide this service.

The Arts Office does not provide this service.

Hugh Lane Gallery does not currently provide these free products

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive if the below three buildings (photo provided) opposite the entrance of St. James's Hospital on James's Street are on the derelict sites register, whether the City Council is aware of who the owner of these properties are, and what the City Council is doing to bring them back into active use.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Derelict Sites

The Council through the effective exercise of the legislative provisions in the Derelict Sites Act 1990, proactively strives to achieve the eradication of dereliction in the City and the return of derelict sites to active use. The implementation of an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 is a key part of the Council's Active Land Management Initiative which aims to eradicate underutilised vacant and derelict lands and buildings in the city.

Any site entered on the Derelict Sites Register can be considered for possible acquisition. Thirty six derelict sites have been acquired compulsorily since 2017, thirty five of which were retained by the Council under the control of the Housing & Community Services to be used for social housing purposes. Many of the properties have been completely refurbished and rendered non-derelict and are now occupied, or are currently undergoing refurbishment. One of the sites comprised an unfinished



development at 21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3 which the Council intends to develop.

162 – 165 James's Street, Dublin 8

The site comprising lands at 162 – 165 James's Street, D8 opposite the hospital entrance was entered on the Derelict Sites Register on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, ownership details are known and are published on the Derelict Sites Register. A Notice of Intention to acquire the site compulsorily was served on the owners on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022. The period for objections to the Acquisition ends 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022. If there are no objections the acquisition can proceed and arrangements made for ownership to transfer to the Council by way of Vesting Order. If there are objections the Council will be required to seek the consent of an Bord Pleanála to the acquisition.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to instruct BAM construction (at the National Children's Hospital) to daily provide temporary mobile bins at the Linear Park, Rialto and significantly increase their litter patrols in this public green space that is suffering from workers discarded waste. **See photo attached.**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct a Litter Warden to speak with BAM construction regarding their cleaning arrangements and to tell them to speak with their contractors and staff around disposing of their waste responsibly.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to convene a site meeting of all stakeholders at St Catherine's Park, Dublin 8 which is a fabulous and much needed amenity -but due to ongoing ASB most avoid it or leave very sharpish. Stakeholders to include Minister for Drugs, City Manager, Parks, Local Residents, Elected Reps, SICDATF, Inner City Policing Forum, and Merchants Quay Outreach Team.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive will arrange for a meeting of relevant stakeholders to be convened in an effort to see if action can be taken to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour at St. Catherine's Park. In addition, pending a longer-term solution, arrangements will be made to put security on the Park in an effort to deal with the problem.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has full confidence in ABP, will he make a statement on the recent controversy and press for the immediate release of the internal review by the Bord with an urgent briefing for elected reps to follow.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An Bord Pleanála continues to carry out the Statutory functions assigned to it under Sections 102-150 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Chief Executive is fully aware of both the press commentary and the various reviews and referrals which have been put in place by the Minister. As such it would be inappropriate for Dublin City Council, as a Planning Authority to comment further on the matter.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on large planning applications submitted for public consultation over the traditional holiday periods? Does the Manager think that these applications require an extended period of consultation to ensure that the planning system supports the optimum public consultation?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The timescale prescribed for making a decision on a planning application is set down in legislation by Section 34 (8) (a) of the Planning and Development Acts. This requires a planning authority to make a decision on a planning application (including LRD applications) within eight weeks of receiving an application, or where further information has been sought within four weeks of receipt of the further information or eight weeks if the application has been accompanied by an EIAR. The Act makes no provision for the planning authority to extend the period with one exception for the Christmas period where the clock stops for a period of 9 days in accordance with Section 251 of the Planning and Development Act.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline a) how many (actual numbers and percentage of all tenants) of our social housing tenants pay the maximum rent and b) how many (actual numbers and percentage of those paying the max rent) have an income that exceeds the income threshold for the maximum rent level?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council maximum rents are based on property size as follows:

Dwelling Size	Maximum weekly rent
Bedsit (i.e. 1 room)	€257.00
1 Bedroom (i.e. 2 rooms)	€301.00
2 Bedroom (i.e. 3 rooms)	€313.00
3 Bedroom (i.e. 4 rooms)	€401.00
>3 Bedroom (i.e. > 4 rooms)	€423.00

There are currently no tenants, in any category, liable for the maximum rent charge.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the measures, including human resources, put in place to ensure the full implementation of the Estate Management Strategy: Fostering Safer Neighbourhoods through Proactive and Responsive Management of Anti-social Behaviour.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's five year Estate Management Strategy – Fostering Safer Neighbourhoods through proactive and Responsive Management of Anti-Social Behaviour 2022-2027 was adopted by the Council at its meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and is now progressing to implementation phase.

The Strategy states the Council's commitment to delivering on actions and targets detailed therein including investment in staff resources both at central Housing & Community Services Department and Area Office level. Consultation is currently taking place with existing staff experienced in estate management roles to determine the staffing structure required to deliver the Strategy.

It is envisaged that the optimum Estate Management (ASB) staffing structure will comprise an enhanced, centrally based, core team (approx. 6 staff) dedicated to implementation of the Strategy with additional resourcing at Area Office level where critical gaps are identified.

Under the direction of a Senior Executive Officer, the central team will establish robust standard processes and procedures aligned with the priorities set out in the Strategy.

Support all Area Offices in their local management roles by ensuring consistent implementation of processes and procedures; addressing training / upskilling needs, provision of administrative support, guidance and legal advice where necessary.

Collate statistical information to monitor and report on performance, and to evaluate efficacy and impact on local neighbourhoods on an ongoing basis through the lifetime of the Strategy.

Housing & Community Services Department will work with HR Department with a view to getting the staff resources in place as soon as possible including sanction for additional posts where necessary.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the traffic survey carried out in the Wadelai area (Glasnevin) last year and any subsequent measures taken as a result of the survey findings.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A speed survey was carried out on 9th December 2021, on Wadelai Road midway between the junctions of Delville Road and Maolbuille Road. The 85th percentile (85% of drivers drive at or below the posted speed limit which is 30km/h) on this road was 29.1 km/h.

Wadelai Road is traffic calmed with speed ramps and free parking which passively reduces vehicular speeds. The area engineer has a finite yearly budget in order to address civil projects (pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures).

Drivers using Wadelai Road are driving under residential speed limit of 30km/h. The area engineer must prioritise roads/streets which need traffic calming due to ongoing and persistent high vehicular speeds.

Instances of speeding should be reported to the local Gardai as a matter of enforcement.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please confirm has all the funding allocated for cycle lanes by the Department been spent by DCC, how much in total was allocated and how much has been spent?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The total amount of funding allocated to Dublin City Council by the National Transport Authority for cycling infrastructure in 2022 is €42,975,000.00 and total expenditure by Dublin City Council for the seven months to the end of July 2022 exceeds €12 million.

As the bulk of project expenditure occurs at the construction stage, expenditure is expected to ramp up further in the coming months as current projects at construction gain momentum (e.g. Clontarf to City Centre Project) and as Phase 3 of the Royal Canal Greenway and the Dodder Greenway (Herbert Park to Donnybrook) are due to go to construction in Q4 2022.

This surge is anticipated to extend into the New Year, as the Fitzwilliam Cycle Scheme and Phase 4 of the Royal Canal Greenway are expected to go to construction in Q1 2023.

Interim cycle schemes entering development will also increase spending during autumn 2022 and bring the anticipated year end spend much closer to allocation.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on progress made with DFB since the January 2022 agreement with unions, please include how many new recruits are in place since January 2022, how many new fire fighters have been trained, how many of those came off the panel, how many came from a recent recruitment drive, how many staff have retired in this time, how many staff in total is there currently in DFB, when is the planned next recruitment drive for fire fighters & call takers, what is target number for this recruitment drive

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Both Firefighter and Emergency Service Controller campaigns will be announced in the coming weeks. Classes will begin in the New Year for both Firefighters and Emergency Service Controllers.

There are currently 44 recruits in class 01/2022 which commenced training on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and 32 in class 02/2022 which commenced training on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022. These recruits are from the 2019 Firefighter campaign and include 6 ESC's. 25 staff have retired since January 2022.

965 remains the current established figure for DFB. However this figure is under review and part of Management and Unions agreement from January 2022.

We have 927 operational staff – this does not include the recruits currently in training

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please, as requested two months ago, to confirm how much money is owed to DCC by the HSE, how much has been paid and plans to have the remainder repaid.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The total cost of the DFB emergency ambulance service in 2022, is expected to be just under €26m. (This cost estimate includes a provision for the mobilisation of DFB fire tenders in response to emergency ambulance calls, when no DFB or NAS ambulance is available. There were 3,066 such mobilisations in 2021).

The City Council expects to receive €9.18m from the HSE towards the cost of the DFB emergency ambulance service in 2022.

The annual funding deficit has increased from an estimated €9.41m in 2014 to €16.55 in 2022. Taking the average of these two figures (i.e. €12.98m), then the arrears due over the 9-year period 2014 to 2022 is estimated at €116.8m.

A detailed report on the funding of the DFB emergency ambulance service is current being finalised and will be circulated to Elected Members shortly.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify, how many people have presented to Parkgate as homeless for the second, third or fourth time (i.e. those who have already been through homelessness) since January 2021?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The DRHE cannot provide the report requested as this would entail an in depth review of each individual record.

It is proposed to include this question in future research with families, that is, an explicit question asking each family how many times in their life they have had to re-enter homeless services.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of the scheduled hours by week and manning levels for all the manned lifeguarded swimming locations in the Council district for 2022.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 4 number Lifeguards are on duty in Dollymount; 7 days a week from the beginning of June until the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September from 11:30am until 6:30pm. Depending on the weather and expected numbers visiting the beach this may be extended by a weekend before or after the traditional bathing season.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will commit to a special scheme of letting for the priority de-tenanting of Glover's Court and Pearse House given the current deplorable living conditions and plans for regeneration.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Pearse House:

Dublin City Council received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the first phase of the regeneration of Pearse House, Dublin 2.

The approved regeneration proposal involves the full deep retrofit and amalgamation of existing flats in Blocks L, M, N and P also known as the "Small Flats".

The tender assessment for procurement of the design team is on-going. Once the design team is appointed, they will work on design proposals which will be shared with the community as part of community consultation.

A de-tenanting plan will be developed in line with the progress of this regeneration programme.

Glover's Court:

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.

Once appointed the design team will work on progressing the feasibility study towards a design proposal for Part 8 planning lodgement.

A de-tenanting plan will be developed in line with the progress of this regeneration programme.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Parks Department will appoint a Park Warden similar to a scheme for St Audeon's Park or engage with the South East Area Office to fund or appoint an individual into a similar community and park warden post to provide support for the continued re-opening and maintenance of the Cabbage Patch park and

ensure proper management of the amenity to protect against a return of anti-social behaviour; if the Parks Department will lay out the process and costs of such an appointment and provide an overview of similar Park Warden schemes to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Park Wardens are posted in parks where there is a need for a daytime presence to deter drug dealing and anti-social activity. They can also be posted for temporary periods to deal with short term issues in any park. They are not posted for the purpose of carrying out significant maintenance duties.

The anti-social problems in the Cabbage Garden in the past have been in the evening time and after dark so a Warden would not prevent those problems. It is considered that the multi-agency approach which includes the Gardai which is currently being exercised in relation to the enhancement of the park is the appropriate means of managing the amenity.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive what plans there are in place to deal with the poor condition of the traffic calming measures outside Ballymun Garda station, Dublin 9? The area has a very high footfall and the speed bumps in particular are in very poor condition.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Engineer will examine the situation and, if necessary, refer to Roads Maintenance Services for repairs. The Councillor will be updated with his findings.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the plans for Broadstone Plaza?

In particular:

- The cleaning rota for the plaza.
- When will bins be installed on the plaza?
- Can the unsightly steel barriers be replaced with more aesthetically pleasing alternatives? (Planters/ Stone facades).
- Are the plans to give the plaza a sense of purpose e.g.: Skate Park similar to one in Weaver Park Dublin 8?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services litter pick and power wash the plaza on a weekly basis. Luas have their stops here cleaned by a private company who also service their bins at these stops and platforms.

We will assess if there is a requirement for Waste Management Services to have some litter bins there.

Parks Biodiversity & Landscape Services section do not currently have plans to install planters or develop a skate park at this location.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the placing of school markings removing parking spaces used by residents outside school hours outside St Columba's National school, Crawford Avenue? Residents are now minus 4 parking spots permanently on the road. On match days and at school pick up / drop off the residents find it impossible to get a parking spot on the street

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

St Columba's National School applied for a School Zone on 07 09 20. On application the School identified that illegal parking was an issue outside their school. School Zones are a National Transport Authority funded initiative that prioritises public space outside schools for use by school children and vulnerable road users. The parking spaces were considered for removal by Dublin City Council's Parking Policy and Enforcement unit as part of the School Zone design to create safety outside the school while at the same time ensuring adequate supply of residential parking.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a date when works will commence to repair the footpath outside 78-84 Navan Road?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The contractor is in the process of being appointed and the contract is due to start mid-October. 2022. Therefore the repairs on Navan Road will be completed sometime in late 2022. In the interim, the Area Inspector will carry out any temporary repairs in the vicinity as necessary.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of works to redevelop **(details supplied)**; the time frame for completion of same and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the Dublin City Council Parks Strategy and the North East Inner City Greening Strategy, DCC committed to the refurbishment of **(details supplied)**.

The planned works include the following:

- substantial playground;
- skate opportunities;
- multi-functional activity area;
- performance area;
- community sculpture;
- seating and park furniture;
- SuDS;
- flexible community events area;
- tree planting & wildflower meadows;
- internal circulation routes, public lighting and interpretative signage.

**(details supplied)** closed on 15th August to facilitate the commencement of works. It is anticipated that the works will take approximately six months with the park targeted for re-opening in Q1 2023.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to specify exactly when he expects works to begin on **(details supplied)**; to explain the cause of delays which have been experienced for an inordinate period of time; how long the construction phase will take and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The letter of intent for the construction tender will be signed for this scheme in September 2022. The contractor is expected to be onsite by Q4 2022. The principal current delay in part relates to prudent management of recent inflationary pressures. The construction stage is projected to last 24 months.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he is satisfied with the appearance of Dublin City Centre at present; is he happy with the condition of the public realm across the city centre; does he remain of the view that there is not an over proliferation of street signage blocking our paths; does he not accept that the city is dirty, un-kept and unbecoming a capital city and that he and the Executive must present a draft plan as to how they intend to clean up the city, tackle the illegal dumping, remove the weeds growing on our streets, the damaged paths, the broken roads, the street lights not working; when will he take responsibility for the failure to adequately maintain our city centre and that we need to Clean up Dublin and if he is prepared to respond to these questions?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

The street lights around the DCC administrative area are night checked on a regular basis, typically every two to three weeks, to identify faulty street lights. The vast majority of lights are normally repaired within 5 to 10 working days.

The repair of some lights, however can take longer as firstly they may be outside our control and/or secondly the works are of a non-routine nature involving significant excavations for example (e.g. cable faults). The lights outside our control include those along the Luas Tramline routes where we can only carry out maintenance when the lines are switched off for safety reasons. Permits for switch offs are difficult to get and can take time to get.

DCC's Sign Cleaning & GPS Asset Survey Contract commenced operation in June 2019. The Asset Survey portion of this Contract allowed DCC to identify all "Vacant Poles". The initial response was to replace missing signage. But, this initial policy was changed to that of promoting the removal of "street clutter". A DCC area-wide survey was undertaken from Jan-Dec 2020, identifying approximately 600 vacant sign poles. A programme of removal commenced in early 2021 to remove same (Completed Mar 2021). This process was repeated in Jan-Dec 2021, this identified just over 250 vacant sign poles. Another programme of removal commenced and was completed in Feb 2022.

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

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

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

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

The ongoing removal of Signage from Lamp Standards (Fitzwilliam St, as an example of what can be achieved)

The on-going upgrading of sign poles from the Standard 3.4M sign poles, to 4.0M sign poles. This Allows DCC to accommodate additional signage, on a single pole.



Road Maintenance Services is improving the quality of the road network in Dublin City Council's administrative area. For example, in 2021 the Division delivered an annual works programme to the value of €14 Million in contract works to enhance the city's road infrastructure. This resulted in 17.8km of the city's road network being resurfaced and/or reconstructed and 14km of the city's footpaths being repaired and/or reconstructed. The Division also repaired/ made safe over 4,200 defects and hazards on the road network. A programme in similar magnitude is underway in 2022 and this too will lead to improvements in the quality of the road network.

**Q.69 LORD MAYOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive to state whether the three story red brick building on the east side of Infirmary Road is in the Council's possession, and if so to outline the Council's legal interest in the property, and to provide me with any studies or reports in his possession relating to the building, and to outline his plans and timeline for its future refurbishment and use.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Married Quarters Building was included within the Part 8 2019 Social Housing application site boundary line (RED) with the following text contained in the published notices.

"No works are proposed to the former Married Quarters building (Protected Structure) in this application. "Part 8 ref **3210/19**

Independent of the housing Part 8 application, in February 2019 a building Fabric Condition survey was conducted. Following this assessment, a budget estimate was prepared to seal the building approx. €300K (August 2019). Please note that these costs are now out of date. No further action has been taken and there are no active plans for refurbishment and use.

**Q.70 LORD MAYOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive to state whether the Grangegorman and Shamrock Terrace recycling depots will close once the Ballymun super depot opens and to outline what alternatives will be available to residents for recycling within the North Inner City?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The construction of a purpose built Civic Amenity Site adjacent to the North City Operations Depot presents Waste Management Services with an opportunity to re-prioritise the use of the Shamrock Terrace/Aldborough Parade site to better provide essential operational services in the city centre in terms of street cleaning. An operational decision was made by senior management in Waste Management Services/Environment & Transportation in 2018 to reduce the footprint of the recycling centre on Shamrock Terrace upon completion of the new North City CA Site to facilitate the expansion of Aldborough Parade Depot. This will allow for the storage of increased fleet and to eliminate unnecessary travel time between Ballymun and the City Centre. In recent years, the Waste Management depot in Rathmines was closed and it is increasingly likely that the depot at O'Rahilly Parade will also cease to operate in the short to medium term future. As such, it is essential that Waste Management Services optimise the use of Aldborough Parade depot for operational purposes to ensure the continued delivery of essential street cleaning services in the city centre.

While there will be a reduction in the number of services available at Shamrock Terrace as a result - waste streams such as bulky waste and large WEEE items such as white goods and flat screen TVs that by definition require to be transported by car or van - this will reduce traffic flow into the site. Households in the city will still be able to dispose

of these items and household hazardous waste at the nearby Ringsend Civic Amenity Site, and traffic from other parts of the North City will be diverted away from the city centre to the new CA site at Ballymun.

A full suite of Bring Centre waste streams will be available at the repurposed bring centre:

Free of charge:

- Mixed dry recyclables – paper, plastics, cardboard, tetra-pak, food tins.
- Glass – bottles, jars, flat glass.
- Small household WEEE i.e. items no larger than a standard microwave.
- Batteries, bulbs, fluorescent tubing.
- Clothing and textiles.
- Waste oils – engine, cooking.

Garden Waste is charged at €2 per 80L bag i.e. standard refuse sack / “black bag” or €16 per 1m<sup>3</sup> “skip” bag.

In relation to Grangegorman Bring Centre, Waste Management Services understand that ownership of the current bring centre site is due to revert to TU Grangegorman on foot of an existing agreement. This is not linked in any way to the development of the North City Operations Depot and Civic Amenity Site. At present, a search is underway to find a suitable alternative location for the bring centre in Central Area. Until such time as a suitable site has been identified, Waste Management Services will endeavour to ensure the current bring centre remains open for as long as possible. We cannot state with certainty however that we will not be forced to vacate the premises before a suitable alternative location is identified.

**Q.71 LORD MAYOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm Dublin City Council’s ownership of 38 and 39 Bolton Street, Dublin 1, and to give details of the Council’s current plans for the building; clarify the historic importance and current condition of the building by liaising with the Conservation Officer, to indicate whether it will be converted to social housing, and to give a timeline of what decisions have been made regarding the building in recent years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

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

These plans are at an early stage and once completed will require the approval under the part 8 planning process, after which refurbishment work can be offered to tender and subsequently commence.

It is envisaged that the construction works to these properties will be completed in late 2024.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the efforts Dublin City Council have made to date to tackle the issue of Sea and Herring gulls in the city and if he is considering applying for a cull or launching an awareness campaign encouraging members of the public not to feed them.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

While Gulls are a significant nuisance in the city in terms of noise and creating a mess Herring Gulls are actually a protected species under European Law and whose numbers are in significant decline both nationally and internationally. The species was briefly moved to the Amber List (Medium Conservation Concern) due to a brief uplift in numbers a couple of years ago but has recently been reclassified once again as a Red List Species (High Conservation Concern). Getting EU permission for a mass cull of a species considered to be at risk of extinction would be an enormous legal challenge.

The reasons cited for the increase in numbers of Gulls in the city both nesting and scavenging for food are complex and varied ranging from loss of traditional nesting sites due to fires, disturbance and predation by rats and minks meaning it is safer for these birds to nest on the roofs. It has been shown that the removal of nests from individual roofs merely displaces the problem to other areas. The reestablishment of these traditional coastal and off shore sites as safe nesting areas would be considered the most sustainable solution to the problem of birds nesting on urban and sub-urban roofs in the medium to longer term.

The availability of food and waste in the city, a poor substitute for a natural diet, teaches these gulls and particularly juvenile individuals that it is easier to make a living in the city than out at sea. It takes such juvenile birds a number of years observing older birds to acquire the necessary fishing and foraging skills to survive in the natural environment. If juvenile birds become habituated to human food and waste they don't develop their natural skills and quickly lose the desire to fish. It is understood that Waste Management are trialling gull proof bin bags in the city which should help with both the mess associated with damaged bags and reduce the food available to the birds.

Deliberate feeding of Gulls does act to exacerbate this and teaches these birds to associate people with food and ultimately makes them less fearful of people and much more aggressive. It is recognised internationally that once such food is no longer available Gulls do quickly move on to locations where food is more abundant. The Parks Service through the Biodiversity Office will liaise with other relevant departments and area office with a view to launching an awareness campaign around the risks of feeding Gulls for 2023.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive if the housing adaptation for **(details supplied)** can be expedited.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of this property to see if door widening is possible at this address. If it is, all necessary works will be carried out for the tenant.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is considering a review of the decision to no longer cut grass verges outside people's home and if he is considering a cut on request operation or the first cut of the season being carried out by the local authority.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Currently there are no arrangements in place to maintain verges outside properties. While it was envisaged that assistance would be provided for older and infirm residents this in itself presents an enormous logistical challenge as to how this might be delivered. This work was previously carried out under contract, unfortunately

the Parks and Biodiversity Service is not in a position to take on this role in any meaningful way without diverting considerable resources away from essential core work of maintaining parks, pitches, playgrounds, trees etc.

In line with a commitment given at the area committees, a review of the new policy will be carried out in the autumn and at that stage a one off cut may be considered to have the verges maintained going into the winter months – subject to the availability of resources.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular form a breakdown of the down of legal claims and payments arising from trips and falls on pathways and roadways in Dublin City Council jurisdiction for the years 2017 to 2022 to date.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

	YEAR	NUMBER OF CLAIMS RECEIVED	PAYMENTS RE TRIPS/FALLS ON PATHWAYS/ROADS
	2017	911	€9,634,952.00
	2018	1281	€9,592,646.00
	2019	974	€7,919,762.00
	2020	756	€8,787,900.00
	2021	715	€8,248,609.00
	2022 (YTD)	348	€5,669,564.00

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to **(details supplied)** and say if he can provide a pedestrian crossing at this point as with the increasing amount of people using the area motorists, pedestrians and cyclists etc., the crossing there is very dangerous;

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Engineer will examine the situation to see if it is feasible to accede to this request. The Councillor will be updated with his finding.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to **(details supplied)** and say if he can please install a dishing outside as the person is a wheelchair user and needs the dishing to access her home.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Traffic Engineer will examine the situation to see if it is feasible to accede to this request. The Councillor will be updated with his findings.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive please inspect the laneway at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arranged to clear same of debris and overgrowth as elder residents are unable to use the lane due to its current condition.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Enquiry 11126008 has been created and an inspection will be carried out in the coming weeks to assess the shrubbery at this location.

If this impedes the footpath, the owner will be requested to cut the shrubs back to their boundary.

If a hedge notice has been previously issued, our roads inspector will follow up on this and send an additional request if required.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please inspect dwelling at **(details supplied)** and say if he can please arrange to clear same of massive overgrowth, as local residents, particularly vulnerable persons, are:

(a) finding it impossible to walk on the footpath due to the overgrowth out into the public domain and

(b) worried about the amount of rubbish that is accumulating and rodent infestations and please do not respond by saying this is private property and you cannot do anything; the situation in this instance is unbearable for locals, particularly our elders and vulnerable persons.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Enquiry 11126006 has been created and an inspection will be carried out in the coming weeks to assess the shrubbery at this location.

If this impedes the footpath, the owner will be requested to cut the shrubs back to their boundary.

If a hedge notice has been previously issued, our roads inspector will follow up on this and send an additional request if required.

A Litter Warden visited **(details supplied)** and inspected the premises. The garden is indeed overgrown and strewn with litter. The property is currently vacant. The Litter Enforcement Manager will request a title search for the registered owner of the property and write to him detailing his responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council please look at the total lack of maintenance of Spiddle Park and Drumfinn Park Ballyfermot. There are weeds growing out onto the public footpaths and areas poorly cleaned. These small pocket Parks were once looked after however we i.e., DCC have an awful habit of doing up spaces like the two mentioned above and withdrawing any real sustainable maintenance. Beautiful paved paths are full of weeds due to DCC not spraying weeds, this practice needs to be addressed and alternatives have to be found. Can I ask if it is OK for some concerned residents to cut back the brambles growing out onto Drumfinn Road along the railings at the public footpath?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks no longer treat weeds with herbicide in an effort to reduce toxic chemical use and is supported by the Council. As a result weeds will be more evident in the public realm. Parks will arrange for the paths to be treated with an alternative method and for any brambles growing onto the path to be cut back.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council please look at the housing application of **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Older Person's Housing List, with an application date of 03/09/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	1	9
Area K	1	31

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet his household need becomes available and according to his position on the list. An applicant's position can fluctuate owing to the fact that applicants can change their areas of choice once a year, if an applicant changes their area of choice their position on the list will be reflective of their time on the waiting list, therefore, it may alter other applicants' positions on that list. The development at Springvale is not an older person's accommodation so the applicant would not be eligible for selection for same. Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting line.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 09/06/2016, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	1	203

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

The applicant may wish to apply for consideration for a medical priority, he should complete the Disability and/or Medical Priority application form and submit it to the Housing Allocations section where it will be processed. If successful in obtaining a medical priority it may increase the applicants chances of being housed in a shorter timeframe.

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

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive That DCC please look into the following housing query **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 30/04/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	1	47
Area K	1	73
Area N	1	105

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

Taking into consideration the applicant's age and circumstances, if the applicant has not sourced alternative accommodation three months in advance of the Notice of Termination date, the case will be referred to the Senior Citizen's Prevention Officer for review.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply me with all information, emails, correspondence and all other material with regards to the hand over and disposal of the Dublin city council property formerly a Magdalene Laundry at Sean McDermot Street. This documentation also to include what ongoing involvement and interest DCC will have in the development of this site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The disposal of the former convent and site at Sean MacDermott Street Lower/ Railway Street to the Office of Public Works (OPW) was noted by the Central Area Committee at its meeting on 14th June 2022 and approved by Councillors at the monthly Council Meeting on 4th July 2022, subject to the terms and conditions listed in the disposal report (report no. 193/2022 refers).

The Central Area Office has an ongoing programme of routine internal and external maintenance work at this site incorporating the former Convent building, the Church, Grounds, open spaces and the extended area fronting on to Sean Mac Dermott Street such as cleaning, security and routine works.

The OPW are in the process of preparing a scope of works for the buildings and once complete will be presented to the Local Area Committee and other stakeholders for information.

A file with correspondence will issue to the Councillor directly.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full breakdown of all monies received from the NTA since the Covid pandemic to the present. This information to include all staff who salaries are paid by the NTA and all projects that are funded by the NTA within DCC.

What financial oversights and governance is attached to these projects and these monies supplied by the NTA and who has overall responsibility with regards the roll out of these initiatives such as cycling and walking, cycling temporary infrastructures, road closures and pedestrianisation such as Capel Street. Finally, can the CEO supply me with all the delegations in relation to these projects and all managerial orders or road closure orders.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A response to the items raised requires input from a number of divisions within the Environment and Transportation Department as well as other Dublin City Council Departments. A report will be prepared in due course and circulated to all members.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give me a full breakdown of the ongoing negotiations with regards the Iveagh Market and the ongoing court cases. Also, can the CEO give me a full update with regards the publication of a report by a senior Dublin City Council officials that was published during the planning application for the Iveagh markets some years back? This report, at the time, indicated that the applicant didn't have the resources to develop this site and that planning was not going to be forthcoming. Can the CEO verify whether DCC are standing over this report

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As advised previously, the Iveagh Market is subject to a number of legal proceedings and the relevant parties remain locked into a confidential Mediation process which is ongoing but nearing completion. The report referred to was presented to the City Council at its meeting In January 2020 to update members on the situation regarding the Iveagh Markets at that time.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that in future that all orders of delegations and all the legal acts that are associated with change of use of roads or any interference with roadways or pedestrianisation or traffic calming measures that the copies of the legislation in which they are enacted and DCC's councillors statutory roles in such acts are published with the reports. This is to ensure that the public are fully informed and that indeed the public representatives are full informed and are aware of the powers they have in relation to such acts.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As the nature of this request is broad-reaching and proposes new requirements on all reports, a full report will be issued following consultation with the law department.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to state how many applications have been received, and how many have been approved under the Living Cities Initiative since the scheme was initiated, and in each instance to give the address, description and date of determination. In addition can he give the name and contact details of the official in charge of the scheme in the local authority.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Active Land Management Unit of Dublin City Council has received a total of 184 eligible Living City Initiative applications to date. Information in relation to the address, description and date of determination cannot be disclosed in line with GDPR guidelines. The Administrative Officer in charge of the Living City Initiative Scheme is Fiona Meade contactable at T 01-2223833 E:Fiona.meade@dublincity.ie.



**Q.89 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to state whether the local authority is aware of the vacancy and under-use of some of the properties at 60-66 North King Street, Dublin 7, and to outline whether he has any legal interest in the properties, and whether he has initiated any statutory notices under the Derelict Sites Acts, Sanitary Services Acts, or Urban Regeneration and Housing Acts on these properties in regard to their vacancy and under-use, and to make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Vacant Sites Reply:

The properties at 60-66 North King Street were reviewed by the Planning Department to ascertain their suitability or otherwise for the Vacant Sites Register. The vacant site legislation (the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015) only applies to properties that exceed 0.05 hectares. Due to the separate ownership and site area of each property the subject properties do not meet the minimum 0.05ha size threshold and therefore cannot be included on the Vacant Site Register.

Derelict Sites

No action has been taken under derelict sites legislation to date. The Derelict Sites Section will arrange to have the properties inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of their condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the details of any vesting order issued by the Local Authority within the last five years?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Derelict Sites

The Council through the effective exercise of the legislative provisions in the Derelict Sites Act 1990, proactively strives to achieve the eradication of dereliction in the City and the return of derelict sites to active use. The implementation of an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 is a key part of the Council's Active Land Management Initiative which aims to eradicate underutilised vacant and derelict lands and buildings in the city. The making of a Vesting Order is the final step in the compulsory acquisition process which transfers ownership to the Council.

Any site entered on the Derelict Sites Register can be considered for possible acquisition regardless of how long it has been entered on the Register. Thirty six derelict sites have been acquired compulsorily since 2017, thirty five of which were retained by the Council under the control of the Housing & Community Services to be used for social housing purposes. Many of the properties have been completely refurbished and rendered non-derelict and are now occupied, or are currently undergoing refurbishment. One of the sites comprised an unfinished development at 21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3 which the Council intends to develop. The acquisitions strategy remains ongoing, a Compulsory Acquisitions Notice was served on 2 Ranelagh, D6 in June and in this case the Council has sought the consent of An Bord Pleanála to the acquisition following the receipt of objections and awaits their decision.

The following derelict sites have been acquired compulsorily from 2017 to date :

Annamoe Terrace, 11, Cabra, D7  
Barry Avenue, 7, Finglas, D11  
Barnamore Pk, 25A, Finglas, D11  
Barry Avenue, 1C, Finglas, D11

Connaught Street, 19, D7  
Connaught Street, 21, D7  
Creighton Street, 6, D2  
Downpatrick Rd, 188, Crumlin, D12  
Elm Mount Drive, 6, Beaumont, 6, D9.  
Ferguson Road, 8, Drumcondra, D9  
Ferguson Road, 10, Drumcondra, D9  
Glenties Park, 58, D11  
Kilbarron Park, 55, D5  
Kingsland Park Avenue, 7, D8  
Manor Place, 48, D7  
Merlyn Road, 30, Sandymount, D4  
Mulberry Cottages, 1, Chapelizod, D 20  
Mulberry Cottages, 2, Chapelizod, D 20  
Mulberry Cottages, 5, Chapelizod, D 20  
Mulberry Cottages, 6, Chapelizod, D 20  
Mulberry Cottages, 7, Chapelizod, D 20  
Mulberry Cottages, 10, Chapelizod, D 20  
Mulberry Cottages, 11, Chapelizod, D 20  
Nelson Street, 6, D7  
NCR, 414, D7  
7a Oakwood Avenue, 7A, D11  
Oldtown Road, 35, D9  
Oldtown Road, 35A, D9  
Reuben Avenue, 32, D8  
Richmond Ave, 21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29, D3  
Rutland Street Lower, 21 D1  
St Anthony's Rd, 3, Rialto, D8  
St. Brendan's Park, 68B, Coolock, D5  
Terrace Place, 6, D1  
Terrace Place, 7 & 8, D1  
Thomas Court, 37, D8

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to request that adequate funding is provided to the Neighbour schemes from NTA active transport funding as the budget in the North Central Area is not enough I believe to progress projects”

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC will request additional funding from the NTA to add to the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme budget

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the designs for safe routes to school, I was informed in December 2021 that designs were to be prepared in July 2021 for St Joseph Primary and Secondary schools Marino Fairview Dublin 3 that were funded as priority class 1 by the NTA but have not seen any progress as yet for September 2022”

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

St Joseph Secondary School is a Safe Routes School Round 1 applicant and St Joseph's Primary is a School Zone applicant.

A concept design is being prepared for front of school treatment under a current prioritisation with the National Transport Authority to advance any Safe Route To School applicants who have not received School Zones as part of DCC's first application of School Zones during 2020 and 2021.

Site visits and interviews with the school principals were conducted in June 2022 by Dublin City Council's School Mobility Officer and by the National Transport Authority appointed engineer. The information obtained from this initial assessment is being used for the concept design. Dublin City Council has committed to progress school safety at the gate improvement works for these schools as part of their Safe Route To School application by the end of 2022.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to state whether the Rathmines and Pembroke Valve House and the Wastewater Services section adjacent to the small car park at the start of the Great South Wall is currently in use, and if not whether it might be repurposed as a cafe, and could he initiate a study on the feasibility of same? If it is not available, can he clarify in detail its current use, as sea discharges of wastewater from this location have presumably ceased."

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The South Wall Valve house forms part of the original Rathmines and Pembroke Sewer (1870) and was used to control discharges to the outgoing tide. The pipework is now in use as an overflow from the Main Lift Pumping Station during high rainfall, flooding events, or in the event of failure of the pumping station. Irish Water are now the utility that have overall responsibility for the water and wastewater network in the country. While Dublin City Council manage the day to day operations under a Service Level Agreement on behalf of Irish Water, any decisions regarding the repurposing of any assets or infrastructure would fall under Irish Water's remit

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on trends in electric fires in recent years and comment on the frequency of call-outs to electric car fires, fires caused by large electric appliances (such as washing machines and dishwashers), and smaller electric devices (such as phones, laptops, tablets and chargers), and can he make a statement on the matter."

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the year 2021 DFB recorded 64 fires in domestic dwellings where the probable cause was electrical appliances. DFB do not have a breakdown of these individual appliances and do not investigate causes of fires.

To date DFB have not responded to many fires of electrical vehicles.

Electrical vehicles cause particular challenges to the fire service and DFB continue to research and develop operational guidelines to deal with incidents involving electric vehicles.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider the content of the email below and attached images and furnish a reply and set out the actions to be taken in relation to a building in Old Mountpleasant in Ranelagh that is in need of a tidy up. **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A Notice of Intention to acquire a derelict site at **(details supplied)** compulsorily was made on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022. A submission was lodged with An Bord Pleanála on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 for consent to the compulsory acquisition in accordance with the requirements of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 following the receipt of three objections to the acquisition. Their decision is awaited.

There is ongoing liaison between Derelict Sites and the Conservation Section in relation to derelict sites which are protected structures or are on the Buildings at Risk Register.

The Derelict Sites Unit will arrange for an inspection of the site and as this is a protected structure will review the findings with the Conservation Section to determine the best course of action to address any issues with the site. The complainant has received a reply from the Derelict Sites Section and will be kept updated. A full report on the assessment of the condition of the site will issue to the Councillor.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider the content of the email below and furnish a reply and set out the actions to be taken in relation to the implementation of zebra crossings at certain key locations in Sandymount village. **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC currently have 3 zebra crossing installed in the city. Currently a subcommittee of the Transport SPC is reviewing the option of installing further Zebra crossing in the city, issues being investigated by the committee include current legislation requirements for an installation and user experiences in particular from a disability group perspective. The locations provided will be added to list of possible locations if the committee agree to install further zebra crossings.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider the content of the email below and furnish a reply and actions taken in relation to requesting a 'Children at Play' sign installed on Herbert Green/Oaklands park similar to that around the corner on Claremont Park.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if any consideration has been given to installing bollards that go under the ground and can come up from the ground to designate areas pedestrianised only for certain times and accessible to loading vehicles for other times; if he can cite specific streets where this has been considered or where cost estimates have taken place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These types of bollards are being considered in appropriate areas and they have been installed at the first location which is Broadstone Plaza. This is to be monitored to see how they perform with the intention that similar may be rolled out to appropriate locations. Costs are very site specific with the main cost being the civil works required, the level of which will vary depending in particular on the utilities and services that have to be diverted to facilitate the large foundations for these bollards.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER**

To ask the chief executive to agree that granting permission for off-street parking in front gardens generally removes sufficient space to provide public on-street parking for one car, and in effect privatises public space, and is he satisfied that the charges and levies associated with such works are a fair reflection of the potential loss of space and revenue to the city, and can he make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The charging for a permanent rescindment of an on street parking space is set out by order of the Executive Manager. For private dwellings the charges are calculated by calculating the cost of a permit over a 30 year period in a high demand area and 20 years in a low demand area. The cost for the loss of parking spaces for a commercial development is significantly higher and is varied on the parking zone that the development is in. There are also potential costs incurred for road markings to be removed and new markings reinstated, for removal or movement of poles and planning fees. These fees are not charged by the parking policy and enforcement section.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his plans for building on the surface car park to the west of the Dublin City Fruit Vegetable and Flower Markets, as was agreed some years ago by the Central Area Committee, noting that the site would be appropriate for a six-story mixed-use development similar to Wolfe Tone Court nearby on Jervis Street where there are local authority homes over Smyths toy shop.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The surface car park on St Michan's Street/ Mary's Lane is part of the Markets Redevelopment and was upgraded to provide a Multi-Use Games Area in 2018, Research identified it as crucial to incubating the Retail Market use in the Market building, in order to accommodate both traders and the public in the first few years of opening. It was agreed the location would revert to a development site thereafter. This remains the position.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on progress with the feasibility study that he undertook to carry out in 2022 on the potential locations, facilities, costs, timeframes etc. for an alternative facility in the likely event of the need to replace Markievicz Pool due to the MetroLink Project?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

CRES will submit a report in relation to the findings of the feasibility study to the October Area Committee Meeting. The report will include a site appraisal, costs and a timeframe for the delivery of an alternative location to replace Markievicz Pool.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline progress with the provision of a district heating system using waste heat from facilities on the Poolbeg peninsula including the Waste-to-Energy Plant and what legislative, regulatory or funding impediments are slowing progress?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Project Team are currently working towards finalising the tender documents to appoint a project partner who will deliver the DH network in conjunction with Dublin City Council. It is anticipated that the contract notice for this tender will be published in coming months.

In order to allow the project to progress to construction there is a requirement to see changes to Building Regulations, the Local Government Act and to see increased funding being made available via the Climate Action Fund or a similar mechanism.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to please outline the following:

- what plans are in place to introduce more public drinking water fountains in the City
- have locations been identified and if so can he provide details of those locations
- is there a timeline for delivery
- how much of the budget allocated for public drinking water fountains in both 2019 and 2022 budgets has been spent,
- Dublin is to host the Circular Hotspot 2023 and more water fountains would send a strong signal about Dublin's commitment to a Circular Economy and reducing single use plastic.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the initial pilot scheme three water bottle refill stations were purchased. One unit has been installed in Clarendon Row with another unit to be included as part of the public realm improvement scheme on Adelaide Road and the final unit will be included in the Temple Bar Square Area Improvement Scheme. The feedback and learning from this pilot scheme will inform any wider rollout.

Dublin City Council are looking to install more internal water fillers at library locations, to extend the initial three units that were installed in Ballyfermot, Walkinstown and Raheny which are available for the public to use. We are also looking into the possibility of including external wall mounted water stations on suitable DCC buildings.

Due to staff leave a further response will issue to the October meeting and in the interim an update will be provided to the Councillor.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Pigeon House Precinct plans to develop a cultural, creative and green business hub on the site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council had selected a Preferred Bidder for the redevelopment of the Pigeon House Precinct, however, an unsuccessful bidder has instituted High Court proceedings. The Council is awaiting notification of a court date and following the outcome of said proceedings will then be in a position to advance plans for the redevelopment of this property

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the public realm enhancements planned to support the attractiveness and citizen experience of traffic free Capel St and the timeline for the realisation of same.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report on the Traffic Free Capel Street initiative is being brought to the Central Area committee in September. A consultation process is also currently taking place to seek further feedback from the public with regard to the initiative. This consultation process closes on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Engagements have commenced between relevant City Council sections (e.g. Office of City Recovery, Parks Division, City Architects Division, Roads and Traffic Divisions etc) with regard to the development of a public realm enhancement scheme for Capel Street. A procurement process to appoint a Landscape Architect has commenced and should be complete by the end of October / early November. Once appointed, the views of local residents, businesses and councillors will be gathered to get their input

into how the street should look and feel. A timeline will be prepared and communicated once the consultant has been appointed.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following in relation to trees that need to be pruned and footpaths that need to be repaired at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance currently have a contractor working in the area and plan to complete localised footpath repairs also on **(details supplied)** and these works are due to be completed in September 2022.

Dublin City Council Administrative Area includes 1,131km of roads. Dublin City Council Road Maintenance has a budget of €320,000 including VAT available for the treatment of weeds on roads. This budget allows for the treatment of 800km of residential roads over a three year period by contract.

This budget does not make it possible to treat every road in Dublin City Council.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following in relation to the electric green box at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Signal Infrastructure Ltd applied for a licence, under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to place a telecommunications cabinet measuring externally (1.898mL x 0.798mW x 1.652mH) and associated pole (height 15m, diameter 0.360m) on the public footpath on Springdale road, opposite of St. Malachy's Footpath Club, on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022. A site notice was placed at the proposed location by the applicant on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022, affording the public the opportunity to make submissions. The application was assessed and a section 254 licence was granted by The Environment and Transportation Department in June 2022.

Further to the Section 254 licence, Signal Infrastructure applied for a road opening licence (T2) to construct the licenced 15m pole and associated cabinet in July 2022. The green box referenced in the question is the telecommunications cabinet component of this infrastructure.

In line with the conditions of the T2, Signal Infrastructure Ltd are required to notify residents in the vicinity of the works, at least two days in advance of the works. However, this notification did not take place. The contractor is going to contact the resident and explain the purpose of the infrastructure and that the 15m pole is due to be constructed in the next two months. The residents will be notified by letter drop two days before the work is due to start.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following in relation to new trees that need to be planted at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This road is not yet in the charge of the Council and the trees will have to be replaced before the road can be taken in charge.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following in relation to a park bench that should be installed at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A copy of the guidelines governing applications for memorial benches has been included below.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive, following up on a question from April, when figures were not available, can the Chief Executive provide me with the following:-the overall number of road traffic accident deaths;-the number of road traffic accident pedestrian deaths; and-the number of road traffic accident cyclist deaths within the Local Authority boundary in each of the last five most recent years for which final or preliminary figures are available?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following data is from the Road Safety Authority Research Department. Table 1 and Graphic 1 shows the fatal casualty trends for various road users categories over the period 2017 to 2021.

Dublin City	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pedestrian	3	3	4	3	2
Pedal Cycle Users	1	2	1	1	0
Motorcycle Users	4	2	0	0	4
Car Users	1	1	3	3	2
Goods Vehicle Users	0	0	0	0	0
PSV Users	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Totals Road Deaths	9	8	8	7	8

**Graphic 1: Dublin City Fatalities by Road User**

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following updates on the Fixed Penalty Notice Pilot:



- The number of parking enforcement officers issuing fixed penalty notices from February 1st to May 31st
- The number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued from January 26th to May 31st
- The number of tickets issued for parking a vehicle on a footway from February 1st to May 31st
- The number of tickets issued for parking/stopping on a clearway from February 1st to May 31st
- The number of tickets issued for parking in a bus lane during hours of operation from February 1st to May 31st
- The number of tickets issued for parking in a cycle track from February 1st to May 31st
- The amount of money the service has taken in from February 1st to May 31st
- The approximate cost of running the service from February 1st to May 31<sup>st</sup>

Can the Chief Executive further confirm whether the pilot added more mobile patrol methods per the recommendations of the pilot review, such as on foot or on bicycle?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The number of parking enforcement officers issuing fixed penalty notices from February 1st to May 31st:

Reply: During the pilot phase there was 7 staff designated to issue fines along with other enforcement duties, however from June 2022 there are dedicated staff assigned to issue fixed penalty notices.

The number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued from January 26th to May 31st

Reply: 1,428

The number of tickets issued for parking a vehicle on a footway from February 1st to May 31st

Reply: 435

The number of tickets issued for parking/stopping on a clearway from February 1st to May 31st

Reply: 261

The number of tickets issued for parking in a bus lane during hours of operation from February 1st to May 31st

Reply: 69

The number of tickets issued for parking in a cycle track from February 1st to May 31st

Reply: 5

The amount of money the service has taken in from February 1st to May 31

Reply: €64,059

The approximate cost of running the service from February 1st to May 31

Reply: The additional cost of running the service from 1st February to May 31st was approx. €20k. Most of the costs are included in the existing parking enforcement contract.

Can the Chief Executive further confirm whether the pilot added more mobile patrol methods per the recommendations of the pilot review, such as on foot or on bicycle?

Reply: Yes, from June 2022 there were mobile patrols on foot.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the recent increase in bicycle theft from Drury Street car park? While the car park is operated by ParkRite, the facility is advertised on Dublin City Council's website as an Indoor Parking Facility with 300 bicycle parking spaces 'monitored by CCTV security cameras'. However a victim of bicycle theft was recently told that DCC does not operate or manage the car park, and further discovered the CCTV is not monitored. Can the Chief Executive please outline the nature of Dublin City Council's partnership with ParkRite in the provision of these spaces?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Park Rite leases the Drury Street car park from Dublin City Council.

There is CCTV covering the bicycle parking area, and it is monitored.

Due to GDPR regulations CCTV footage is not normally made available to members of the public. It is provided to the Gardaí when requested.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to let me know if footpath damage reports / repairs are logged by type or probable causation (E.g. lifting caused by tree roots) and if so please provide me with the following:

- The total amount spent on footpath repairs in 2019, 2020 and 2021,
- The types of repairs or damaged reported or logged,
- The amount of reports / repairs / damage attributable to cars parking on or driving on pavements
- The total cost of repairs for this type of damage?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Footpath defects are logged on the Transport Asset Management System utilised by Road Maintenance Services under subject fields such as '*broken surface > 40mm*', '*loose paving*', and '*tree trip > 40mm*' amongst other options. There is no option however to record a defect on a footpath under a subject field that indicates that the damage was caused by cars mounting the footpath. Furthermore, customer service requests that relate to footpath defects are logged on the system as either 'Footpath/ Tree Trips' or 'Footpath Other' or 'kerb'. The total number of service requests recorded on the system with the aforementioned subject fields during the period 2019 to 2021 was approximately 7,500. It is therefore not possible to advise on how much the Division spent on footpath repairs due to cars mounting the footpath or parking on the footpath.

In respect of total spent on footpath maintenance as part of the Division's annual works programme please see update below and please note that approximately one-third of this expenditure relates to footpath maintenance.

**2019**

Road Maintenance Services managed an investment of approximately €17 Million in contract works to enhance the city's road infrastructure. This resulted in approximately 23km of the city's road network being resurfaced and/or reconstructed, 15km of the city's footpaths being repaired and/or reconstructed.

During 2019 Road Maintenance Services resolved 9,200 customer service requests and enquiries. Repaired/ made safe a total of 5,148 defects and hazards on the city's road, footpath and cycling network.

## **2020**

Road Maintenance Services delivered an Annual Works programme to the value of €12.5 Million in 2020. This investment has resulted in significant improvements in the road infrastructure across the City, with 25km of carriageway being resurfaced and/ or reconstructed, 14km of footpaths being repaired/ and renewed and the upgrade of circa 4km of shared bus and cycle lanes and/ cycle lanes. This investment has led to improved road conditions for all road users, including improved safety for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

During 2020, Road Maintenance Services resolved over 6,700 customer enquiries and service requests. Additionally, during the same period, over 5,200 defects and hazards on the road and footpath network were repaired and/or made safe.

## **2021**

Road Maintenance Services delivered an Annual Works programme to the value of €12 Million in 2021. This investment has resulted in significant improvements in the road infrastructure across the City, with 14km of carriageway being resurfaced and 12km of footpaths being renewed. This investment has led to improved road conditions for all road users, including improved safety for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

During 2021, Road Maintenance Services resolved over 7,500 customer enquiries and service requests. Additionally, during the same period, over 4,200 defects and hazards on the road and footpath network were repaired and/or made safe.

### **Q.114 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the attached correspondence from the residents **(details supplied)** and implement the appropriate course of action to resolve their access issue. I have reviewed the situation onsite and I believe the best solution is a short length of double-yellow line between **(details 1)** and **(details 2)** to ease parking overhang as the boundary wall is so short at this location. See also attached 2 x photos I took of the location.

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

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: 7028840.

### **Q.115 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for public seating benches to be installed at the following locations to improve amenity/enjoyment:

On Gracefield Park

On Grace Park Road at an optimum location somewhere between the Griffith Avenue and Collins Avenue junctions – for those out walking to rest.

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

The Public Domain team will investigate the possibility of public seating benches along this stretch of road from Griffith Ave to Collins Ave and liaise with Councillor O'Muirí and the local residents associations.

There is no problem in facilitating this request & the Local Area Manager will engage directly with Councillor in relation to progressing this action at Gracefield Park.

The Parks Service has no objection to the installation of a bench on the open space at Gracefield Park however as budgets are committed for 2022 and subject to the

agreement of residents, Parks will consider same as part of a future Parks Improvements programme.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on DCC work to regularise the entry/exit points at the Clontarf Baths with a view to making it safe for cyclists? I know that this location is not in public charge but we have been seeking for some time to have it brought to standard. See attached a photo of a very recent example of vehicle parking down there which renders the location unsafe for those using the S2S cycleway.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Active Travel Programme Office are currently progressing with a 120m section of the Sutton to Sandycove (S2S) greenway to provide a safe, segregated cycle route along the Clontarf Road, specifically adjacent to Clontarf Baths. The proposed improvements include works to the car park to mitigate the cyclist-motorist conflict at the entry and exit points. The scheme is currently at detailed design stage with construction expected to commence in Q4 2022. The S2S also forms part of the East Coast Trail in the NTA's 2013 Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress update and timeline in relation to plans to install a Columbarium wall at the graveyard in Clontarf

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The proposed Burial Places Strategy Action 1. (For the provision of columbarium walls), proposed a pilot project wall at Donnybrook graveyard and subsequent columbarium walls in other sites, such as Clontarf Graveyard (if approved). Therefore, the Clontarf site is at early feasibility stage and priority conservation works were carried out (Q4, 2021) to the church ruins. Regarding columbarium wall project timescale, Clontarf graveyard would first require a conservation management plan, detailed archaeological assessments, Part 8 approval and archaeological approvals before columbarium walls could be installed. The project timescale to installation/niche leasing stage would likely be a minimum of 18 months.

The application for a Community Monument Fund 2022 Stream 2 grant to fund the necessary conservation management plan (CMP) for Clontarf Graveyard was unsuccessful for 2022. Consequently, the potential columbarium wall project at this location is essentially on hold until a Conservation Management Plan is first completed and following that the project feasibility may be progressed

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the number of submissions made as part of the CDP 2022 - 2028 process in relation to the zoning of Redcourt Clontarf? And why his Report No 119 refers to "the" submission when it is known that there was at least one other submission in relation to this site which welcomed the retention of the Z2 zoning.

Separately, this site is currently the subject of a judicial review and can the CE report on whether or not this fact makes any difference to the forthcoming CPD meetings / ratifications etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Over 4,300 submissions were received on the Draft Dublin City Development Plan, some of which raised multiple issues and observations. Given this volume of

submissions, it is not practicable to summarise every single submission received, particularly those that raise multiple issues and points. From our records, there was one substantive submission made which sought the rezoning of the Redcourt site from Z2 to Z1. A submission was received from the Clontarf Residents Association which raised a number of points regarding the plan generally and a brief reference to various sites in the Clontarf area including support for the Z2 zoning on the Redcourt site as well as a support for the zoning of other sites in the area. Given the volume of submissions and complexity of issues raised, the CE report focussed on the substantive issue made with regard to the subject site. The CE report clearly sets out the rationale as to the recommendation to zone the site as Z1.

It should be noted that report 119 contains a list of all individuals and bodies that made a submission (Part 4).

The Redcourt site is a proposed material amendment upon which submissions can be made up to 4.30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September (F006, Volume 3).

With regard to the ongoing judicial review, the Draft Development Plan is a forward looking document, and its purpose is to set out the optimal zoning for this site into the future for the plan period – 2022 - 2028. Irrespective of pending legal matters, it is clearly set out under the Act (section 10 (2) (a) that the Development Plan shall include objectives for:

(a) the zoning of land for the use solely or primarily of particular areas for particular purposes (whether residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, as open space or otherwise, or a mixture of those uses), where and to such extent as the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, in the opinion of the planning authority, requires the uses to be indicated.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could clarify why the zoning and the flood maps issued with CE's report 119 showed different zonings on the same sites for example, zoning Map F showed Redcourt at Z1, being the CE's proposed rezoning, whereas the same site was shown as Z2 on Flood Map F, there are further similar examples in Report 119 of the CE ?

Also does the CE accept that this caused confusion for members of the public and councillors alike?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The zoning maps issued with CE Report No. 119/2022 on the Draft Plan Consultation Process were provided for information purposes in order to assist Councillors in their consideration of the CE report. The zoning maps issued reflected the CE recommendations and were provided to assist members in identifying the sites proposed for rezoning.

Zoning Map F which accompanied the CE Report indicated a Z1 zoning in respect to the Redcourt site in line with the recommended zoning amendment to the Draft Plan arising from the Chief Executive's Report on Submissions received in respect of the Draft Plan.

The flood overlay maps (land use zoning maps overlaid with the flood zone maps) were prepared on foot of submissions on the Draft Plan from the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) and the OPW. In this regard the flood maps are overlaid on the **Draft** Development Plan Zoning Maps. The intended purpose of the composite and Flood overlay maps is to identify areas of the city at flood risk.

A separate 'Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment' report –

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/strategic-planning/dublin-city-development-plan/development-plan-2022-2028/stage-2-development-plan-2022-2028> - was issued to the Councillors together with the CE Report and this provided an assessment of the flood risk for all recommended zoning amendments arising from the submissions. This was undertaken by the City Council's Flood Projects and Water Framework Directive Division. In respect of the Redcourt Clontarf site (Map Ref. F-0006), the assessment concluded that "no SFRA issues arise" (see extract from report below).

The environmental assessment screening report clearly sets out the position regarding

Zoning Map F								
Site Address	Draft Plan Zoning	Requested Zoning	CE Recommendation	Map Sheet	Map Reference	SEA Assessment	AA Assessment	SFRA Assessment
Redcourt, Clontarf	Z2	Z1	Z1	Map F	F-0006	Potential uncertain environmental effects on landscape. Appropriate mitigation is included in the Draft Plan.	The proposed change from Z2 to Z1 would not result in any additional implications for any European sites or their QI's / SCI's to those already assessed for Z2 in the draft NIR of the draft Plan. Current protective policies and objectives included in the Draft Plan for Z1 ensure that rezoning these lands will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites.	No SFRA issues arise.

Redcourt with regard to flood risk. The CE, therefore, does not accept that the documentation was confusing to the elected members.

The proposed material amendments arising from both the submissions on the Draft Plan and subsequent Councillors motions are now on public display with submissions invited until the end of the consultation period which is 4.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

Extract from Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment report:

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he is satisfied that agenda item no.2 (report 119) of the Special Council Meeting 5th July / Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, was dealt with satisfactorily, considering his report contained planning rezoning, and was never 'put' to meeting, nor was it proposed, seconded or discussed despite assurances to several councillors by his officials during the meeting that it would be.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

CE Report 119/2020 was circulated to members on the 29<sup>th</sup> April for consideration, in advance of the Special Meeting of the City Council, which commenced on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Members were invited to submit any motions on the Draft Plan and the CE's Report by the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, including valid planning reasons.

Members have an obligation to consider the draft plan and the CE's report and that consideration must be completed within 12 weeks of the submission of the CE's report to the members. The consideration by the members of the CE's report took place over a period of time commencing when the members received the CE's report and concluded at the Special Council meeting when members passed the resolution to amend the draft plan and place the amendments on public display. At the start of the Special Council meeting the Lord Mayor made a statement on how business would be dealt with on the three nights and made particular reference to Report 119

"The purpose of this Special Council Meeting is to consider the Chief Executive's report 119/2022 and addenda on Submissions and the Chief Executive's Report 120/2022 on Motions with a view to Members reaching agreement by resolution on amendments to the Draft Plan and on placing any material amendments on public display and if there are no material amendments to make the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 to 2028. If there are material amendments any person (including Councillors) will be entitled to make a submission on the material amendments during the public display period 27<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 inclusive".

When the Lord Mayor handed over to Máire Igoe, Acting Executive Manager, she again stated the following in relation to the reports and order of business:

"In order to ensure the smooth running of business it is proposed that Report No 119/2022 including addenda on Submissions be taken as read, considered and agreed other than where Members have submitted a Motion in this regard. It is proposed to work through the Chief Executive's Report on Motions, Report No 120/2022 using the matrix of motions to proceed chapter by chapter through the 5 categories of Chief Executive Recommendations'.

This was discussed in advance with Group Leaders. All Councillors were advised of this by email on the 1<sup>st</sup> July which stated that:

'It is proposed that CE Report 119/2022 (including addenda) will be taken as having been considered and agreed other than where Councillors have submitted a Motion in this regard and that CE Report 120/2022 is also taken as considered and agreed except where Councillors do not agree with the CE recommendation'.

CE Report 119/2022 and CE Report 120/2022 were fully dealt with and accordingly the Lord Mayor read the following resolution into the record at the end of the meeting: "Having considered the Draft Development Plan 2022-2028 and the report of the Chief Executive in accordance with section 12(5)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), this Council hereby resolves in accordance with Section 12(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), to AMEND the Draft Development Plan 2022-2028 as agreed at the Special Meeting of the City Council held on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be placed on public display in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended."

Having regard to the above the CE is satisfied that Report 119/2022 and 120/2022 were dealt with satisfactorily by the City Council.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive if a review of the newly introduced policy of not getting Grass verges and allowing weeds to grow in gullies, along the edges of the footpath

etc. Can be carried out to establish the level of acceptance or otherwise of these measures amongst the general public and that the results of said review be taken into consideration when deciding on DCC policy in relation to this issue going forward. Also what DCC's response / policy in respect of people with disabilities and / or limited mobility who are unable to tend to the public verges outside their own home despite paying their taxes etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In line with a commitment given at the area committees, a review of the new policy will be carried out in the autumn and at that stage a one off cut may be considered to have the verges maintained going into the winter months – subject to the availability of resources. Currently there are no arrangements in place to maintain verges outside properties.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following in relation to a single yellow line being placed on **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A request for a single yellow line on **(details supplied)** was not recommend at the Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 28th June 2022 (enquiry reference 7024205).

The removal of available on-street parking can exacerbate issues of speeding, as outlined in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, and would potentially move parking issues to adjacent residential areas.

The appropriate measure to address the issues raised, is the introduction of a Residents' Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme.

The purpose of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme is to eliminate long term commuter parking in residential areas such **(details supplied)**. Residents can find additional information and details of the criteria on the Dublin City Council website: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

DCC will only proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme where there is a clear desire in favour of such a scheme. This may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from minimum 35% of residents on **(details supplied)**.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive can the dangerous footpath be repaired outside **(details supplied)**. The footpath has been damaged due to a tree.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following in relation to trees being cut on **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**



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

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following in relation to footpaths that need to be repaired at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect and repair the road surface on Ratoath Road Dublin 11 between Dunsink Lane and Scribblestown as it is in poor condition.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection has been arranged for this location. Defects will be logged onto our asset management system and addressed in order of priority and crew availability.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the pavements **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection will be carried out at this location with a view to including the road on future works programs. Please note that there are number of competing locations and efforts are made to include the most high priority streets & roads. If an area is not included on the future works program, any defects noted during the inspection will be assigned to DCC crews for repair.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to assist the local community with maintenance **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Litter Wardens are assigned to the Fingal's area to remove and investigate illegal dumping on a daily basis. The Litter Enforcement Manager will ask him to concentrate on the streets mentioned above for the foreseeable future.

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any plans for **(details supplied)** safer cycling interventions.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Active Travel Programme Office, in conjunction with the Traffic Division, propose enhanced cycling and walking facilities on **(details supplied 1)** under the **(details supplied 2)** Cycling & Walking Scheme.

Whilst a permanent scheme is not currently expected to be completed on **(details supplied 1)** within the next four to five years, it can be considered for interim cycling interventions in the meantime.

The Traffic Division have already commenced design work for the **(details supplied 3)** Extension junction.

**Appendix B**

<b>Vote 1: Motion No 3. in the name of Cllr Carolyn Moore</b>	
Councillor Daryl Barron	Against
Councillor Daithí de Róiste	Against
Councillor Danny Byrne	Against
Councillor Declan Flanagan	Against
Councillor Deirdre Heney	Against
Councillor Eimer McCormack	Against
Councillor Keith Connolly	Against
Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí	Against
Councillor Racheal Batten	Against
Councillor Terence Flanagan	Against
Councillor Tom Brabazon	Against
Councillor Claire O'Connor	Abstain
Councillor Alison Gilliland	For
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	For
Councillor Carolyn Moore	For
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	For
Councillor Catherine Stocker	For
Councillor Daithí Doolan	For
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	For
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	For
Councillor Declan Meenagh	For
Councillor Deirdre Cronin	For
Councillor Dermot Lacey	For
Councillor Donna Cooney	For
Councillor Hazel Chu	For
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	For
Councillor Janet Horner	For
Councillor Janice Boylan	For
Councillor John Lyons	For
Councillor Kevin Donoghue	For
Councillor Larry O'Toole	For
Councillor Mary Callaghan	For
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	For
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha	For
Councillor Paddy McCartan	For
Councillor Pat Dunne	For
Councillor Ray McAdam	For
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	For
Councillor Tara Deacy	For
Councillor Vincent Jackson	For
Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan	For
Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy	For
<b>For</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Abstain<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Carried</b>	