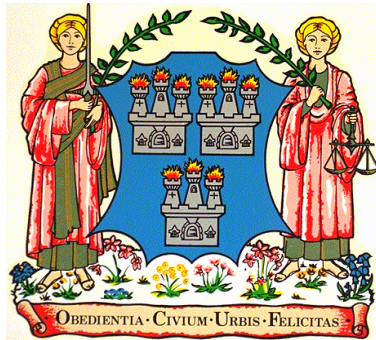


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 13 Feabhra 2023 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Sráid An Dáma agus ar físchomhdháil cianda ag 6.15 i.n., i láthair an tArdmheara 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 Nicoullaud
Cat O'Driscoll
Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
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
Cieran Perry
Nial Ring

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
Michael Pidgeon
Patricia Roe

Oifigigh

Prajwal K. Annibabu
Owen P. Keegan
Natalie Leonard
Kathy Quinn

John Flanagan
Shannon Kelly
Coilin O'Reilly
Richard Shakespeare

Michael Gallagher
Yvonne Kelly
Eileen Quinlivan
Kirsten Hart

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of Dublin City Council, extended her deepest sympathies to the people of Turkey & Syria on the recent tragic earthquake and also to the families from those countries who now reside in Ireland. She also extended condolences to the family and friends of the former Minister Niamh Breathnach who passed away recently.

The Lord Mayor extended her warmest congratulations to Cllr. Catherine Stocker on the birth of her baby daughter.

The Lord Mayor reminded Councillors to return their Ethics Declaration to Natalie Leonard in the chief Executive's Office no later than the 28th February.

The Lord Mayor informed Members that following a resolution passed by the City Council in March last year, she travelled to Brussels on 28th November 2022 and signed a Twinning Agreement between the cities of Dublin & Kyiv with the First Deputy Head of Kyiv City State. A reception was held on 31st January 2023 in the Mansion House in recognition and celebration of this Agreement. The Ukrainian Ambassador and members of the Ukrainian community and Councillors attended.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow for a Cross-Party Motion on anti-immigration protests to be discussed. Members from all political groups commended the motion which supported residents in building strong, welcoming and inclusive communities. The motion as proposed by Cllr. Daithi Doolan reads:

"Dublin City Council acknowledges and supports the recent initiative taken by An tArd Mheara to invite City Councillors and community activists in to the Mansion House to discuss how we can support residents across Dublin in building strong, welcoming, inclusive communities.

We welcome the setting up of 'For All' groups in Dublin.

Furthermore, Dublin City Council are committed to working with communities in forming similar groups in the City, leading to the establishment of a City For All network right across Dublin.

We call on Dublin City Council to urgently develop and resource a city-wide strategy to promote integration and tackle racism in our city.

We further call on the Government to immediately provide supports, including significant additional funding, to assist community, voluntary, youth and sports organisations in stepping up their work at a local level in actively promoting integration and social cohesion throughout Ireland, and particularly in communities challenged by social exclusion.

In conclusion, we call on the Government to engage with elected representatives and other stakeholders when planning the delivery of services for asylum seekers."

Sinn Féin, Green Party, Labour Party, Fine Gael Party, Fianna Fáil Party, Social Democrats, People Before Profit Party, John Lyons, Independent Left
The motion was put and carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Joe Costello and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan 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;

It was proposed by Councillor Seamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of all correspondence listed. The motion was put and carried.

- 4 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on the 9th January 2023.

The minutes of the City Council meeting held on 9th January 2023 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor

- 5 Co-Options and Vacancies:

- (a) Co-Option of a new member of Dublin City Council following the temporary absence of Councillor Catherine Stocker.

It was proposed by Councillor Patricia Roe and seconded by Councillor Janet Horner that Karl Stanley be co-opted as a new member of Dublin City Council following the temporary absence of Councillor Catherine Stocker as per the Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures of Local Authorities) Act 2022. The motion was put and carried.

Councillor Stanley took his place in the Council Chamber and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to him by the Lord Mayor and by the Members of the City Council.

- (b) To fill one vacancy on the Climate Action, Environment & Energy Strategic Policy Committee following the temporary absence of Councillor Catherine Stocker.

It was proposed by Councillor Patricia Roe and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Councillor Karl Stanley be appointed to the Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) To fill one vacancy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the temporary absence of Councillor Catherine Stocker.

It was proposed by Councillor Patricia Roe and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Councillor Karl Stanley be appointed to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (d) To fill one vacancy on the City of Dublin Education and Training Board following the temporary absence of Councillor Catherine Stocker.

It was proposed by Councillor Patricia Roe and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Councillor Karl Stanley be appointed to the City of Dublin Education and Training Board. The motion was put and carried.

- (e) To fill one vacancy on the Finance Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor James Geoghegan on the 16th December 2022. It was agreed to defer the filling of this vacancy.

- (f) To fill one vacancy on the Protocol Committee following the resignation of Councillor James Geoghegan on the 16th December 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and seconded by Councillor James Geoghegan that Councillor Janet Horner be appointed to the Protocol Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (g) To fill one vacancy on the Planning and Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Alison Gilliland on the 1st February 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Costello and seconded by Councillor Alison Gilliland that Councillor Dermot Lacey be appointed to the Planning and Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (h) To fill one vacancy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Dermot Lacey on the 7th February 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Mary Freehill that Councillor Alison Gilliland be appointed to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (i) To appoint a Chairperson on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Dermot Lacey on the 7th February 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Mary Freehill that Councillor Alison Gilliland be appointed as the Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- 6 Authorisation under Section 153(2) Local Government Act 2001 to defend a Judicial Review of the Development Plan concerning the zoning of lands located to the east of St Paul's College, Raheny, Dublin 5.

It was proposed by Cllr. Donna Cooney and seconded by Cllr Dermot Lacey that pursuant to Standing Order 39.1. the members meet in the absence of the media and the general public for part of the Council meeting for the purposes of receiving legal advice in private from Stephen Dodd SC on the judicial review of the Development Plan concerning site at St Paul's Raheny Dublin 5.

The motion was put and carried

The meeting administrator then requested that the webcast and Zoom recording be paused and that all members of the public and media leave the Chamber for the duration of the discussion.

Cllr. Danny Byrne recused himself for the duration of the discussion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Stephen Dodd, Senior Counsel briefed the Members on the basis of the legal challenge brought against the City Council in relation to the Development Plan zoning of lands located to the east of St. Paul's College, Raheny, Dublin 5. Senior Counsel provided clarification to the Members on the issues they raised during the discussion.

On the conclusion of the briefing the meetings administrator requested that the Webcast and Zoom recording be restarted and invited members of the public and

media to re-join the meeting.

The following motion was then proposed by Cllr. Donna Cooney and seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Heney that:

"Pursuant to Section 153 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001 the elected members give express authorisation to the Chief Executive to act in the defence of the legal proceedings initiated by way of Judicial Review of the Development Plan 2022 – 2028 concerning the zoning of lands located to the east of St Paul's College, Raheny, Dublin 5." The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 17/2023 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 Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Deirdre Heney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 17/2023 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Report No 39/2023 of the Senior Executive Officer (R. Dowling) - Revised Standing Orders and policy for awarding the Freedom of the City of Dublin.

It was proposed by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Michael MacDonncha that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 39/2023 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 9 Report No. 36/2023 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023.

The following amendments were proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and seconded by Councillor Claire Byrne:

SDP11 Public Lighting

- Under "Principal Service Objectives", add a new bullet point:
"Continue the switch to more energy efficient lighting across the city's public lighting system."
- Under "Performance Standard", add two new bullet points:
"Street lights retrofitted to be energy efficient"
"Percentage of public street lights now using energy efficient systems"

SDP18 Air and Noise Pollution

- Under "Performance Standard", add a new bullet point:
"Percentage of all air quality monitors which achieve at least a 90% data capture rate"

The motion was put and carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council in accordance with Section 134A of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, notes the contents of Report No. 36/2023 and hereby adopts the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023 as amended. The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 34/2023 of the Inter-Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management - With reference to the proposal to hold a statutory public consultation on the proposed Draft Dublin Fire Brigade's Fire and Emergency Operations Plan as outlined in Section 26 of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 & 2003.

It was proposed by Councillor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 34/2023 and hereby approves the initiation of a public consultation process on the Draft Dublin Fire Brigade Fire and Emergency Operations Plan. The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 35/2023 of the Assistant Chief Executive (C. O'Reilly) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

It was proposed by Councillor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Councillor James Geoghegan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 35/2023. The motion was put and carried.

Due to time constraints the Assistant Chief Executive agreed to issue written replies to all questions submitted by the Members.

- 12 Report No. 38/2023 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Councillor Séamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Declan Meenagh that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 38/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 30/2023 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Alison Gilliland that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 30/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 40/2023 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 27th January 2023, Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Patricia Roe that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 40/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 32/2023 of the Area Committees - Breviates of Area Committee meetings held in the month of January 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Anthony Connaghan and seconded by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 32/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 33/2023 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Sub Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 16th January 2023, Councillor Tom Brabazon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 33/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 31/2023 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 14th December 2022, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 31/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 41/2023 of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 19th January 2023, Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Anthony Connaghan and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 41/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 42/2023 of the Economic and Development Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 31st January 2023, Councillor Tom Brabazon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 42/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 37/2023 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 22nd December 2022, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by Councillor Eimer McCormack that Dublin City Council adopts the contents of Report No. 37/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Topical Issues

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The following Topical Issue was submitted for discussion:

"A Directly Elected Mayor for Dublin".

The motion was put to a vote and failed to receive the necessary 2/3 support from the Members present. Full details of the vote can found in **Appendix B** to these minutes.

- 22 Motions on Notice

1.) Motion in the name of Councillor Máire Devine and seconded by Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud:

"This Council notes that;

- Successive governments have failed to resolve the housing crisis and it has deepened;
- Rents and house prices have passed their Celtic Tiger peak and are still rising;
- Homelessness is at levels never seen before with child homelessness up by 51% since April 2021;
- An entire generation of people are locked out of secure and affordable homes;
- Waiting lists for social housing are too long and eligibility thresholds remain low;

- The student accommodation crisis is forcing some students out of third level education;
- Travellers, migrants, people with disabilities and older people continue to experience discrimination in the housing system;
- Those seeking International Protection continue to live in inadequate accommodation and thousands of people granted asylum are unable to find a pathway out of Direct Provision;

Agrees to:

- Declare a housing emergency to allow the adoption of emergency responses and extend the ban on evictions.
- Write to “Raise the Roof” campaigners to thank them for their determined work in coalescing civic society to give voice to the housing disaster;
- We call on the Lord Mayor to write to the Minister for Housing urging him to declare a 'Housing Emergency' and invite him to address a full City Council meeting;

The motion was put and carried.

Councillors Deirdre Heney and Eimer McCormack wished it noted that they opposed the motion.

23 Emergency Motion(s)

No Emergency Motions were taken for debate.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

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, 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

Q.1 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a report providing details of the number, type and location of new social homes provided directly by Dublin City Council in 2022, and separately the number of new social homes provided by third parties on behalf of Dublin City Council, their type and locations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council delivered 685 properties which were classified as newly built social homes by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2022. Note this figure does not include properties such as Acquisition, Long Term Leasing and Tenant in Situ.

Of these newly build social homes, 341 were provided by Dublin City Council and 344 by Approved Housing Bodies.

The locations and dwelling types of the 685 newly built social homes are as follows:

Dublin City Council Build Delivery 2022

Dwelling Type	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
Apartment / Duplex	228	89	67	195	77	656
House	6	6	6	11		29
Total	234	95	73	206	77	685

The locations and dwelling types of the 341 Dublin City Council dwellings are summarised in the following table:

Dublin City Council Direct Build Delivery

Apartment/Duplex	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
Social Housing Investment Programme	159			24	15	198
Buy and Renew				4		4
Local Authority Turnkey					21	21
Part V		13	12	60	10	95
Total	159	13	12	88	46	318

House	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
Buy and Renew	3	1	4	6		14
Traveller Accommodation Programme		2	2	5		9
Total	3	3	6	11		23

Approved Housing Body Build Delivery

The locations and dwelling types of the 344 Approved Housing Body dwellings are as follows:

Apartment / Duplex	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
CALF Programme	47	9	49	47	12	164
CALF Part V	3	35		5	15	58
CAS Programme	19	32	6	55	4	116
Total	69	76	67	107	31	338

House	Central	North Central	Total
CALF Programme		3	3
CAS Programme	3		3
Total	3	3	6

Q.2 **COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of the time-frame and stages involved in delivering housing through the following projects:

Glin Court (32 units) with a finish date of 2024;

Cromcastle & Woodville (146 units) with a finish date of 2025;

Cromcastle Underpass (100 units) what a finish date of 2025;

Belcamp B (12 units) with a finish date of 2024 and

Darndale Spine (70) units with a finish date of 2025.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Cromcastle Court & Old Coalyard site:

Dublin City Council has initial funding and project approval for the redevelopment of Phase 1 Cromcastle Court, which includes the development of the Old Coalyard site. The current proposals show for 116 homes on the Cromcastle Court site, a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes, while it is planned to provide for 34 older person homes on the Old Coalyard site. An integrated design team has been working to progress design development to bring it to the Part 8 Planning stage.

- Q1 2023 – Achieve Stage 2 DHLGH approval
- Q2 2023 – Commence Part 8 Planning Process

- Q4 2023 – Achieve Part 8 Planning permission
- By end of 2024 – Finalisation of scheme design, pre-cost tender estimates, Stage 3 DHLGH approval & tender competition for appointment of contractor
- Q1 2025 Achieve Stage 4 DHLGH approval, appoint contractor & start on site
- Q4 2026 Complete on site delivering approximately 150 new homes

Glin Court

- The development will provide 32 modern quality homes for Older People including the construction of an enhanced community facility building. A preferred tenderer has been identified. The approval to appoint a contractor has been submitted to the DHLGH in early January and the timetable will be dependent on approval and the provision of the relevant documents (insurances, bond, tax clearance) by the contractor. It is envisaged construction will start on site March 2023 with completion in October 2024.

Belcamp B (12 units) with a finish date of 2024 and Darndale Spine (70) units with a finish date of 2025

Following an Expression of Interest issued to Approved Housing Bodies, DCC will appoint an AHB to deliver both the Darndale Spine site and Belcamp B site on the 16TH March.

The successful AHB will use the planning permission in place for Belcamp B and go out to tender for a Contractor at the earliest opportunity. Estimated finish date is Q4 2024.

With reference to the Spine Site, the successful AHB will avail of all previous feasibility studies and site surveys carried out on this site and will be required to enter into detailed design stage at the earliest possible time with the requirement to lodge planning by end of 2023. Following the tender stage construction is anticipated to commence mid-2024. Estimated construction time is 18 to 24 months.

Cromcastle Underpass

Dublin City Council and the Land Development Agency are working in partnership on the development of the Cromcastle Underpass site to deliver cost rental and social homes.

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

A design team are developing a design proposal for the site. It is proposed to build three new blocks with capacity for 146 homes. 133 of these homes will be cost rental and 13 of these will be social homes.

We anticipate that the planning application will be lodged in Q3 2023. Due to the undeterminable timelines involved in the planning process, the request to outline delivery stages post-planning cannot be forecast with accuracy at this point.

Public consultation will be taking place from Monday 30th January 2023 until March 2023.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of all 'uncommenced' active planning permissions for residential development across the Local Authority's Administrative Areas. Detailed information has already been provided on the South

Central Area, see attached, which is very welcome, but for wider context, it would be appreciated if this information can be provided on a city-wide basis. Can this be provided in tabular form broken down by:

- Administrative Area (including South Central Area);
- Electoral Ward; and
- can the number of BTR units be pulled out separately?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find attached in tabular format the breakdown of all uncommenced active planning permissions for residential development across the 5 administrative areas of the City. The Planning APAS system does not record this data by electoral ward. Separately, within each table, is a breakdown of all uncommenced Student Accommodation, Shared Accommodation and Build to Rent developments with appropriate amendments made to the South Central figures previously provided.

**City Wide - Granted Residential Planning Permissions
with no Commencement Notices 2018-2022**

Central Area						
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Not Commenced	17	32	27	32	35	143
# Units	82	428	860	1673	187	3230
Excludes below:						
Student Accommodation						
Not Commenced				1	1	2
Bed Spaces				585	236	821
Shared Accommodation						
Not Commenced			2	3	1	6
Bed Spaces			284	414	162	860
Build to Rent Units						
Not Commenced		1		4	2	7
# Units		8		1797	203	2008
Central Area - Residential Planning Permissions that have not commenced						158

North Central						
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Not Commenced	18	32	33	34	21	138
# Units	23	1576	857	564	217	3237
Excludes below						
Student Accommodation						
Not Commenced						0
Bed Spaces						0
Shared Accommodation						
Not Commenced						0
Bed Spaces						0
Build to Rent Units						
Not Commenced		3	1	1	1	6
# Units		1782	120	131	67	2100
North Central Area - Residential Planning Permissions that have not commenced						144

North West Area						
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Not Commenced	10	13	13	6	4	46
# Units	23	193	33	203	41	493
Excludes below						
Student Accommodation						
Not Commenced						0
Bed Spaces						0
Shared Accommodation						
Not Commenced						0
Bed Spaces						0
Build to Rent Units						
Not Commenced						0
# Units						0
North West Area - Residential Planning Permissions that have not commenced						46

South Central Area						
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Not Commenced	11	28	23	24	16	102
# Units	111	351	165	221	844	1692
Excludes below						
Student Accommodation						
Not Commenced						0
Bed Spaces						0
Shared Accommodation						
Not Commenced			3	1	1	5
Bed Spaces			669	240	62	971
Build to Rent Units						
Not Commenced		2	2	2	3	9
# Units		520	1408	1825	1023	4776
South Central Area – Residential Planning Permissions that have not yet commenced						116

South East Area						
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Not Commenced	26	64	60	61	61	272
# Units	260	602	302	436	213	1813
Student Accommodation						
Not Commenced						0
Bed Spaces						0
Shared Accommodation						
Not Commenced				2		2
Bed Spaces				211		211
Build to Rent Units						
Not Commenced				2	4	6
# Units				792	193	985
South East Area - Residential Planning Permissions that have not commenced						280

Q.4 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the proactive actions being taken by DCC to implement requirements that those residential properties and homes engaging in short-term lettings and facilitative platforms such as AirBnB advise local authorities of the number of nights their residence/home is being let, to indicate the staffing allocated to this area of planning compliance and their specific role and any trends being noted in lettings and communications with DCC?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date since the initiation of the Short Term Letting legislation in July 2019, Dublin City Council's Planning Enforcement Section have set up and commenced an investigation in respect of 1,543 properties. There have been 1,698 statutory Warning Letters and 56 Enforcement Notices served relating to these cases. To date a successful resolution has been achieved in respect of 1,430 cases. These cases have been resolved and closed following the commencement of and compliance with enforcement requirements. The balance of the cases remain under active investigation.

There are at this time 9 allocated staff within the planning enforcement section who are mainly assigned to carry out enforcement work relating to short term letting. As has been the case since the start of our work associated with the short term letting legislation the main issues are identifying the specific addresses of the properties concerned ,as well as proving the actual short term letting use to a level that would stand legal scrutiny.

There is ongoing engagement between the Departments of Housing and Tourism relating to proposed changes to the legislation and associated regulations. It is expected that further announcements will be made by the appropriate Government Department(s) with regard to proposed changes to the Short Term Letting legislation during the course of this year.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how many short-term lettings properties contracted to accommodate individuals and families during the Covid 19 pandemic have materialised into longer term/current social housing or emergency accommodation lettings?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE sourced apartments during the initial stages of the COVID-19 response strategy in two ways.

125 apartments were sourced to provide self-isolation facilities, with approximately 24 still in use as emergency accommodation.

The Family Support Team also sourced apartments to place families in non-contract emergency accommodation (previously referred to as self-accommodation) into more suitable accommodation. 40 of these apartments are still in use as emergency accommodation.

None of the apartments sourced during the COVID-19 pandemic have become social housing tenancies.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the amount of funding paid to homeless charities in Dublin for homeless services, Simon, McVerry Trust and Focus Ireland. Also if the

CEO would request to the services if they would outline what funding they take in from private donations i.e. concerts and any other form of payments made.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2022, the DRHE funded the named organisations as follows

Dublin Simon	€8,866,230
Focus Ireland	€5,060,901
Peter McVerry Trust	€17,579,750

All NGO's/Charitable organisations publish annual accounts and fundraising details would be included in those accounts.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will manage 2023 New Year's Eve events in Dublin. That if DCC would engage with local musicians and local drama groups to take part. Also that a local sports person from the area take the roll of MC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Fáilte Ireland is the national agency with responsibility for organising NYE annual festival. FI is responsible for the organising, programme management, and public procurement of event management services for the Dublin New Year's festival in 2023.

As the number of attendees at the event is in excess of 5,000 attendees, under planning legislation an outdoor event licence is required, in order for the event to proceed, to ensure the safety of those attending the event. Dublin City Council is the licencing authority for such events, and the outdoor licence is awarded by Dublin City Council Planning Department in consultation with all relevant statutory authorities such as Dublin Fire Brigade, An Garda Síochána, the Health Service Executive, and relevant transport agencies.

Dublin City Council discussed NYE festival under Topical Issues at its January 2023 meeting and a report will be commissioned on NYE festivals held in a number of similar sized international cities and its findings will be presented to Arts Culture leisure and Recreation SPC.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the next panel for DFB will be in place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The recruitment process for Fire Fighters in Dublin City Council commenced in Q4 2022. This process continues with the intention to have a panel of Recruit Fire Fighters available to commence training in Q2 2023.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC events will have or will not have fireworks for Halloween events this year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Events Section have responsibility for the management and procurement of event management services for the Bram Stoker Event, which takes place each year in Dublin City Centre during the Halloween festive period. The Bram Stoker festival attracts significant footfall, and aims to showcase Dublin City Centre as a major tourist destination. Fireworks have never been used as part of the Bram Stoker

festival, nor is it the intention that fireworks will be used in any future years as part of the Bram Stoker event.

The Finglas/Ballymun Area Offices (Finglas Fright NIGHT/Otherworld Festival) have used a licenced pyrotechnic company to provide firework displays at the Halloween Event over the past number of years. A licenced pyrotechnic company will be engaged to provide a similar service again this year in both areas.

The North Central Area Office intend to use two licensed pyrotechnic companies to provide two firework displays in the area this Halloween.

The SWIC Area office will not have fireworks at the Liberties Haunt Halloween event. There will be lots of creative alternative to fireworks.

For the last number of years the programme of activities for Halloween has finished with a fireworks display in Cherry Orchard Park and it is anticipated that the fireworks show will take place again this year. This is of course subject to there being no change to Council Policy in relation to the use of fireworks. The Area Office is aware of the Motion agreed at the November 2022 Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC in relation to Fireworks and will monitor the development of any new policy in this area over the coming months.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to review the correspondence submitted with this Question and indicate if he believes it's fair that given all the circumstances the planning submission was deemed to be invalid because the name of the submitter was not specifically included on the text of the comments but was in fact included in the registration process and the payment process and indeed was named via the email submission itself.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Set out below is an outline of the circumstances and reasons behind the invalidation of the above referenced third party's submission on a planning application.

Omission of a Name on Submission

An online submission was received on Thursday 5th January 2023 with a payment made by a member of the public. An email issued to the third party observer on Thursday 5th January notifying him of the required amendment to the submission before it could be considered a valid observation on this planning application i.e. inclusion of his name on the document.

This email was followed up on Friday 6th January advising that if the submission was not amended by close of business on Monday 9th January the observation would be invalidated. When a response was not received, a member of the Planning Decisions Team again emailed the third party observer on Tuesday 10th January advising him that his observation had been invalidated and a refund payment was being processed. The closing date for third party observations on this application was Friday 6th January 2023.

Within the email correspondence referenced above, the third party observer's attention was brought to, via screenshots from the Dublin City Council website, the requirements for a person submitting a Third Party Observation. This statutory requirements details as follows:

Under Article 29 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), anyone can make a submission or observation (called a Third Party Observation) objecting to or supporting a planning application providing:

- It is made within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the planning application
- It states the name and address of the person making the observation / submission
- The statutory fee of €20.00 is paid

All observations/submissions, including the name and address of the person making the observation/submission, are published on our website and are available to view in hard copy on the planning file. However, telephone numbers and email addresses are redacted.

Please note that there is no statutory obligation on the Planning Authority to contact a third party via email or telephone call when an invalid submission is received and the emails detailed above were courtesy emails to which no responses were received until 10th January 2023.

Name of person making the payment of the Statutory Fee

With regard to the point raised by the third party observer that his name was included on the email that transferred during the payment process and that the payment was processed in his name, please note that the Planning Authority cannot make an assumption that the individual making the payment is the actual third party submitting the observation and there are occasions where multiple payments are made by one person on behalf of other third parties.

In addition, please note that the customer's name and account details do not transfer onto the submission and are only recorded on the APAS Planning system therefore the Planning Authority are not authorised to amend an individual's submission with these payment details recorded as these details should already be contained on the submission made and this again would be making an assumption that the person making the payment is the individual making the observation. To rectify this situation, the third party was contacted on two separate occasions to amend his submission.

In the circumstances outlined above, the invalidation of this observation was correct and appropriate.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of city council-owned sites which are leased to third parties for the primary purpose of car parking or vehicle storage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Clontarf Road, Dublin 3 (CIE Bus Garage)
 Clontarf Road Dublin 3 (Dart Station)
 Clontarf Road Dublin 3 (Westwood)
 Werburgh Street, Dublin 8 (APCOA)
 School Street Car Park (Guinness Store House)
 Dropping Well Car Park (Pub and Public Car Park)
 Shelbourne Road (Eircom Staff Car Park)
 Sutton Pumping Station (CIE)

Q.12 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive that the two bollards outside Brookwood Ave be removed as they serve no purpose, or alternatively for the CEO to explain what purpose these bollards serve?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services would not be in favour of removing these bollards. The bollards were likely to have been installed to mitigate illegal parking on the grass verge.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for testing to be done to ascertain the need for speed bumps on Maryville Road. Cars often use this road as a through way at inappropriate speeds.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7031094) 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.14 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate if anything can be done in relation to the junction at Howth Road/Brookwood Avenue as cars are consistently breaking the lights at this location causing danger to children attending local schools. Is it possible to place cameras on the lights to catch offenders or any other measure? Alternatively, can the CEO write to the Gardai in Raheny alerting them to this concern and asking formally for the location to be monitored?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The North City Executive Engineer will raise the Councillors concerns regarding breaking the lights at the Howth Road/Brookwood Avenue junction with An Garda Síochána at the next meeting of the Transport Advisory Group.

The Dublin Metropolitan Region has a dedicated Roads Policing Units with the responsibility of enforcing Road Traffic legislation. This Roads Policing Units is supported by every member of An Garda Síochána who also have this responsibility to enforce all road traffic legislation.

The operation of the traffic signals at this junction have been reviewed and the signals are operating as specified, with sufficient amber and red signal timings to allow vehicles who pass the at the end of the green light sufficient time to clear the pedestrian crossing before the pedestrian signal operates.

There is currently no legislation regards the introduction of red light cameras to identify and penalise motorists who break traffic signals.

We have contacted Roads Policing, An Garda Síochána and reported the incidence of red light breaking and asked that the Gardaí to monitor the junction.

We will also monitor traffic signal operation and edit timings and sequences, as required, where there is scope to do so.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive, now that works are currently underway on this stretch of the Dodder Greenway, what steps have been and will be taken to upgrade the appalling fencing along Eglinton Terrace as referenced in the Part 8 approval for the Greenway at this location as referred to in the Question from November 2017 submitted with this Question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The fence along Eglinton Terrace bounding Bective Lawn Tennis Club/Irish Rugby Football Union is privately owned and therefore Dublin City Council are not responsible for maintenance of same.

The fence is also not within the extents of the site for the Donnybrook to Herbert Park Dodder Greenway & Flood Defence Scheme, nor are improvements/replacement of this fence within the Scope of Works for this project.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive the plans for bringing forward a car sharing strategy for the city, including the timeline for delivery and whether it will work across the 4 Dublin local authorities?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council actively promotes sustainable modes of transport and encourages the use of car clubs as set out in the Dublin City Council Development Plan 2022-2028 SMT24 Shared Mobility and Adaptive Infrastructure.

A car sharing scheme has been in operation in Dublin City since the inception of the Control of On-Street Car Club Bye-Laws 2013. Dublin City Councils car sharing scheme has been managed by the Micromobility Unit since 2022. A review of the existing car sharing scheme is planned to take place in Q2 2023.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current and planned model for bike sharing in the city including:

The model of auto-renewing the licences for providers will be renewed?

Whether and when new providers will be sought?

The KPIs reported on annually by current bike share providers?

The potential for ensuring all providers are reaching the target number of bikes under their licence?

Whether a new shared electric bike provider will be sought since Moby are no longer supplying them?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to the Stationless bike hire scheme which was introduced in 2018, following an open competition for licences, there are currently two holders of licences to operate from the public domain within the DCC administrative area. Both operators, Bleeper and Moby are subject to regular reviews of the services they provide with a comprehensive assessment being carried out before licences are renewed. It was agreed at the Transportation SPC that two was the optimal number of operators for a city the size of Dublin and also that the number of bikes for hire would not exceed more than one third of new Sheffield stands rolled out throughout the City. Both operators have expanded their services in line with this requirement. Moby currently have 500 bikes for hire, expanding to 800 in 2023 and with plans for 1500 in 2024. Moby's e-bikes are currently undergoing a major integration with a new more user friendly App and this was timed for the winter period when the bikes were taken in for App

integration and refurbishment. It is anticipated that this will be completed in Q2 2023 when the e-bikes will return to the streets for public hire. Moby also plan to launch a shared e-cargo bike fleet in 2023. Bleeper currently have 500 bikes available for on-street public hire and launched a new App in 2022. Bleeper also operates an e-cargo bike scheme with DCC. Both Bleeper and Moby, in partnership with the ESB, launched an e-bike hire service in 2022 with bikes being available for hire from off-street hubs. In June 2022 Bleeper launched a very successful “suburban hub” in Crumlin. Following this success there are plans for further “suburban hubs” throughout the City. The operational model for Stationless bikes adopted by Dublin City Council has been hugely successful in comparison to operations in other European cities where there have been instances of high vandalism, predatory pricing between operators, abandoned bikes, providers going bankrupt and pile ups of bikes. Both providers are treated equally by DCC and co-operate with each other and are working towards full interoperability. They also participate in DCC cycling promotions and special events. In conjunction with DCC both providers provided free bikes to healthcare workers during the pandemic. It should be noted that the Stationless bike hire services operate on a commercial basis at no cost to DCC and with no state subsidies.

DCC have a Service Level Agreement with both operators which provides for data sharing with both operators providing monthly reports on usage statistics, heat maps and usage areas (which has been hugely informative in terms of desire lines for cyclists feeding into to cycle lane planning). In addition stats are provided on carbon savings achieved, duration of hire, distance cycled etc. There are currently no plans to seek further operators.

NOW dublinbikes

Following a competitive tender competition in 2006, JCDecaux were awarded a concessionary contract by Dublin City Council for the delivery of a package of public amenities, including the dublinbikes scheme, in return for permission to erect outdoor advertising structures on the city’s streets.

The dublinbikes scheme opened to the public on 13th September 2009 with 40 stations and 450 bikes. A further small expansion of 4 stations was initiated in 2010, bringing the total number of stations to 44 and bikes to 550.

Phase 2 expansion was agreed, bringing a further 57 stations and 950 bikes on stream. Capital costs were supported primarily by grant funding by the National Transport Authority. No advertising concessions were linked to the Phase 2 expansion, instead Dublin City Council paid an annual cost of approx. €1.9million to JCDecaux for maintenance of the scheme. These costs were to be paid from sponsorship (naming rights) and subscription income.

A further expansion of the scheme in 2018 brought an additional 15 stations and 100 bikes on stream. Again, capital costs were supported primarily by grant funding by the National Transport Authority. The Phase 3 expansion saw the annual maintenance costs increase to approx. €2.5million. In order to counter these costs it was agreed that Dublin City Council would receive a share of advertising income from a number of JCDecaux digital advertising structures at approx. €350,000 per year, with potential to increase this income as the advertising network was expanded.

Following a review of operational requirements in 2020, it was agreed that a technological upgrade of the scheme was required. The upgrade included; new user experience including new touchscreen terminal interface (with Leap Card integration) smartphone App and Website, bike release using smartphone App or terminal as well as other metrics and customer experience functionality.

It was also agreed to upgrade the fleet to hybrid (i.e. electrification) in order to attract new subscribers. Due to a safety issue with the batteries and ongoing supply chain issues, the hybrid roll-out has been delayed but is anticipated to be complete this year. All costs for both the technological upgrade and the hybrid upgrade were covered by the NTA at approx. €3.5million.

The Dublin City Council - JCDecaux dublinbikes contract will come to an end in 2027. Operational reports and monthly statistics are issued by JC Decaux. Information supplied includes; numbers of long and short term subscribers, usage statistics including carbon savings achieved duration of journey, distance cycled, bike and station maintenance statistics, call centre contacts, etc.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council was invited to the so-called Housing Summit convened by the Taoiseach and if yes was the invitation issued to a named Official of the Council or to the Council as a body and to ask the Chief Executive further if an invitation was issued how the Executive determined who would take up the invitation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive received an invitation by e-mail (which was addressed to him personally) from the Department of an Taoiseach to attend the Housing Summit. He duly attended the Summit.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive refer to trees at **(details supplied)** and agree to
(a) arrange for an assessment of same in terms of requirement for pruning/lopping and
(b) say if the trees that require pruning/lopping can be done in the next tree pruning season

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees 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 2023.

The ivy on the wall of **(details supplied)** will be inspected and if deemed necessary arrangements will be made to have same cut back before bird nesting season.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to tenant at **(details supplied)** and arrange to install a new hall door as the door is difficult to close and has been so for over a year now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has received a request from this tenant in relation to the side door into the extension and this has already been sent to the Joinery Workshop. We will log this new job request in relation to the hall door now and an inspection will be carried out and if the door needs to be replaced, a new hall door will be ordered for the tenant as well.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please arrange to have the dishing at **(details supplied)**, properly reinstated as several local wheelchair users are unable to mount the dishing which is causing upset and huge inconvenience to local residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services have investigated the footpath at this location, which was recently modified by Irish Water.

Safety concerns have been raised on whether it is safe to reinstate the dish its original profile because there is no corresponding dish on the opposite side of the road.

The traffic division have also advised that there are no plan in place to upgrade this crossing.

In light of these safety concerns, Road Maintenance will consider the removal of this dish completely and advise pedestrians to use the new nearby crossing, which was recently installed to the front of **(details supplied)** entrance.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to tenant **(details supplied 1)**, to examine case and say if tenant can please be considered for one bedroom dwelling at **(details supplied 2)** as current accommodation is small and very tight for space.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Older Persons Transfer List with an application date of 10/07/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	42

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.23 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to do a Heritage Assessment of 2-3 Mark's Alley, Dublin 8- which dates from the middle to late 19th century.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The buildings at 2 and 3 Mark's Alley West comprise a pair of two-bay, three-storey, brick-built structures, with hipped roofs and brick chimneys. It is understood that the buildings are connected internally.

The pair of buildings are not protected structures nor proposed protected structures. They are not included in the schedule of buildings recommended for addition to the City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) and the Ministerial of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; notwithstanding that this area of the city was surveyed by the NIAH for that purpose.

It is noted that there is a current planning application for the proposed redevelopment of the subject buildings and adjoining lands per. Reg. Ref: 3097/23; including the proposed demolition of Nos. 2 and 3 Mark's Alley West. An 'Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment of Proposed Works to 91-92 Francis Street and 1-3 Marks Lane West, Dublin 8, prepared by a Conservation Architect, has been submitted with the application.

The decision on the planning application will take into account any assessment of the Council's Conservation Section.

It is also noted that requests have been received from elected members and members of the public to add the buildings to the RPS. These requests will be assessed in accordance with the priority work programme.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange the reinstatement of the pavement at **(details supplied)** as the path is tarmac and crumbling.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a review of Shantella Shops area in Beaumont as it is very run down and there needs to be pavement resurfacing and new bins and better visual tidy up.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the litter bins at the above mentioned location inspected. They were found to be generally in good condition with two of them requiring repainting. This work will be carried out in early February 2023.

Road Maintenance Services will consider this specific part of **(details supplied)** when finalising the 2023 works requirement for this location.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive if it be possible to get the car park at Whitehall beside Swords road cleaned up. It is in a very bad state. Maybe before the growth starts on the vegetation on the right hand side where there is lots of rubbish. It could do with a big crew from council!

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This car park is private and doesn't come under the remit of Dublin City Council. However Waste Management Services do clean at the bottle banks in this car park on a daily basis and will contact the owners of this car park with the view to getting them to clean up their property.

The majority of this site is in the charge of the Development Department. The matter will be investigated and the site will be cleaned up.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the city council's playground programme for 2023 across the administrative areas with particular emphasis on the North Central area and specifically the new playgrounds for the Harmonstown and Kilmore West communities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Playground upgrade programmes for most areas in the city are currently being compiled taking full cognisance of latest inspection reports, requests etc. and will be available to area committees in the coming weeks.

With regard to the North Central Area as committed the Parks Service has previously consulted locally for a new playground in Harmonstown at McAuley Park and it is intended to commence consultations in the Kilmore West area in the coming weeks with a view to putting both locations out to tender towards the end of Q1 2023 subject to the budgetary provision.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing standards prosecutions have been brought by DCC in each of the following years 2018,2019,2020,2021 and 2022 and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of legal proceedings initiated in respect of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 (until end April 2019) and Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 (from May 2019) are detailed below;

Year	Improvement Letters issued	Improvement Notices issued	Prohibition Notices issued	Number of legal proceedings initiated
2018	-*	3367**	46	28
2019	4562	1118	60	55
2020	1761	465	10	0
2021	2098	254	0	0
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In 2019 the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 were amended which meant that legal actions initiated under the 2017 Regulations did not proceed to court. In 2020 - 2021 Covid restrictions meant that legal proceedings from 2019 did not proceed to court.

Due to a backlog with both inspections and also within the courts service itself no new legal proceedings were initiated in 2022. This is currently being reviewed for 2023.

As can be seen from the statistics above, enforcement activity in 2022 in terms of Improvement Notices served and Prohibition Notices served in respect of non-compliant properties, increased significantly, with a record number of Prohibition Notices served. Prohibition Notices often result in a property becoming compliant with the legislation, for those that don't the next step is initiating legal proceedings. We would anticipate that in 2023, legal proceedings may be initiated in a number of these cases.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing standard inspections took place in each of the following years 2018,2019,2020,2021 and 2022 and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of inspections of private rented properties to check for compliance with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 (until end April 2019) and Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 (from May 2019) are detailed below;

Year	Number of inspections of private rented properties carried out
2018	5830
2019	9099
2020	3020
2021	3663
2022	6532

Inspection activity was severely hampered in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid restrictions in place in these years. Restrictive inspection constraints were largely removed during Q2 2022, although additional Health & Safety requirements remain in place for inspections and last minute cancellations can still occur.

The Environmental Health Officers Services developed a virtual inspection process in 2020 to allow a level of inspection to continue despite Covid-19 and this process has been expanded to include live streaming inspections and developed with a move to an online form during 2022.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many legal proceedings have been initiated with regard to breaches of housing standards in each of the following years 2018,2019,2020,2021 and 2022 and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of legal proceedings initiated in respect of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 (until end April 2019) and Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 (from May 2019) are detailed below;

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Q.31 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can brighten the public lighting on Rutland Avenue and install CCTV where Rutland Avenue meets the Transport Club entrance to discourage illegal dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The public lighting on Rutland Avenue was upgraded to LED in 2017.

The roadway and footpaths are considered to be lit to an acceptable standard and there are no plans for further lighting improvements.

There are currently no reports of lights out at present.

In accordance with the provisions of the Circular Economy & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, the LGMA are required to agree Codes of Practice with a number of government departments and statutory agencies for use of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices (MRD) for the prevention, detection and prosecution of offences under the Litter Pollution Acts as amended.

The draft Codes of Practices have to be approved by the CCMA's Climate Action, Waste Management, Transport and Networks Committee, which is expected in late Jan, early Feb of this year, prior to being submitted to the various public bodies prescribed in Section 14C(4) of the 1996 Act as amended by the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022. It is only after that consultation process has been completed and the Minister has approved the final version of the Codes of Practices that the various sections of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 which will permit for the lawful use of CCTV and MRDs for waste offences will be commenced.

The use of CCTV or MRDs for the prevention, detection and prosecution of offences under the Waste Management Act, 1996 as amended and the Litter Pollution Acts as amended is prohibited until such time as the above lawful basis is commenced.

Meanwhile, the litter warden will patrol this area and I will arrange for signage to be put in place.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive, further to Question 55 of July 2022, to confirm if Derravaragh Road, Melvin Road, and Mount Tallant Avenue have been included in the 2023 Footpath Renewal Programme; if so, if he can indicate when work will commence; if not, the reason why.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Mount Tallant Avenue is included in our 2023 SEA Draft Footway Renewal Programme. An update on when works will commence will be available after the procurement and tender process has taken place. Melvin Road and Derravaragh Road will be kept under consideration for future footpath renewal programmes, budget permitting.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an extension of the double yellow lines at the junction of Glenealy Road/Rutland Avenue and for the speedbumps on Rutland Avenue to be renovated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer does not recommend Double Yellow Lines around the corners of the junction of Rutland Terrace/Glenealy Road.

In the past, Dublin City Council did install Double Yellow Lines at junctions, however it is not recent or current policy because parking prohibitions are already in place by law as under The Roads Traffic Act (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 (c) a vehicle shall not be parked on a public road within 5 metres of a road junction.

Therefore the TAG Area Engineer does not recommend extending the Double Yellow Lines. Illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services, for enforcement under the law.

There are 5 sets of speed cushions appropriately spaced on Rutland Avenue.

The speed ramp at the junction of Rutland Avenue and Crumlin Road was inspected and will be included in our 2023 Ramp Resurfacing Works. The other speed cushions on Rutland Avenue were found to be in reasonable condition and not currently in need of resurfacing.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on planned paint works for the Boxing Gym on Neagh Road which has been discussed with the gym for some time but has not yet commenced, with the exception of minor works relating to graffiti; if he will arrange for the upgrading of the front windows.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The boxing club is currently over holding on a licence agreement which expired in 2018. Discussions are taking place to renew the licence and deal with all outstanding matters concerning the previous licence. However, under the terms of the licence the club is responsible for internal repairs and general maintenance of the facility.

Last year, following complaints of roof leaks, DCC undertook repairs to the roof which also included cutting back of trees close to the building. Following these repairs by DCC the Club was advised that regular cleaning of gutters and gullies would deter pooling of water which had led to the damage of the roof membrane.

The painting of the exterior has also been logged with DCC's Civic Maintenance.

Property Development Department have also requested an inspection of the windows in the building to assess their condition and to provide proposals/options on repair/replacement.

The Housing Maintenance Paint Squad agreed to do these works. The Paint Squad were to be provided with a key so that they could gain access and undertake the works. However, although they have sought to be provided with the key on a number of occasions, it has still yet to be provided. It is now with the Boxing Club to revert to staff in the Paint Squad once a key is available. When that happens, we will proceed with the works as soon as possible.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, given the fact that many of Dublin City Council's units are under occupied (e.g. over 2,000 two bed units only have one occupant and over 2,600 three bed units have only one or two occupants) can the Chief Executive advise of the legal, practical and financial implications which could arise if the tenants of these units, either directly or indirectly through DCC, wish to offer the unoccupied bedrooms to the Government under the Ukrainian Accommodation Scheme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is very aware of the under occupancy that exists for many reasons in some of our social housing stock. To date very few people have contacted us regarding the use of this excess capacity to accommodate people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Dublin City Council has assisted in the national Red Cross call for accommodation with respect to vacant properties by undertaking inspections and providing feedback.

Dublin City Council is also managing the national "Offer a Home" local authority scheme for the Dublin City area. We are engaging with the person offering the home, inspecting properties and matching these with newly arrived Ukrainians.

There are several impediments to using excess capacity in existing local authority accommodation including vetting, tenancy agreements, and effects on rent among other things. Should a viable application or suggestion come forward Dublin City Council's Housing Department will work through these issues on a case by case basis.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following: It is widely acknowledged that there is on-going, enormous and unacceptable disruption being endured by residents of both sides of the North Strand Road (and Ballybough Road due to traffic rerouting) and directly caused by the Clontarf to City Centre €62m Cycleway works which includes permanent removal of two much used bus stops, restrictions on access to and from side roads, disruption to water supply without door to door notice, road blockages causing non-collection of bins etc. etc. (the list goes on!).

In light of this major disruption, which could last up to two years, can the Chief Executive detail the practical and particular benefits which will accrue to the area and its residents which will specifically enhance the environment and quality of life of the residents of this particular stretch of road (Annesley Bridge to the Five Lamps - both sides and side streets), such as additional trees, greening, planters, improved lighting on side streets, improved pedestrian crossing facilities, repair and maintenance of footpaths (particularly at Readymix site) etc.

It would also be welcome if, in addition to listing the tangible and real benefits to the area and its residents (if any), that the Chief Executive would also acknowledge the disruption that the works have caused to this community in particular and further commend their patience, co-operation and understanding thus far.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC) Project intends to deliver significant and enduring improvements to the footpath, cycling and bus infrastructure between Alfie Byrne Road and Talbot Street. It is recognised that the residents and businesses along the route have cooperated greatly with the Project Team to enable the delivery of the Scheme. The traffic diversion between Fairview Strand and Five Lamps is likely to cause inconvenience to residents but it is vital to the delivery of the scheme.

Impacts associated with the delivery of a large scale construction project are acknowledged by the DCC Active Project Office and the Contractor, and we are extremely grateful to the local communities along the route for their patience and cooperation. We have endeavoured to keep disruption to local residents and business to a minimum and we are available to address any concerns or queries as a result of the works, works which shall deliver significant and enduring improvements.

Some of the improvements which shall be provided over the 2.7km of the Clontarf to City Centre Scheme route which shall be available and shall endure for the benefit of the local communities include;

- Provision of 6km of segregated cycling facilities
- Provision of 5.4km of bus priority infrastructure along the route.
- The segregated cycle route shall protect vulnerable pedestrians whilst providing for a safe and attractive commuter and recreational cycling route.
- Delivery of street improvements by reconstructing all footpaths (8km) along the route, while creating eight community plazas.
- Delivery of improved, safe and accessible pedestrian facilities by upgrading footpaths and installing additional pedestrian crossings along the entire corridor.
- Upgrade of junctions all along route which shall be of significant benefit to pedestrians, vulnerable users and cyclists.
- Improvement of the urban realm, landscape and built environment along the route. This shall include new street lighting, tree and shrub planting and other public realm installations
- Improve bus journey times and reliability with dedicated inbound and outbound bus lanes.
- Contribute to a reduction in transport emissions in line with the objectives of the Climate Action Plan by encouraging a modal shift to active travel and public transport use.
- Construction of a new greenway along the Tolka River.
- Replacement of watermains, and resulting improved levels of service with regard to the water supply

The Scheme Contractor commenced works in March 2022 and works shall continue over the course of 2023. Over the next couple of months the finished product shall become more and more evident on the inbound side of side of the route. In the next number of months works shall progress to the outbound side.

An extensive programme of out-of-hours works (weekend and night-time) shall be required over the course of 2023 in order to deliver the necessary works. These out-of-hours works shall be communicated in advance of taking place to inform local residents, businesses and commuters.

Some examples of the benefits which the Scheme shall provide for the local communities are best summarised as per photos below **(please see document with photos)**.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, given that so many of our Dublin Street names are named after Kings and Queens of England, Lords Lieutenants, various "Noblemen", absentee landlords, state officials etc. reflecting the period of our unlawful occupation by Britain, and noting that the National Gallery in London has an on-going research project

examining the legacies of British Slave-ownership, can the Chief Executive commission a study to find out if any of those after whom our streets are named had any links to the enslavement of people (i.e. the slave trade).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A study as proposed would be a significant undertaking for the City given several key factors including: the number of streets (4,000+); the length of time over which streets were named (almost 1,000 years); the range of sources to be identified, consulted and verified, and the complex nature of the issues involved. Officials will consider the scope of the suggested study and how it could be commissioned.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive what options are now available to the landowners specified at 1 and 2 below to facilitate the use of the lands involved being made available, through rezoning or any other mechanism, for much needed housing.

1. MA Ref: B-0012; Grass Verge adjacent to DCU Lands, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9. (Motion V3.2: MOT-02020)

Background: In the Development Plan meetings I submitted a motion to amend zoning in proposed MA Ref. B-0012 to provide for an area of white lands 30m in length along Griffith Avenue as previously agreed under Motion 01491 (V3.4). My reason for submitting the motion was that the current proposal in MA Ref. B-0012 for an amended zoning is welcomed, as an access point at Griffith Avenue is essential to service the zoned Z12 and Z15 lands on the north side of Griffith Avenue, which are important strategic development lands for the city. These lands could facilitate housing and opens space of at least 25% of the site and, furthermore, enable DCU to invest further in third level educational facilities on their nearby campuses, including expansion of their scholarship/access programmes in the surrounding areas which currently facilitates over 1,300 scholarship students.

However, to realise the potential of the site in terms of much needed housing and enhanced educational facilities as described, I pointed out that an access point of at least 30 metres in width, which would include provision for associated pedestrian and cycling facilities, is deemed necessary to facilitate a junction capable to allow for the future development of these lands in accordance with the objectives of the City Development Plan.

In addition, I also noted that some flexibility on the precise location of this access is required to ensure that, at detailed design stage, the junction can be located at the optimum point in terms of minimising impact on trees and landscaping at Griffith Avenue as well as allowing for proximity to existing entrances to residential dwellings to the south.

I further pointed out that this access would facilitate a new tree-lined avenue providing access to the Z12 zoned lands with potential for public access to c. 5 hectares of new parkland/public open space which will represent a significant gain in recreational amenity and biodiversity and that DCU is committed to ensure that any development will significantly more than compensate any loss of trees and the limited section of grass verge at the access point from Griffith Avenue.

In the Chief Executive's response to the MA he states, correctly, that "It has been clarified by DCU in their submission on B-0012, that no viable alternative accesses/ point of access are available to their adjoining Z12 lands on the north side of the avenue". The site is landlocked with a "ransom strip" on Walnut Rise and, without an adequate area of white land at Griffith Avenue, our Development Plan, designed to,

inter alia, facilitate the building of much needed homes as well as provide for, encourage and inspire enhanced educational facilities (especially in areas where third level participation rates are low), would have the opposite effect here.

However, notwithstanding my reasons for wanting access to the lands, which were primarily based on the need for housing, and the CE's recommendation to amend the zoning to facilitate access and subsequent housing on the lands, the motion was defeated and I am now asking the Chief Executive if there are any options available to the landowner to revisit the zoning with a view to getting the white lands (30m) zoning and opening up the lands for potential housing.

2. Ref: MOT – 01819 (V3.43) CYMS premises and pitch and putt course, Philipsburg Avenue, Dublin 3. (Ref: MOT – 01819 (V3.43)
Avenue, Dublin 9. (Motion V3.2: MOT-02020)

Background: In the Development Plan meetings I submitted a motion to revert the zoning to its original Z1 Zoning to facilitate the building of 48 senior citizen units (AHB) on the site and which will retain the pitch and putt course in its entirety. My reason for submitting the motion was that the CYMS clubhouse and pitch and putt course have been on Philipsburg Avenue for many years and the pitch and putt club continues to thrive. To facilitate the building of 48 Senior Citizen units on the site of the CYMS clubhouse, a small portion of the pitch and putt course needs to be relocated. This comprises two tee box areas and one green and a detailed plan has been drawn up to show how the course can be redesigned to facilitate this process. This involves, with the agreement of the club members, the course being enhanced and toilet and clubhouse facilities being provided to the club. The rezoning of part of the site which will impact the pitch and putt course is minimal, but is important to the layout, design and feasibility of the approved housing body project.

However, notwithstanding my motives for submitting the motion which was entirely based on the plan for senior citizen housing being provided on the lands and the CE's recommendation to revert the zoning to its original zoning which would facilitate access and subsequent housing on the lands, the motion was defeated and I am now asking the Chief Executive if there are any options available to the landowner to revisit the zoning with a view to allowing the improvement of the pitch and putt course and facilities and thereby allowing the remaining land be used for the construction of 48 AHB built and run senior citizen units.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to the grass verge, Griffith Avenue, the purpose of the Z9 zoning is to protect and enhance the overall character of the tree lined avenue. Currently there are numerous accesses across the Z9 strip along the avenue serving domestic, commercial and community uses. In this context, any future planning application which requires access across the Z9 strip will be considered on its merits having regard to the effect on the overall zoning in relation to the tree lined character of the avenue.

With regard to the site at Phillipsburg Avenue, a letter has recently been submitted requesting a variation to the Development Plan, to facilitate a proposal for homes for senior citizens and a reconfigured pitch and putt course. A report on the variation request will be brought to the Area Committee for noting, which will be followed by the statutory public consultation process and a full C.E. report to City Council at the end of this process for consideration.

In making resolutions in relation to variations, members are restricted to considering:

- The proper planning and sustainable development of the area,
- The statutory obligations of any local authority in the area, and

- Any relevant policies or objectives of the government or any minister of the government

Q.39 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for each of the years 2018 - 2022 inclusive

- how many residential properties were purchased by the council through compulsory purchase order
- the total cost of these purchases
- how many CPO'd properties were added to the social housing stock
- how many CPO'd properties were sold
- how total revenue generated from the sale of CPO properties

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Listed below are the number of derelict site acquired compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 from year 2018 to 2022. As properties are acquired compulsorily, costs are incurred through compensation claims, a claim must be made within 12 month of the property vesting. Please see the table below showing gross amount paid per year:

Year	No. Acquired Compulsorily	Total compensation payment per year
2018	6	1,035,385
2019	6	€0
2020	1	€596,816
2021	1	€0
2022	11	€618,076

All properties acquired were added to social housing stock with none being sold.

There was no revenue generated from the sale of properties.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive the number of times the Port Tunnel closed during 2022 - and the reasons for these closures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The operation of the Dublin Port Tunnel is a matter for Transport Infrastructure Ireland and this information request has been sent to them. Once we have received the information from TII we can then answer this question.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will issue me a response to the issues raised in the email relating to electric charging points submitted with this Question: **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Further to my reply on this matter last year and the subsequent completion of an industry stakeholder engagement piece late last year, the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now practically complete and is going through internal processes prior to local finalisation. In tandem, the working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project. This will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport. The Department has just published (31 March) its

National Strategy setting out potential new sources of funding and capacity building measures to enable the transition.

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

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

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

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 has provided an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant recommendations and outputs of the above mentioned study and the National Strategy, to deliver an EV charging solution for Dublin City.

Currently the provision of on street chargers is not a priority as we focus on fast community and destination charging solutions.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the installation of accessible play infrastructure in Father Collins Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC are in the process of procuring a newly developed play unit for playgrounds in each of the parks districts/local electoral areas. St Anne's Park Play area has been identified as a location for the North Central area. The play unit in question is the newly developed "We-Go Swing" which is an accessible and inclusive swing that facilitates up to four users. Allowing time for procurement of same, supplier lead in time and installation, this unit is planned to be in place by Q3 2023.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to look at a system like my bike.brussels.ie so bicycles can be registered in Dublin City and can support Gardai and citizens who are the victim of bike theft retrieve their bikes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a similar scheme, BikeRegister.ie, already in place at a national level. It is a comprehensive service where people can register their bike free of charge. Stolen bikes and bikes recovered by An Garda Síochána are listed on the site. Given the fact that a national scheme exists DCC does not believe that duplicating this scheme for the Dublin City area would have any benefits.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive what is the status of the use of CCTV Footage to address illegal dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The use of CCTV or MRDs for the prevention, detection and prosecution of offences under the Waste Management Act, 1996 and the Litter Pollution Act, 1997 is prohibited until such time as the lawful basis as set out below is commenced and a new CCTV contract is in place.

In accordance with the provisions of the Circular Economy & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, the LGMA are required to agree Codes of Practice with a number of government departments and statutory agencies for use of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices (MRD) for the prevention, detection and prosecution of offences under the Litter Pollution Acts as amended.

The draft Codes of Practices have to be approved by the CCMA's Climate Action, Waste Management, Transport and Networks Committee, which is expected in late Jan, early Feb of this year, prior to being submitted to the various public bodies prescribed in Section 14C(4) of the 1996 Act as amended by the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022. It is only after that consultation process has been completed and the Minister has approved the final version of the Codes of Practices that the various sections of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 which will permit for the lawful use of CCTV and MRDs for waste offences will be commenced.

The Chief Executive will then have to agree a CCTV scheme for the city.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the redevelopment of Kildonan Park and where is the funding coming from to do the works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have obtained Part 8 planning approval and provision has been made in our Capital programme for the proposed redevelopment of Kildonan Park. The project is at procurement stage with appointment of contractor scheduled for Q1 or early Q2 2023.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive what additional accommodation is available for emergency accommodation with the further expected increase in homeless numbers following the lifting of the eviction ban in April?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since February 2022, the DRHE issued an e-tender for emergency accommodation on 4 separate occasions. The current EA tender is currently 'live' and it is unclear what EA options will transpire for the second half of 2023, until this process closes on the 15th of February, 2022.

Presently the DRHE has approximately 100 additional single adult beds, coming on stream, in quarter 1, of 2023. It is anticipated Emergency accommodation for single adults, will contract from the beginning of quarter 2 and reach a serious pinch point in terms of new EA capacity for single adults.

Approximately 1250 beds in 6 new family hub type 2 facilities, are scheduled to come on stream, in the first 6 months of 2023. It is anticipated the availability of new EA for families will contract and becoming increasingly difficult, in the second half of 2023.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline all follow-up communication, actions and co-operations with Belfast City Council, the Office of the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Office of the Mayor of Liverpool to realising the collaboration and learning envisaged in the energy net-zero focused MOU signed by the 4 cities last year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to the MOU to collaborate with Belfast, Liverpool and Greater Manchester the following activities have taken place to progress our collective objective of Net Zero:

- In May virtual meetings were held to follow up from meeting in Belfast. Meetings focused on challenges facing each city.
- In June, representatives from Dublin City met with representatives from Belfast City, Liverpool and Greater Manchester, in Manchester for the Decarbonisation Summit, from June 7 to 8. Meeting proposed potential avenues for partnership and challenges were identified. An initial focus on housing retrofit was proposed for Dublin City and Belfast City.
- Belfast City and Dublin City have applied for Shared Island Funding to undertake a feasibility study on a Connected Circular Economy.
- Belfast City and Dublin City have engaged in study visits in November 2022.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look into the ongoing poor maintenance of the Kylemore Ave Park Ballyfermot Dublin 10 the area which was subject to extensive refurbishment a few years ago has had an ongoing problem of very poor maintenance, I recently walked the Park with some residents overlooking the Park the following issues serious attention.

- Boundary needs cutting back both in bulk and height.
- The flood lights are broken for the past few months resulting in the football area not being able to be used this needs urgent attention.
- Waste was all around the ground cover vegetation needs to be removed and addressed regularly.
- Dog waste large amounts in the Park, we really need some waste / dog waste bins, just take a look and the need will be seen.
- The paths within the park need weed removal.
- Small bit of graffiti on some play equipment next to basketball area.

The above would take 2 to 3 days to sort out and a small monthly commitment to maintain.

Residents have bought litter picks and gloves to remove surface waste, I have committed to giving them equipment when needed from Ballyfermot Environmental Group.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks have developed a schedule of works to address the overgrowth and profusion of weeds that have become established in Kylemore Park. Works will include cutting back shrubs, removal of weed growth from bound gravel area using a combination of organic and mechanical means and planting of new trees. The issue with lights not working has been referred to Public Lighting and will be addressed once the hoist is available, anticipated in the next couple of weeks. The graffiti will also be cleaned in the next couple of weeks. Works are expected to commence week starting 6th Feb.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the following: that consideration be given for the wrap around external insulation of **(details supplied)** the lady who lives here with her children is finding the heating of this corner house next to impossible, I am aware she has looked for the work to be done in the past have we any indication on when it might be done.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are pleased to confirm that this property is eligible for upgrade works under our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme. However, due to the volume of properties involved, which is 12,000 houses approximately, it is a roll out programme. The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion.

The timeframe for this will be dependent on the annual allocation of funding received. Consequently, it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area/estate citywide or confirm an accurate timeframe for upgrade works to commence on any individual property. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible. Your continued support with the programme is appreciated.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

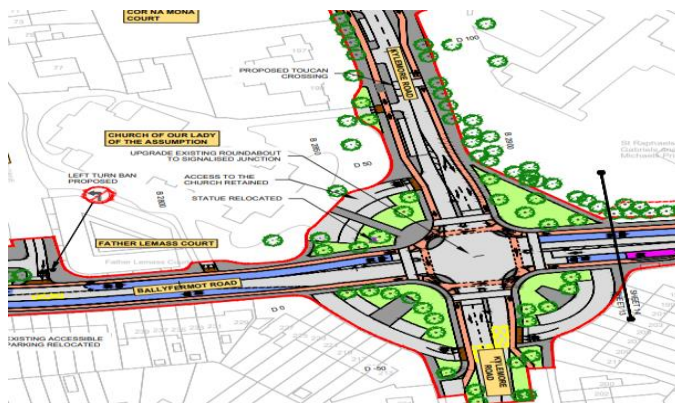
To ask the Chief Executive to look into the long-awaited precinct improvement scheme for Ballyfermot Road from Drumfinn Road down to the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption. A few years ago one of our previous managers Mr Peter Finnegan assembled over 100 locals and business people to go over different ideas on how this area could look with physical enhancement to the public realm. The proposal never progressed due we were told to Bus Connects etc. Ballyfermot's main street is screaming out for a major uplift including CCTV etc. can we start to progress these long-awaited plans as the area is suffering with the poor retails balance etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The National Transport Authority has submitted the Liffey Valley to City Centre Bus Connects Scheme to An Bord Pleanála. The formal statutory public consultation period for the scheme is now finished.

Extensive public realm works along the full length of Ballyfermot Road form part of the application. It is proposed to remove the existing roundabout at the junction of Ballyfermot Road/Kylemore Rd and replace it with a signalised junction. This will allow greening to take place and for more public space to be available.

Plans for the proposal can be viewed at <https://liffeyvalleyscheme.ie/>



Proposed layout at the junction of Kylemore Rd/Ballyfermot Rd junction.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look upon providing sufficient funding to allow for the upgrade / installation of proper drainage in the Long Meadows Pitch and Putt Club on Sarsfield Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10. It is regrettable that due to water retention on the green and other areas of this beautiful facility the course is closed for long periods. With the installation / upgrading of the drainage the facility should be available like many other facilities throughout most of the winter months. Can we scope the scale of works required, costs and possible avenues to get this funding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks will review the drainage in Longmeadows and assess the work involved with the view to improving the playability of the pitch and putt course.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Celebration of Lá Fhéile Bríde in the city?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Brigit: Dublin City Celebrating Women returned, from Wednesday 1st of February (St Brigid's Day) until Monday 6th February - complementing the new bank holiday that has been introduced to officially honour St. Brigid's Day for the first time.

The city-wide programme of over 40 events, celebrated the contributions and achievements of women past and present, while welcoming the long-awaited beginning of spring and celebration of Imbolc. The programme includes tours, talks, workshops, exhibitions and performances.

Highlights included:

Celebrate Through Sound & Sight - Projections and Performances

Illustration and light projection designed by Irish illustrator Bronagh Lee from Wed 1 - Mon 6 February. Plus, on Sunday Feb 5th evening at 19:30, 20:15 and 21:00, on Barnardo Square (Dame St) aerial performance inspired by Bronagh's artwork with music by Irish multidisciplinary composer Ellen King aka ELLL.

Discover the City - Walking Tours

A specially curated series **Women Walk the City**, with forager & herbalist **Feebee Foran**, artist & illustrator **Eva Kelly**, teacher & psychotherapist **Dr Karen Ward** and unique stories and experiences of Dublin's women past and present including the **Amazing Women in Irish History** and others.

Imbolc Fair

On Sunday 5th February Meeting House Square was transformed into an **Imbolc Village**, celebrating the spirit of the Celtic goddess Brigit and welcoming the spring with an array of activities for all ages. **Poetry, body painting workshop, blacksmithing, women's weaving circle, Imbolc Tarot reading** and much more.

Read & Watch - Film and Literature

Róisín Ingle in discussion with authors Elaine Farrell and Leanne McCormick who illuminated the dark side of life as an Irish female emigrant with stories from their new book - **'Bad Bridget: Crime, Mayhem and the Lives of Irish Emigrant Women'** (Wed 1 Feb)

St Brigid's Day EU50 Lecture

Síofra O’Leary, President of the European Court of Human Rights, second lecture focusing on the Council of Europe and its European Convention on Human Rights. Introduced by **Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence Peter Burke TD** and joined by **Senator Fiona O’Loughlin**, chair of the Oireachtas Women’s Committee, and **Professor Aoife Nolan**, Vice-President of Vice-President of the European Committee of Social Rights for a panel discussion.

Nature in the City

Lord Mayor of Dublin Caroline Conroy invited the public to join a panel of experts to discuss the biodiversity crisis and consider the role of ‘Nature in the City’. Moderated by **Irish Times journalist and Pocket Forests Founder Catherine Cleary**, the panel featured change-making women who are working to reverse the loss of biodiversity and restore nature in Dublin City.

Dublin City Celebrating Women in Business

Hosted by the Local Enterprise Office, this event celebrated the achievements and contribution of women in business to the life of the city, featuring **Broadcaster and media entrepreneur Aine Kerr**, **Madeleine Blaine** (The Collective) **Lucy O’Reilly** (Designs for Growth Ltd.), **Daisy Mauhay** (The Nightingale Agency Ltd.), and **Anita Donoghue** (Annutri).

Q.53 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration has been given to;

- Exemption from parking charges while charging EVs,
- Installation of infrastructure like “Green Mole” to facilitate private charging
- And adaptation of lamp posts for charging EV’s?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

• Exemption from parking charges while charging EVs,
In Dublin City Council there has always been a requirement for Electric Vehicles to pay for parking even at an EV charging point. If no fee is sought for parking an Electric Vehicle or they are “not to be considered parked cars” then there is no mechanism for enforcement and this will lead to a chronic problem of those vehicles overstaying in parking spaces at charging points and parking spaces in general.

- Installation of infrastructure like “Green Mole” to facilitate private charging

Private infrastructure, such as charging cables for electric cars, is not permitted on public roads in Dublin City Council’s administrative area.

- Adaptation of lamp posts for charging Evs?

The council has considered the adaptation of lamp posts for EV charging points and has deemed them to be unsuitable for use from a number of viewpoints.

Much of the lighting infrastructure, particularly in the core city centre area, is directly supplied off old ESB cable networks and tapping off these supplies is a matter for ESB. There are also regulatory issues that would need to be addressed

Where the lighting infrastructure is new and supplied off public lighting cable networks the high load requirements of EV chargers make the use of these public lighting cables unsuitable because they are not designed to accommodate these high loads. EV chargers that were considered high load a few years ago (up to 50kW) are now considered to be standard and new EV chargers today are very power hungry to meet the requirement for quick charging (20mins to 30mins) thereby making the public lighting infrastructure completely unsuitable for EV charging applications.

There is a detailed report available that looks the potential of EV chargers in residential areas and this report can be found at the following link.

<https://councilmeetings.dublincity.ie/documents/s37829/Facilitating%20EV%20Charging%20in%20Residential%20Areas.pdf>

Q.54 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive if the practice of deploying staff to assist citizen's inclusion on the Electoral Register continues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since the introduction of online voter registration there are no longer field staff employed in Dublin City Council Franchise Section. There are a number of initiatives to promote citizens to register to vote, these include:

- An annual advertising campaign in the Dublin City Council area including social media.
- Leaflet drops to new developments
- Information in all new tenant packs
- Information meetings with the Immigrant Council of Ireland.

In 2023 there will be a schools programme initiated for transition year students. In addition late last year there was an extensive national advertising campaign linked to the new Electoral Act to encourage citizens to check their details online.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to supply the following information: any meetings that took place between the CEO Owen Keegan and Mr Barry Andrews MEP with regard the setting up of an EU office that would represent the City Councils of the Dublin region in Brussels. If so, can all this relevant material be published and a full report be given with regard this initiative.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive has no record of any meeting with Barry Andrews MEP in relation to this matter.

A proposal entitled '*A Dublin Representative Office in Brussels*' was received from Barry Andrews MEP in October 2020. The Chief Executive subsequently commissioned Mr Wessel Badenhorst of Urban Mode to review the proposal. The review was completed in January 2021 and communicated to Barry Andrews MEP in February 2021. The conclusions of the evaluation were as follows:

'Dublin is adequately served by the existing arrangements for a physical presence in Brussels.

The emphasis should be on increasing the width and depth of participation by Dublin organisations, researchers, officials and elected representatives in EU programmes, activities and events. This can be practically achieved with the appointment of dedicated EU Officers in each Dublin local authority.

It might make sense to evaluate the need for a physical presence in Brussels again in 2022 once the respective EU Officers are in place and the Covid19 pandemic has receded. At this time all EU Programmes will also have published their frameworks for implementation over the EU budget period 2021 to 2027.

A copy of proposal and of the evaluation will be sent to the Councillor.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full report regarding complaints made by tenants of DCC regarding mould, damp and dilapidation in their homes in the past five years. This report also to include those individuals who have made complaints to the Dublin Regional Homeless executive regarding emergency accommodation living conditions and also those that have made complaints regarding approved housing bodies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In June 2021 a dedicated complaints officer was appointed. At that time a formal complaints process was put in place. To date the DRHE have received 29 complaints relating to the living conditions of clients staying in emergency accommodations provided by the DRHE. Please see spreadsheet attached.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to address the issue of cyclists constantly using the millennium bridge. This is a pedestrian bridge and it is constantly impacted by cargo bikes, Deliveroo bikes and cyclists. This bridge needs to be signed properly and enforcement needs to happen at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Signs were erected that prohibited cycling on the bridge. For aesthetic reasons these were removed. Plaques/ signs that advise cyclists to dismount were installed in the pavement on the approaches to the bridge on 26th October 2020.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give the costings so far, for the temporary cycling lanes along the Liffey and further, what plans are now envisaged in the interim given the fact that the main project for the cycling lanes costing €100 million euros will now not proceed due to rising costs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total spend on the Liffey Cycle Route Interim project to February 2023 is €2m. To date approximately 3.6km of segregated cycle and pedestrian facilities have been implemented on the northern and southern quays between Heuston Station and Matt Talbot Memorial Bridge. The works associated with the interim scheme also include pedestrian and cyclist improvements at a number of junctions. Significant upgrades have been made to the signalised junctions at St Johns Road West/Victoria Quay and Merchants Quay, Bridge Street Lower. In order to deliver these necessary interventions the procurement of detailed surveys, design services, construction services and landscaping was required.

The Liffey Cycle Route interim project is approximately 6km in length (3km for each of the northern & southern quays), starting at its most westerly point near Heuston Station and ending at the Matt Talbot Memorial Bridge at its most easterly point where it ties into the existing two-way cycle facility on City Quay. The next stage of the Liffey Cycle Route Interim project is along Eden Quay on the northern quays where a Contractor has been appointed and works are expected to commence in March / April 2023. A further section from George's Quay to Crampton Quay on the southern quays is at detailed design stage and works along here are planned to be implemented in 2023.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if the relevant Dublin City Council departments and management, Parks Dept., Sport SPC, can provide additional sport, such as, Padel, in certain parks. As there is so much financial provision for cycle lanes, it would be appropriate to have accessibility for all ages to have this particular sport in their area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Padel courts in Bushy Park were constructed by DCC and were the first publicly available courts in the country. They have been in operation for approximately 5 years, managed by the Padel Federation of Ireland under licence from DCC. The Bushy Park facility which includes re-surfaced synthetic and clay courts has been a great success and it is a model we would like to replicate in other parts of the City. Padel360 is a private company the principals of which have expressed their interest to DCC a number of times to build and manage padel courts on public land. Each time they have been informed that the model operated successfully by DCC is for DCC to plan and construct the infrastructure which is subsequently licenced following public tender. Additional facilities are being considered in the context of ongoing capital improvement works within suitable parks in the City.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to information forwarded from Active Travel Team on 30th January 2023.

Dublin City Council proposes to implement the Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street Pedestrian and Cyclist Improvement Scheme (SC2C) project. It is part of the Dublin City Council (DCC) core active travel network, and is funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

The Project will be going to Public Consultation on Monday the 30th of January and the closing date for submissions is the 28th of February. Members can provide their feedback by following the link: Dublin City Council - Citizen Space. A Public Information Session will take place on Tuesday the 7th of February from 4pm to 7pm in the Charlemont Community Resource Centre, Core 3, French-Mullen House, Charlemont Street, Dublin 2.D02 X260. In relation to the upgrade of the cycle lane along the Dodder River in Clonskeagh, which is in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area, there is a current cycle lane, it is very narrow, full of muck and there is no lighting along the route for cycling in dark Winter from 4pm. So many people walk along the Dodder route, young and elderly, with dogs and with prams, it must be sufficiently safe for walkers, therefore it must be cycle safe along the route. Can this be taken on very soon on the Dodder River bank, in advance of road cycle lanes?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A permanent greenway scheme which includes lighting is proposed for the Dodder Greenway; the Emerging preferred route in the area between Clonskeagh Road and Dundrum Road is proposed on the Southside of the river Dodder along the existing Dodder Trail. This permanent scheme is scheduled for delivery in phase 3 of the Active Travel Network programme (i.e. post 2027).

Dublin City Council (DCC) are currently working in conjunction with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Co. (DLRCC) and South Dublin Co. Co. (SDCC) on 5 sections of Interim interventions along the Dodder Greenway.

Public consultation on the interim proposals for the Dodder Greenway is expected to commence in Q1 2023.

Those sections are as follows.

- Fitzwilliam Quay –Londonbridge Road (DCC)
- Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park. (DCC)
- Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road (DCC-DLRCC)
- Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road-(DLRCC)
- Orwell Road to Dodder Park Lower-(DLRCC-SDCC)

The provision of additional public lighting is not currently included in the scope of the interim scheme as the addition of lighting would require detailed environmental assessment of the impacts; in particular the sensitivity of the native bat populations to the proposed lighting.

Public lighting will be included in the proposed permanent Dodder Greenway scheme. Issues with maintenance on the existing cycle lanes/walkways should be directed to the Parks Department of the relevant Local Authority-DLRCC.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that following the submission of a motion, by Councillors Colm O'Rourke and Ray McAdam, to the October sitting of Dublin City Council Central Area Committee regarding the unutilised lands north of Mount Bernard Park, that:

A) The Chief Executive of Dublin City Council proceed as quickly as possible with the remediation works and secure the specialist assistance required - while the funding as part of the BusConnects project remains.

B) A full update be given as to what works have been carried out to date since the transfer of lands in 2022.

C) To ask that Dublin City Council consults residents regarding the best use of the sought-after community amenity as soon as possible?

D) That an indicative timeframe be given for the completion of the entire project

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A scoping exercise is being undertaken by the Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services team to assess potential constraints in the future development of the lands in question for public access. A report will be brought to the Area Committee in due course which will set out the concept and timeline for the project which will also include a full consultation with the local community.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to request the National Museum to publish archaeological findings for Dublin on an annual basis or to communicate these to Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The available archaeological literature reports for Dublin City are published online on the Heritage Council's map viewer at www.heritagemaps.ie. This dataset was created and published as a joint action by the four Dublin Local Authorities, the National Monuments Service and the National Museum and part funded by the Heritage Council's County Heritage Plan grant scheme. This resource was updated in 2021 to add licenced archaeological reports produced down to 2017.

Many of the key archaeological findings for Dublin are also published by licensees in hard copy, notably in the annual Friends of Medieval Dublin Series, (Four Courts Press), which receives financial support from Dublin City Council's Chief Executive, see <http://fmd.ie/publications/medieval-dublin-series/>.

The Chief Executive will write to the Minister and the Director of the National Museum seeking to continue with the online dissemination of archaeological findings for Dublin

post-2017 and to promote the development of a strategy for the processing, reporting and publication of unpublished legacy excavations and sites of national and international importance.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the URDF funding available for the Dublin City Area; to detail the projects included in the funding; and the amount of URDF funding allocated to each.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) committed to fund 75% of the costs of each project submitted under Call 2 of URDF supported capital programme.

On 24th August 2022, the DHLGH confirmed preliminary approval for the inclusion of the North Inner City Concept Area 1 and the South Inner City Concept Area 2 proposals. Preliminary Business Cases for the Concept Areas were submitted to the DHLGH prior to the end of 2022.

The tables below set out the projects applied for within the two Concept Areas and the original URDF amount sought based on costings at that time –

North Inner City Concept Area 1

Project	Description	URDF Funded Amount
Markets & Public Realm Study & Works	Public Realm Works	14,535,750
Fruit & Vegetable Market	Building Refurbishment	5,625,000
Broadstone to Grand Canal	Cycle and Pedestrian Route	5,206,278
Ryders Row	Site Acquisition	1,875,000
Parnell Square Public Realm Works	Public Realm Works	14,187,041
Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Phase 1	Area Regeneration	56,634,459
Mountjoy Square Conservation Plan	Construction Project	2,625,000
Five Lamps Public Realm Works	Public Realm	4,826,850
14-17 Moore Street	Building Refurbishment	12,187,500
Moore Street Public Realm Works	Public Realm Works	1,350,000
41 Parnell Square	Acquisition/Refurbishment of Protected Structure	2,250,000
URDF Funding Sought		€121,302,878

South Inner City Concept Area 2

Project	Description	URDF Funded Amount
Liberties Greening Strategy	New Green spaces, enhancement of streets and civic spaces	412,500
Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme	Redesign of Francis Street to provide pedestrian friendly environment	2,921,213
Newmarket Square Environmental Improvement Scheme	Redesign and improvement of public square and adjacent streets	3,375,000
Dolphin's Barn Environmental Improvement Scheme	Upgrade of public realm and park provision for Dolphins Barn Village	1,387,500
Cork Street Environmental Improvement Scheme	Public Realm Improvement	225,000
Meath Street Environmental Improvement Scheme	Public Realm Improvement	2,842,500
Exchange Street CPO	Site Assembly	1,312,500
Public Lighting Upgrade	Upgrade of Public Lighting	721,027
Grangegorman to Kevin St Public & Pedestrian Route	Cycle and Pedestrian Route	14,961,277
Werburgh Street/Ship Street Gateway Site	Site assembly to aid in delivery of Framework Plan	3,900,000
	Produce Framework Plan (DCC/OPW)	784,125
Ringsend Project:		
a) Library Square	Library Square & Public Realm	5,250,000
b) Cambridge Road	Road Upgrade	1,950,000
c) Ringsend Park	Redevelopment	75,000
d) Sean Moore Roundabout	Road reconstruction	12,114,962
Pear Tree Crossing (Liberties Hub)	Master planning	3,400,275
URDF Funding Sought		€55,632,878

Following the launch of Call 3 on Monday 30th January 2023, the DHLGH has requested that a review of all Call 2 projects is carried out and this is currently underway. The DHLGH has committed to discussing funding options directly with the relevant Local Authorities resulting from the review.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if welcome rooms can be installed in community centres in the City as has been done in the Fingal Council Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Community Development team has visited one of the welcome rooms in Fingal and is considering the most suitable location for a pilot project in the area.

Dublin City Council South Central Area Community Development Officer and the Ballyfermot Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer engaged with Fingal Council to learn more on FCC's provision of the community centre 'welcome rooms'. Subsequently, we are investigating the feasibility of installing welcome rooms and developing a pilot to ascertain their use and effectiveness in meeting the needs of vulnerable members of the community, with a particular focus on tackling local health inequalities and improving community health and wellbeing.

Welcome Rooms provide a warm, friendly inclusive space for Community Groups/Individuals to meet, chat and share experiences.

Each living room space requires a permanent site for the duration of the project. In addition a number of staff would be required to manage the facility. Space for community groups/use in the Finglas area is extremely difficult to acquire making use of community facilities for a Welcome Room a challenge.

The Finglas Area Office currently has no plans to open a Welcome Room, however should the situation change the possibility of opening such a room could be considered.

The Ballymun Area Office currently has no plans to open a welcome room as we do not directly manage any of our Community Centre facilities. However, we will explore the concept with our Community Centre providers and our Sports & Leisure Centres.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the process for taking estates in charge by the local authority; the number of estates that have been taken in charge by DCC in each of the last five years; and the number that are still outstanding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

North Central Area:

The North Central Area have taken 8 developments in charge from 2017 to 2023) see list below;

2017

Sion Hill, Dublin 9
The Crescent, Collinswood, Dublin 9
Vernon Wood, Dublin 3
The Mews, Castle Avenue, Dublin 3

2018

The Mews, Killester, Dublin 5
1-8 David's Court, Dublin 5

2019

1-7 St. David's Grove, Dublin 5

2021

Kincora Court, Dublin 3.

Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, provides that the Planning Authority shall initiate the procedures for taking in charge under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

The taking in charge procedure may be instigated by the majority of the owners of the houses involved requesting same. The request/enquiry should be made to:

Planning and Property Development Department, Development Contributions/Taking in Charge, Block 4E, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8
planning.contributions@dublincity.ie
Phone 01 222 6440.

The request must be accompanied by a list of signatures representing the majority of owners, the Planning Register Reference number for the development and a map with the areas proposed for taking in charge clearly identified.

The requestor will be provided with Taking in Charge Request Forms to be completed by each owner who is in favour of taking in charge. The owners must return their completed form to this office with supporting documentation confirming ownership of their individual property i.e. a copy of the title deeds or a letter from the owner's solicitor certifying ownership.

The relevant service divisions will then be requested to carry out inspections to ascertain the status of the services within the development. The reports from the service divisions will indicate if the development is up to the standards required for taking in charge and will detail the works required to be completed, and the related costs of these works for the development to be taken in charge.

When the services are fully certified as being up to standard, the final procedures for taking in charge will be initiated through the local Area Office at this department's request. An advertisement is placed in a national newspaper advising of the intention to take in charge, the location of the 4 week public display and that submissions can be made for up to 6 weeks from start of public display. The submissions are taken into consideration and a report is prepared for the City Council. The Taking in Charge of an area is a reserved function of the Elected Members. Once a decision is made by the City Council to take the development in charge details are entered in the statutory Schedule and Map which is available for public inspection.

Please note Dublin City Council will not consider a request from a development that is a gated development.

In the past 5 years South Central Area Office have dealt with one Taking In Charge - St. Luke's Avenue, Dublin 8 in 2018.

A formal request for taking in charge to commence should be made to the Planning and Property Development Department

The request must be accompanied by a list of signatures representing the majority of owners of the houses involved, the Planning Register Reference number for the development and a map with the areas proposed for taking in charge clearly identified.

The Taking in Charge Request Form, including these procedures for initiating the taking in charge process, should be distributed to each house involved and returned

completed with supporting documentation to confirm property ownership. This can take place after the formal request has been made.

On receipt of a request, notices will be sent from this department to the relevant service divisions of Dublin City Council, requesting that inspections be carried out in order to ascertain the current status of the development. The services involved are drainage, road maintenance, public lighting and parks & landscapes. The service division reports will indicate if the development is up to the standards required for taking in charge and will detail any outstanding works to be completed, and related costs if the estate is deemed not to be up to standard.

When the services are fully certified as being up to standard, the final procedures for taking in charge will be initiated through the local Area Office at this department's request. The Taking in Charge of an area remains a reserved function and is therefore ultimately decided on by the Elected Members.

Dublin City Council will not take gated communities in charge. It should also be noted that if a request to have a development Taken in Charge is successful, the roads, open spaces and private on street parking will become public.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can review its proof of address policy, which has been brought to my attention by constituents and civil society organisations as unfit for purpose. At present, it my understanding that DCC provides a handwritten proof of address letter which is not accepted by most banks or financial institutions as this is deemed by their security and fraud departments to be susceptible to forgery. Most organisations require a proof of address letter to be fully typed, dated and stamped confirming the name and address of our tenants. The current DCC policy poses a barrier to our tenants, who may not have other means of providing a proof of address, to accessing fundamental services, such as opening a bank account. Can the Chief Executive make a comment on the matter and commit to reviewing DCC's policy?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All correspondence sent to tenants name the tenant/joint tenants and is sent on Dublin City Council official headed paper.

If an occupant requests a proof of address letter a standard typed template on DCC headed paper may be used and the occupants name can be written in on the letter, however, these are always dated and stamped with the official DCC stamp.

Alternatively, depending on the nature and reason for the request - an official typed letter may be sent confirming an occupant is included on the rent assessment at a particular tenancy.

Dublin City Council do not issue handwritten letters confirming tenants/occupiers.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the removal, in the new City Development Plan, of an objective for the creation of a new exit from Clonsaugh Industrial Estate to allow access onto the R139, how he intends to deal with the current and future expected (after completion of OTR development of 800 plus homes) traffic on Oscar Traynor Road, specifically between the M1 junction and Northside Shopping Centre?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the preparation for the 2022 City Development Plan all transport objectives were reviewed to consider their appropriateness. In relation to the lands in question the positioning of the road connection was re-considered on foot of significant concerns raised by the Parks Department and the Conservation Section of the impact on Woodlands House and the surrounding curtilage. Woodlands House (dated circa 1735) is rated by the NIAH as being of national significance; and the ornamental canal and gardens all form part of the curtilage of the RPS designation in the City Development Plan and the NIAH designation.

In addition, the former route also was identified as a concern in relation to the viability of connecting to the roundabout to the north and obtaining agreement from TII, due to the likely impact such a connection would have on the M1/M50 national routes. It is for the above reasons that the location of the connection was moved to connect eastwards onto Clonsaugh Road.

It is considered that a future options study for other connections that address both issues above; taking account of the traffic modelling for the OTR development scheme; will inform any required variation of the Plan.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive a detailed report on the following regarding the refurbishment of **(details supplied)**. Can they provide an outline of works proposed, outline the costs and proposed timeline of works? What are the future plans for the buildings in **(details supplied)**? What are the funding sources for the re-development?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks, Biodiversity and landscape services are currently engaging with the relevant stakeholders at an early feasibility stage. The project is URDF funded. All project costs and plans are dependent on the public engagement process. The plan is to initiate public engagement and the Part-8 planning process in 2023.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on any progress regarding the pruning and making safe of the trees in Violet Hill Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection of these trees was carried out in 2022, following on from this inspection the trees at this location were included in the 2023 Tree Care programme. These works will be scheduled for the first batch of contracted work for the area in the coming weeks.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the possibility of adding CCTV cameras to the lane at the rear of Annamoe Terrace, Cabra, Dublin 7, to assist in fly tipping prevention there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area offices are awaiting confirmation of the CCTV budget from Waste Management along with the publishing of the 'code of practice' being developed by the LGMA. Once approved, this location will be considered for inclusion in 2023 programme.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the plans to repair the badly damaged footpaths on the Navan Road, Dublin 7.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This section of footpath is included in the 2023 Works Programme for repair. Works should commence sometime in May 2023.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive further elaborate on the reply to my question Q.73 to the January council meeting?

- a) When will any increased funding from the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) fund be confirmed?
- b) Will any increase in the allocation to Dublin City Council be used exclusively for speeding up the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme?
- c) Has any other sources of funding been identified?
- d) Without any increase in funding will the estimated timescale for completion of the program remain at 12 years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Dublin City Council cannot confirm as this will be decided by Central Government.
- b) Yes.
- c) Not at present.
- d) Yes.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive what was the cost of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Energy Efficiency Programme?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Phase 1 - €14,829,827

Phase 2 - €24,421,982 to date (i.e. end of 2022)

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the construction of new dressing rooms in Brickfield Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Provision has been made in the capitol programme for upgrade of the existing pavilion at Brickfields Park, there is no firm timeline for this construction. A report will issue to the area committee in due course.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown in tabular form on how much development levies were spent in each of the DCC administrative areas since 2011?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the detail required, this reply will not be ready by Tuesday 7th Feb. The reply will be issued by Feb 21st.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form, the amount of DCC households waiting for funding to be provided for extensions to their homes on the basis on overcrowding and separately, how many DCC households are waiting for funding to be provided for work to be carried out on their homes on the basis on medical need?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Where Dublin City Council tenants request adaptation works under our Accessibility programme and works are approved, the works are then undertaken by the Council.

There are approx. 400 applications awaiting assessment for approval for adaptations to be provided based on medical need. This includes works such as level access showers, ramps, stair lifts, extensions, grab rails, door widening, deaf alarms, etc.

There are approximately 237 applications on the wait list for overcrowding extensions. Furthermore, the Council is currently examining a number of new approaches to scale up the delivery of housing extensions under our Adaptations programme and we will provide further details on this in the coming months.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many DCC households has extensions carried out last year and how many households had work carried out based on medical need least year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Adaptations Section, completed 48 extensions between 2018 and 2022. In 2022, we approved 15 new extensions and works are currently ongoing with 24 extensions.

Furthermore, the Council is currently examining a number of new approaches to scale up the delivery of housing extensions under our Adaptations programme and we will provide further details on this in the coming months.

Lastly, we also installed 140 level access showers, 33 ramps, and 30 stairlifts based on medical needs.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to get the landlord of the old convent on the Ballyfermot Road to secure the building again. Windows are broken leaving the building to deteriorate at a faster pace.

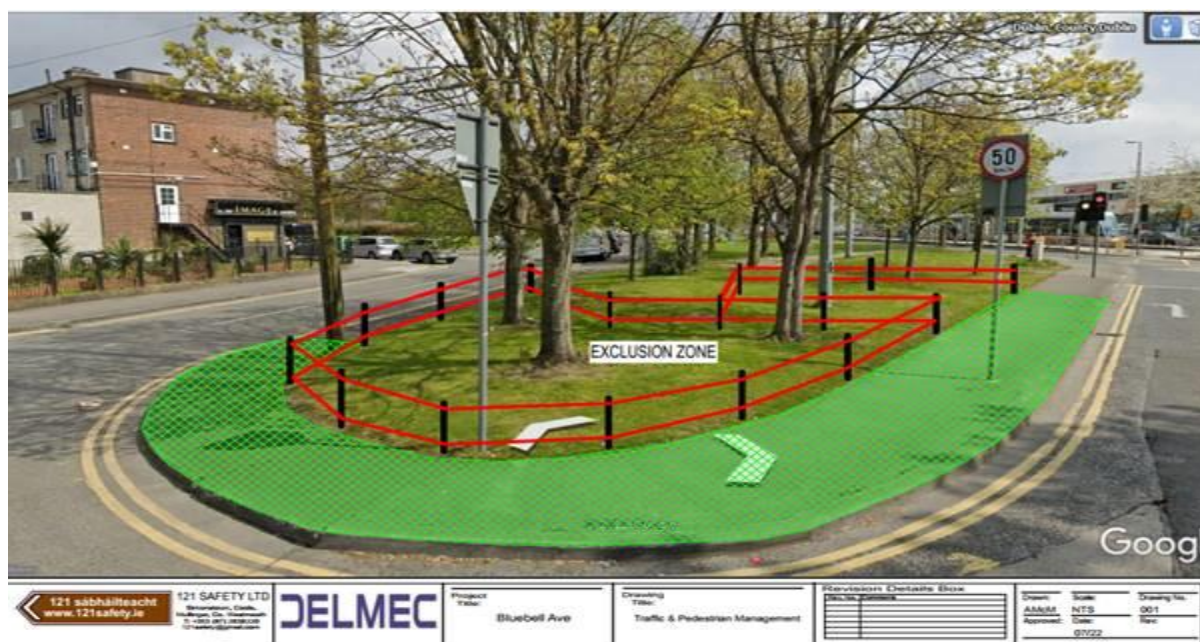
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The local area office has contacted Dwyer Nolan Developments previously in relation to securing the site and positive action was taken, monitoring of the site and engagement with the owners will continue.

At an onsite meeting with the contractor in July 2022, it was agreed that the excavation in the open space will be limited and that the ducts (except for the connection to the mast) will be located in the footpath. The mast and associated elements will be located in empty space between two trees, away from the tree canopies and therefore tree root damage will be limited to small feeding roots, if any damage at all.

Fences will be erected in the open space to avoid any unnecessary damages to the open spaces (see below drawing sent by Delmec). Provided the tree protection plan is implemented as discussed during the onsite meeting with the contractor, I am confident that the negative impact on the existing trees will be limited.

In relation to the T2, the Roadworks Control Unit is the organisation to contact in relation to all roadwork licence in the Dublin City Council area.



Q.79 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to what was the reasoning for putting a continuous white line on O'Donoghue Street between Ring Street and Railway Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The continuous white lines on O'Donoghue Street at its junction with Ring Street and Railway Avenue (Enquiry Ref: 7031444) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group.

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

Q.80 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive and following up on SCAC monthly question Q28 when the Area Engineer will investigate Tyrconnell Road and monitor traffic speeds on this arterial 50kph road. TAMS Ref. No. 7030688.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer has listed a Speed Survey be carried out on Tyrconnell Road. The survey is due to be carried out at the end of February, 2023. Once the results are received, the Area Engineer will re-assess traffic calming on Tyrconnell Road.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive what location on Benmadigan Green was chosen for bicycle parking?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment & Transportation Department has examined the location at Benmadigan Green for its suitability for the installation of cycle parking. Both the carriageway and adjacent footpaths are unsuitable due to the width constraints.

Consultation has been carried out with the Parks Department exploring the possibility of installing a concrete pad on the green, permission has not been received to undertake this and therefore stands cannot be installed at this time.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive a community library box which contains children's books could be installed on Dunville Avenue, Dublin 6 in circumstances where there is an existing successful adult community library box and there are two schools adjacent to those library boxes, Lios na nÓg and Scoil Bríde.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Libraries did not install the 'adult community library box' referred to and boxes like these are not part of our service provision. Dublin 6 is served by Rathmines Library, which is 1.5 km from the two schools mentioned. All branch libraries have regular contact with, and host visits from, local schools.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will confirm whether the report provided to Housing SPC members entitled 'Review of Construction Costs Associated with the building of housing units for Dublin City Council compiled by Seán Ó Riordáin and Associates Ltd' and which contains a disclaimer that this is a commercially sensitive document will ever be published; if he can confirm why a decision was taken to make a report commissioned, at the instigation of elected members following public concerns, to carry out an audit into whether DCC was being overcharged by private developers would not now be revealed to the public and how this can be explained.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In response to a motion passed by the Housing SPC, the Housing Department commissioned a review of construction costs associated with the building of housing units for Dublin City. This review, undertaken by Seán Ó Riordáin and Associates limited, and circulated to the members of the Housing SPC, analysed commercially sensitive information provided to the consultants for the purpose of preparing a report for the Housing SPC. The report contains a number of finding and recommendations on which Housing Management will report to the SPC on. Furthermore the report has been shared with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Housing Delivery Coordination Office for their review and action where required.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive does dcc engage courier companies and are these contracts tendered on a regular basis?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council engages courier companies from time to time. The quantum of activity does not warrant formal contractual arrangements.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update of the housing application for (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Hap List with an application date of 22/11/18, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area E	1	20
Area H	1	19
Area L	1	17

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

The applicants should check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice. They are advertised every Friday and remain advertised for a period of 3 weeks.

Applicants are able to check their position on the Housing List by logging onto www.dublincity.ie/housingonline with their reference number and Date of Birth.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the request for ramps on **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area engineer is currently assessing the backlog in service requests for Dublin North Central. The area engineer will assess the issues raised in relation to **(details supplied)** as soon as current workload allows.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the trees in **(details supplied)** as they may need pruning or thinned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees 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 2023/24.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on the ongoing construction of **(details supplied)** library and if there is a projected opening date?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The new library for **(details supplied)**, is currently under construction and is running within budget and 21 days over schedule. The construction phase is estimated to finish on May 5th, after which the library will be furnished, shelved with book stock and fitted with IT equipment, etc. The process to move the existing library into the new space is expected to take place during May and June. An opening date will be decided upon once the building has been handed over to Dublin City Libraries by the contractor in May (date subject to change).

Q.89 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide for more dog fouling bins or more frequent emptying of existing bins in Tolka Valley Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bins are emptied on Monday, Wednesday and Friday by parks staff and additionally by on duty ranger at the weekends (Saturday and Sunday). There is adequate provision of bins with 5no. Bins in operation in the Park (3 on the main paths and 2 at the pond) and 2no. In Carrdifsbridge Park end. Dog poo bins have been discontinued by our Waste Management section, which were generally placed on the roadway near Park entrances. All public bins can be used for dog waste.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what traffic calming measures are being proposed in the 2023 works programme for the Hillcrest area and St Pappin's Road area in relation to the outcome of the recent traffic survey?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area engineer has put forward recommendations to have traffic calming measures considered as part of 2023 Works Package for Dublin North West. The area engineer will engage with an appointed Engineering Consultant to discuss and formulate the best way to proceed with further traffic calming for St. Pappin Road.

There are no proposals for Hillcrest Estate as part of this Works Package.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following footpaths repairs where there are serious trip hazards:

- (a) 16/18 Coultry Avenue (Roots of trees lifting up paths and making it very difficult and dangerous for pedestrians, wheelchair and pram access etc. Damage also being caused to garden walls.)
- (b) 396 Coultry Road (previously repaired footpath lifting due to tree roots)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected these locations. Repair are scheduled at the 2 locations. We hope to carry out works in the coming 6-8 weeks.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of all funding (DCC or other) which has been provided to the City Farm at St. Annes Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Parks, Bio Diversity & Landscapes Services Division licenced the land in St Anne's Park to the Dublin City farm in 2018, it officially opened on 26 April 2019.

No funding has been made available by DCC Parks, Bio Diversity & Landscapes Services Division for the project. A single Covid rescue package was made available from DCC Community & Social Development

- Original Seed funding came through a Grant won from Google Ireland to the value of €50,000.00
- Coca Cola granted funds various projects in the farm €5,000.00
- Funding from Department of the Environment Grant €40,000.00
- Grant from European federation of City Farms €2,500.00.
- **DCC Covid rescue package Community & Social Development**
€8,540.00

All people working in the St Anne's City Farm are volunteers.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a yellow junction box to be placed at junction of Ballygall Avenue and Ballygall Road West. Traffic volumes have changed in recent times and cars have some difficulty in coming off Ballygall Avenue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for a yellow junction box to be placed at junction of Ballygall Avenue and Ballygall Road West (7031459) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group.

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

Q.94 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN

To ask the Chief Executive if any Dublin City Council owned/managed buildings & facilities have contracts with Top Security.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Hugh Lane Gallery, Parnell Square North, Dublin 1 does not use TOP Security or are any buildings owned or managed by TOP security.

Bidvest Noonan were successful in a procurement process for the delivery of security services to DCC based on our aggregated organizational spend.

This is a single party framework and no other economic operator is on this.

The DRHE does not use the company Top Security to manage any of the DRHE's buildings and facilities.

Response from Central Procurement Unit

Dublin City Council's corporate contract is with Bidvest Noonans.

Dublin City Council has a corporate contract in place with Bidvest Noonan for the provision of security services to all its buildings and facilities since May 2022. Dublin City Council does not have a contractual relationship with Top Security.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all security firms that have contracts with Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Hugh Lane Gallery, Parnell Square North, Dublin 1 only uses Bidvest/Noonan security.

The DRHE currently uses Secure Management Solutions (SMS) Ltd and Bidvest Noonan Services Group Ltd to provide security at two of the DRHE's facilities.

Dublin City Council Traveller Accommodation Unit have a contract with Secure Management Solutions Limited (SMS) for security services.

Response from Central Procurement Unit

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Q.96 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN

To ask the Chief Executive if meetings have taken place with Emmet Buildings Residents Group, Watling Street to discuss issues of damp & mould in the complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has arranged for a damp report to be carried out in every unit in Emmet Buildings. We have written to each tenant, informing them that an Engineer will be in touch from the 6th of February to gain access to their property to carry out the report. All issues will be addressed on a one to one basis when the Engineer calls.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to what measures he is taking to ensure that Dublin City Council receives a greater allocation of Local Property Tax monies in future years so that it reflects what was envisaged when LPT was initially introduced. What communication has the CEO had with the Customs House in that regard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below outlines the allocation of LPT funding for the Years 2022 & 2023.

LPT Funding Y2022 & Y2023			
	2022	2023	Movement
	€		€
Dublin City LPT - 100%	82,048,235	94,556,845	12,508,610
Equalisation Fund - 20%	16,409,647	-	- 16,409,647
LPT Retained Locally - 80%	65,638,588	94,556,845	28,918,257
Apply LPT Base Rate in 2023	12,307,235	14,183,527	1,876,292
LPT Funding	53,331,353	80,373,318	27,041,966
Distribution of LPT Funding			
Self Funding - Housing & Roads	30,133,649	54,185,963	24,052,314
Pension Related Deduction (PRD)	16,428,262	16,428,262	-
Historic Funding (General Purpose Grants)	2,667,330	2,667,330	-
Discretionary Funding	4,102,112	7,091,763	2,989,652
	53,331,353	80,373,318	27,041,966

The total value of receipts raised in the City Council area is €94.5m in Y2023. The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage continues to determine, that DCC has sufficient funding and then directs that significant LPT receipts raised in respect of residences in the City Council area be used in lieu of Government grant funding. The value of LPT receipts that will be applied in substitution for Government grants amounts to €54m in 2023.

In Y2023, the equalisation mechanism has been removed, ceasing the practice whereby 20% of LPT receipts were ring-fenced to be allocated to rural local authorities. This funding has now been transferred to the increase in self-funding for Housing & Roads services. This value for DCC was €16.4m in Y2022.

The setting of the LPT rate is a reserved function and the Elected Members made the decision to apply a local adjustment factor of -15% at the October 2022 council meeting, at a cost of €14.2m to the City. Each 1% variation increase / reduction in DCC's case is at a value of €0.946M.

It should be noted that the highly anticipated change to the LPT framework around LPT liability for new builds, adjustment to the funding of equalisation measures and

adjustments to valuation and liability valuations only resulted in a modest increase in resources available to the City Council in 2023 of €3m.

The Finance SPC set up a Local Government funding sub-committee which is engaging with local and national elected representatives and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in efforts to strengthen the funding of Dublin City Council. A report has issued to the Department setting out the funding challenges of Dublin City as the Capital.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the gullies steam cleaned/pressure washed in the following estates (**details supplied**). Is it possible to be added to the weekly update issued if one is?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The areas mentioned above have been placed on our list to begin cleaning next week, commencing 13th February 2023.

It is not possible to provide weekly updates, however monthly updates are provided to the area office on the first week of each month.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update re: Housing projects (**details supplied**) and to provide proposed timelines re: construction etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The programme for the development at **Oscar Traynor Lands** is outlined below.
A Planning Application was lodged for the development on the 21st December 2022 by the LRD route. It is anticipated that a planning decision will be granted in March 2023, however a planning decision is subject to potential delays. Due to the undeterminable timelines involved in the planning process, the request to outline delivery stages post-planning cannot be forecast with accuracy at this point. If planning is granted in March 2023, it is anticipated to commence construction by Q4 2023 with a phased delivery to completion at 2027.
- b) Dublin City Council and the Land Development Agency are working in partnership on the development of the **Cromcastle Underpass** site to deliver cost rental and social homes.
Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding and Cost Rental Equity Loan funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its four stage capital approval process.
A design team are developing a design proposal for the site. It is proposed to build three new blocks with capacity for 146 homes. 133 of these homes will be cost rental and 13 of these will be social homes.
We anticipate that the planning application will be lodged in Q3 2023. Due to the undeterminable timelines involved in the planning process, the request to outline delivery stages post-planning cannot be forecast with accuracy at this point.
Public consultation will be taking place from Monday 30th January 2023 until March 2023.
- c) **Chivers Site** – There is no Part V agreement in place as it is the Housing Departments understanding that the site is currently for sale.

It is assumed this query relates to the Chivers site on Coolock Drive. There are no current planning applications relating to this site. An application to alter a permitted

Strategic Housing Development permission (ABP Ref. 304346-19) in order to increase the permitted number of apartments at the former Chivers Factory Site from 471 no. apartments to 550 no. apartments was submitted under ref. SHD0018/20. An Bord Pleanála granted permission for this application under ref. ABP-305993-19. The APAS system indicates that a commencement notice has not been issued and that the parent planning permission will expire on 26th September 2024.

d) **Cromcastle Court & Old Coalyard site:**

Dublin City Council has initial funding and project approval for the redevelopment of Phase 1 Cromcastle Court, which includes the development of the Old Coalyard site. The current proposals show for 116 homes on the Cromcastle Court site, a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes, while it is planned to provide for 34 older person homes on the Old Coalyard site. An integrated design team has been working to progress design development to bring it to the Part 8 Planning stage.

Indicative Timelines only until a definite programme of works determined (*subject to change*).

- Q1 2023 – Achieve Stage 2 DHLGH approval
- Q2 2023 – Commence Part 8 Planning Process
- Q4 2023 – Achieve Part 8 Planning permission
- By end of 2024 – Finalisation of scheme design, pre-cost tender estimates, Stage 3 DHLGH approval & tender competition for appointment of contractor
- Q1 2025 Achieve Stage 4 DHLGH approval, appoint contractor & start on site
- Q4 2026 Complete on site delivering approximately 150 new homes

e)Chanel Manor – These units are under construction since June 2019 and are expected for completion in Q4 2023. Respond Housing Association will be acquiring all 87 apartments.

Chanel College apartments

It is assumed this query relates to a grant of permission for two apartment blocks up to 5/6 stories in height providing a total of 88 no. apartments at the Chanel College lands on the Main Street in Coolock under plan ref. 3301/19. The APAS system indicates that a commencement notice was issued in relation to this proposal on 19th November 2020.

f) **Bunratty Road** is one of four housing construction contracts being delivered by John Sisk & Son (Sisk) for DCC. The others are Bonham Street, Cork Street and Springvale Chapelizod. DCC tendered the four projects as a bundle to be delivered by one contractor using ‘volumetric system build’ construction under four separate Design and Build contracts.

The Building Control Authority’s Inspectors have identified issues requiring rectification in order for the works to meet Building Regulations. The contractor is currently rectifying these issues in association with their specialist sub-contractors and designers. We are awaiting a revised programme and completion date from the Contractor. Due to the nature of the ongoing contract, further detail cannot be provided at this time.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details regarding costs of **(details supplied)**.

A) What role DCC have in its maintenance etc. on a yearly basis.

B) What role does DFB have in relation to it?

C) Is there any community dividend(s) pertaining to its continual usage?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A) What role DCC have in its maintenance etc. on a yearly basis.
DCC has no role in the maintenance of the tunnel TII are the responsible agency
- B) What role does DFB have in relation to it?
Dublin Fire Brigade have no role in the maintenance of the Dublin Port Tunnel. The brigade provide fire, EMS and Emergency response cover for the tunnel. This includes a dedicated specialised vehicle and crew available for response.
- C) Is there any community dividend(s) pertaining to its continual usage?
This is a matter for TII.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will remove the fence at **(details supplied)**. The fence serves no purpose and is damaged in parts.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our E&T department are developing plans for improved cycling and walking provision along this stretch of the Ratoath. It is anticipated that removal of this fence can be incorporated into these works.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the drainage at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Drainage Division will carry out detailed investigation of public sewer in the area of **(details supplied)**.

Drainage Division will follow up directly with the Councillor as the investigation progresses.

Fats, Oils and Grease is now a function of Irish Water, so DCC will have to liaise with Irish Water should any issues be found.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if grass verges on public land outside peoples home will be cut this spring and summer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In general, people are maintaining the margin outside of their house and neighbours are supporting each other which is what would be expected as this is the experience in other residential areas in Dublin City and County.

If there are particular cases of hardship or elderly people we will provide a one off cut on request however we would need a specific address.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council have engaged with **(details supplied)** regarding the current shortfall in staffing in some sections of the council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are engaged with the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb) in the delivery of both the Return to Learning and Skills for Work programmes

that provide existing employees with additional skills to enable their personal and career development.

To date the City Council has also engaged with the CDETb to develop and implement traineeship programmes in partnership with training centres in the specific areas of Leisure Centre Relief Staff and General Operative development.

These programmes provide participants with a range of accredited and certified training and skills relevant to the roles in CDETb training centres and following this provides for a period of on the job training in Dublin City Council facilities. Successful participants may then have the opportunity to compete for recruitment competitions in the area relevant to their traineeship programme or continue employment with the City Council. All successful participants in 2022 were offered employment with Dublin City Council.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for his thoughts on a proposal for a city tax on hotel rooms?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive understands that the issue of the proposed tax on hotel bedrooms is to be further considered by the Finance SPC. The Chief Executive's preference is to await the results of this consideration before he expresses any views of the proposed tax.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to what further measures he is to introduce to help prevent assaults on Dublin City Staff as they go about their business.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Measures taken by Dublin City Council to protect and support their employees who are at risk of incidents of Work Related Violence (WRV).

These measures can be broadly divided into two strategies, proactive which occur before any incident and are intended to help prevent or mitigate incidents and reactive which happen after an incident and are intended to support the employee and prevent re-occurrence of the incident.

As part of our proactive approach to the safety of our staff, all activities within Dublin City Council are risk assessed. These risk assessments will identify the risk of "Violence and Aggression" where it is reasonably foreseeable that such a risk exists and detail the controls necessary to minimise the risk to our staff "as far as is reasonably practicable". These risk assessments and controls are designed and agreed, in consultation with the front-line staff, in the relevant areas. It is an instruction in all risk assessments that all staff report incidents of WRV to their direct supervisor. Training is provided to all staff who may be exposed to a risk of aggression. This training is tailored to the specific needs of the employees carrying out a particular task or activity.

When an incident occurs (reactive), staff must report it to their direct supervisor and complete a Work Related Violence form, which is sent to the relevant Executive Health and Safety Officer (EHSO). The EHSO will send the form onto the DCC Health, Safety and Wellbeing Unit. The EHSO will contact the supervisor to determine the seriousness of the incident and ensure the employee has been offered the services of the Staff Support Unit. The EHSO may contact the employee directly and ensure they are receiving any support they need. If the WRV is sufficiently serious, a further

investigation will be undertaken to review the controls in the relevant risk assessment and update them if required. All serious incidents are discussed with Senior Management in the relevant department.

In a very small but extremely important cohort of WRV incidents, where An Garda Síochána assess that there is a credible threat to the safety of an employee, DCC will work with An Garda Síochána and the employee to provide the additional safety and security measures necessary to minimise the risk to that employee, as far as is reasonably practicable. This is a rare occurrence but where it happens Dublin City Council recognise that it can seriously impact the wellbeing of an employee and we treat such an event with the seriousness it deserves.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update re: Housing projects **(details supplied)** and to provide proposed timelines re: construction etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Millwood Court, FOLD housing have completed the tender process for construction of the development, the next stage is to agree contracts and to commence on site.
- b) The Social Housing Public Private Partnership, Dublin City Council development, Churchwell (Ayrfield) 150 homes was delivered in 2021, as part of PPP Bundle 1. The complex is fully allocated with no void units.

The Crèche & Community facilities provided, as part of the PPP development will be operational in 2023. The PPP Project Team are working closely the First Steps Academy Crèche & Montessori Ltd to finalise the legal contracts with the expected opening date September 2023.

The Area Office have identified a local Community Group who will take up occupancy of the two community rooms in Q2 2023, if not sooner, subject to the completion of their fit out works. The Property Development Team will bring forward the licence/lease for the Community Rooms to the North Central Area Committee.

c) Ashcroft – not a housing project

- d) The redevelopment of Glin Court will provide 32 modern quality homes for Older People including the construction of an enhanced community facility building. Stage 4 approval (to appoint a contractor) was submitted to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage in January 2023. Subject to approval, it is envisaged construction will start on site March 2023 with completion expected in October 2024.
- e) An agreement has been made with Claregrove Developments Ltd. for the City Council to lease 33 units at Newtown, Clarehall, Dublin 17. The developer commenced on site in February 2022 with expected completion date of Q4 2023.
- f) An agreement has been made with Belwall Ltd. for Respond Housing Association to acquire 22 apartments at Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13. The developer commenced on site in December 2022 with an expected completion date of Q4 2024.
- g) An initial feasibility has been carried out for Mount Dillion Court, however, all complexes are currently being examined as part of the housing regeneration programme review whereby together with the City Architects Division, Area

Housing Managers, Housing Maintenance and our Planning Department, the Housing Regeneration team are examining its programme with the aim of recommending a strategic regeneration plan for the next 30 years. Progress on Mount Dillion Court is under consideration as part of this review.

Upon completion of this review, the findings will be discussed and shared with the local elected representatives.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to what help can be given to the following in relation to Father Collins Park **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Sports for Young People small grant scheme does not apply to this club, as it is a senior adult team. There may be grant assistance available from the FAI, which they should investigate.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to housing allocations and social housing supply for Area B Kilbarrack/Coolock – Band 2 Housing can the CEO please provide the following:

- A forecast of the no of 3-bed units that will come onstream for allocation in the next 6 months
- A forecast of the no of 3-bed units that will come onstream for allocation in the next 12 months
- The total number of 3-bed allocations for Area B made in 2022
- The total number of additional 3-bed applicants that joined the DCC Area B list in 2022

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- The total number of 3-bed allocations for Area B made in 2022 = 86
- The total number of additional 3-bed applicants that joined the DCC Area B list in 2022 = 53

1. There are currently 32 voids coming on stream for Area B. This covers both the Donaghmede, Clontarf and Darndale LEA's.
2. It is not possible to anticipate what voids will come on stream. Voids are a result of housing stock being made available through either properties being purchased by DCC on an ongoing basis and/or the surrendering of properties.
3. 86 x 3 beds allocated in 2022 in Area B
4. There are 53 additional applicants – this information is deduced from the following:

January 2022 Allocations Report - 1304 needs 3 beds

January 2023 Allocations Report - 1357 needs 3 bed

The details of properties coming on-stream are gleaned from Housing Development and Housing Allocations.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for the dangerous footpath trip at the junction of **(details supplied)** as highlighted in the attached correspondence and photos to be repaired.

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.111 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide an update on traffic-related request Ref No: 7028840 (Grosvenor Court) as raised at the September 2022 Council Meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group will investigate the feasibility of providing parking restrictions at 1-4 Grosvenor Court.

The area engineer is currently working through the backlog of service requests received for the North Central Area.

The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group in relation to the aforementioned location, as soon as possible.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please address the following: there has been a problem for some time now with the electric heater in the main living area of **(details supplied)**. Can the CEO:

- Confirm that this is a DCC housing unit
- Confirm if DCC is aware if a problem with the heating unit here
- Set out repair/replacement plan.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- Yes, it is a City Council housing unit.
- Housing Maintenance does not have any record of an outstanding issue with the heating for this property logged on our database.
- We have logged this now for the tenant and Electrical Services will send an electrician out to examine and repair the electric heater.

Appendix B - Topical Issue Vote (Ad-Hoc)	
Councillor Alison Gilliland	Against
Councillor Anne Feeney	Against
Councillor Carolyn Moore	Against
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	Against
Councillor Claire Byrne	Against
Councillor Claire O'Connor	Against
Councillor Daithí de Róiste	Against
Councillor Damian O'Farrell	Against
Councillor Danny Byrne	Against
Councillor Daryl Barron	Against
Councillor Declan Flanagan	Against
Councillor Declan Meenagh	Against
Councillor Deirdre Conroy	Against
Councillor Deirdre Heney	Against
Councillor Dermot Lacey	Against
Councillor Eimer McCormack	Against
Councillor James Geoghegan	Against
Councillor Joe Costello	Against
Councillor Keith Connolly	Against
Councillor Mannix Flynn	Against
Councillor Mary Callaghan	Against
Councillor Mary Freehill	Against
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	Against
Councillor Michael Watters	Against
Councillor Nial Ring	Against
Councillor Racheal Batten	Against
Councillor Terence Flanagan	Against
Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Loneragan	Against
Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy	Against
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	For
Councillor Christy Burke	For
Councillor Cieran Perry	For
Councillor Colm O'Rourke	For
Councillor Daithí Doolan	For
Councillor Daniel Céitinn	For
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	For
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	For
Councillor Deirdre Cronin	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 Máire Devine	For
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha	For
Councillor Noeleen Reilly	For
Councillor Pat Dunne	For
Councillor Patricia Roe	For
Councillor Ray McAdam	For
Councillor Séamas McGrattan	For
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	For
Councillor Tara Deacy	For
Councillor Vincent Jackson	For
For	27
Against	29
Result	Defeated