

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE 2023.**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full review of the terms of reference and remit of the Commemorations and Naming committee to ensure that there is inclusion, equality and a welcome for all applicants who meet the criteria to be commemorated in an appropriate manner irrespective of the historical stances. As we move into a future and as we move out of the decade of commemorations it is important to acknowledge those other Irish men and women who died so to speak on the other side of the fence. It is also important that there is a gender balance and equality to include the many tens of thousands of women who made unique and outstanding contributions to this country, this nation, this State.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if the landscape maintenance work which was provided by DCC staff from the depot in Blessington Street Basin and in Ormond Square depot has now been contracted out to private contractors .If it is true, what is the duration, scope and cost of the contract and to account for why these services have been contracted out and if he will comment on the matter.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the under resourced Road Maintenance Department can I be provided with the number of all claims and costs against DCC its Agents over the past 10 years and a plan to directly employ further G/O's?"

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a pilot scheme for Street Art walls in South West Inner City, similar to the scheme introduced by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council - the Anseo street art project, that allows for the painting of street art on walls in commercial areas

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what funds are available to bring the toilet facilities in St. Luke's Youth Club in Kilmore West up to standard and fully accessible.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to request an upgrade of the playground facilities in Ellenfield Park, Whitehall Dublin 9.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out removal of weeds at **(Details Supplied)**

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would agree, if requested, to close off some streets in Dublin in the future to make the streets safe for children to play safe areas.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what plans if any there is at a flat complex **(Details Supplied)**.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many voids will be in place this coming year in Dublin City and if the council would identify the areas that the voids will be ready for letting **(Details Supplied)**

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline all improvements and enhancements made to Ellenfield Park, Whitehall over the last 5 years and to indicate plans for future enhancements/improvements, particularly with regard to the playground which is extensively used by local children and is in need for an upgrade

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all state buildings in Dublin City that the DCC Housing Delivery Adaptive Reuse Unit have considered or are considering and a reason why if the building was not deemed suitable for housing use.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have this housing maintenance issue resolved - to have the front door of this property replaced or repaired. **(Details supplied).**

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive what specific actions are the Parks Department taking under the Pollinator Plan? Are DCC Parks now buying and planting only native/pollinator-friendly plants from the suggested list supplied? Is there communication with grass cutting contractors and teams on the ground of more sustainable practices and shifting away from high-emissions machinery? Can a plan be drawn up to educate and promote No Mow May next year?

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the Minister's decision to wave the fees for having furniture outside this summer, will he confirm if the Minister is compensating DCC for this lost income and for the work we are doing in regulating this furniture so people can enjoy eating out in the nice weather but disabled people can also safely navigate our streets?

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline any changes made in our requests for tender/public procurement to ensure we award contracts the most climate friendly/low life cycle carbon and circular economy focused companies and practices?

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the measures being taken to resolve the decades of inaction by the developer/s of Belmayne to bring the area up to appropriate standard to allow for a successful taking-in-charge of the area by Dublin City Council?

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been any further investigations into attempting to use DNA to combat the scourge of dog excrement in the city.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the back garden at **(Details Supplied)** where the surface is very uneven and is dangerous for children to be in. Can the surface be re-instated please?

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a housing maintenance inspection of **(Details Supplied)**. The house has heating issues and one rad is off the wall. The tenant has also reported that an O/T report was submitted which recommends a ramp and handrail at the address.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive given the amendment to increase the subvention per unit in the Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) has DCC submitted a revised application for the higher subsidy level with regards to the Emmet Road Development?

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will have the contents of the two articles submitted with this Question regarding the prevalence of the Grey Squirrel reviewed and report on what measures may be necessary in Dublin to date with relevant and related issues. **(Details Supplied)**

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the High Court judicial review of the city council's decision to add a number of buildings in the Moore Street area to the Record of Protected Structures list in November 2022.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will contact the Minister for the Environment to explore the potential for reducing the sale of the vaping devices, containing a battery of sorts, that as they are disposed/littered across the City create a serious danger to our drainage systems and rivers and to further ask the Chief Executive if this has been previously raised and if he wishes to make any more general statement on the matter.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive investigate the Gracepark Road/Beaumont Road and Collins Avenue Junction. There was no filter put on the lights. Can he clarify when this is going in?

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate putting speed bumps at the Corner of Albert College coming off Collins Avenue as traffic is travelling at high speed here. Can he also look at repairing the corners of the curbs at this location which are cracked. The corners seem to be too large and are causing an obstruction.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive can the grass along the road coming up Collins Avenue before Albert College be arranged to be cut. The grass is 4ft in height and has not been cut in 2023 never mind May. It is very over grown.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what was the total amounts of housing adaptation grants given in 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023?

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what financial impact will the recent decision to waive the street furniture license fee have on Dublin City Council?

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the tree outside (**Details Supplied**) to be pruned.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the area in front of the old Matts pub site to be cleared following the closure of a market there.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide additional Dublin Bikes services in the Dublin 8 area, which is severely lacking provision of Dublin Bikes. As you can see from the attached image and Dublin Bikes map, parts of the South West Inner in cycling distance of the city centre where we should be targeting active travel measures, are without any or have very little provision of Dublin Bikes. Can the Chief Executive confirm if Dublin City Council is minded to provide additional Dublin Bikes in these locations and make a statement on wider roll out of Dublin Bikes city-wide?

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to instruct Parking Enforcement not to continually and systematically dump clamped vehicles at (**details supplied**), a quiet residential street where children play on the road. Local residents have contacted Parking Enforcement and were advised on 10 March that this practice would cease, but by 23 March it has resumed. Residents were then informed it would “be reduced” rather than cease, however, it is not good enough that one road continually be a dumping spot for Parking Enforcement when there are tens of other locations across the area that could also be used. Can the Chief Executive confirm the practice will stop and make a comment on the matter?

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the City Council’s plans for permanent pedestrianisation or at the minimum, one lane of traffic and footpath widening, will be unveiled for Parliament Street, Dublin 2. Attached my same Council Question on this matter from a year ago, June 2022, when I asked the same following two years of hugely successful summer trials. I was assured it was going to the South East Area Committee and then plans would be brought for public consultation. A year on and nothing, it seems, has been advanced. Can the Chief Executive detail what happened between last year’s response and now, and can he confirm what the plans are for, not just for this summer, but for on a permanent basis?

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report detailing the legal basis, or any legislation that prohibits the Law Agent of Dublin City Council from giving me a hard copy of the legal proceedings relating to the lands at Saint Annes, which is now before the courts regarding a zoning challenge.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full report, explaining in detail, the failure of Dublin City Councils staff recruitment policies and procedures. This report also to include how many staff have we lost in the past three years. Either by redundancy, voluntary retirement, or secondment to the lakes of Irish water et cetera.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full explanation and report as to why planning applications for street furniture licenses which are covered under the Planning Acts are not included in the planning list that is published on a weekly basis. There does not

appear to be an exemption for such applications and it is imperative that the public and indeed residents are properly informed about these planning matters so they can make appropriate observations and if necessary, appeal a decision. This information needs to be transparent and open and included on the public planning list for all to see.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the legislative details and regulatory frameworks currently outstanding and required to allow for full speed ahead with regard to the development of the Dublin District Heating Scheme.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive whether Dublin City has made any progress to joining the Rainbow Cities Initiative and whether a report can be brought to the relevant SPC to consider progressing it.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive what engagement there has been between DCC and Irish Rail on biodiversity protection on Irish Rail owned sites in the local area

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive how many fixed charged penalty notices have been served for illegal parking on a monthly basis since they were introduced, broken down by offence and month and what the next steps are for ensuring greater enforcement and awareness given the ongoing issues with illegal parking, particularly in the context of preparing the tender for the award of future parking enforcement services?

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive and Parks Department regarding an enquiry from Grosvenor Park residents requesting the need for 'Bike Bunkers'. **(Details Supplied)**

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive and other departments in regard to enquiry from Harold's Cross business owner. I can only take this enquiry on if it suits the local residents in the area as well. A business and property owner in Harold's Cross, based in Greenmount Industrial Estate. Notified that the estate is long overdue a refresh of some sort and in its current state and zoning - it cannot be done. Enquirer is requesting Dublin City Council about what can be done to deal with Greenmount Ind. Est. **(Details Supplied)**

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate traffic calming signs in and around Orchard Lawns.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for illegal dumping in the grass verges along Kylemore Road to be regularly removed. The uncut grass has unfortunately attracted illegal dumping

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive when community consultation and construction of the new playgrounds for Kilmore West and Harmonstown will commence.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR JOES COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will take steps to ensure that a suitable monument is installed to honour the playwright Sean O'Casey in Dublin where he wrote his famous

trilogy of plays Shadow of a Gunman, The Plough and the Stars and Juno and the Paycock

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to ask the Area Manager if there any support DCC can give towards the provision of **(Details Supplied)**

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will devise a plan for designating certain streets play streets in parts of the City where there are few safe play areas for children

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive why the pilot flat refurbishment scheme introduced in Ballybough House and which met with universal approval has been discontinued and if there are any proposals to continue it

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of tenancy warnings given since 2020 and to give a breakdown of reason and area.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive where the decision was made not to assist residents in the collection of green waste. Residents do an excellent job in assisting DCC in keeping areas maintained. This new decision will only decrease that work.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive how many sports inclusion officers are there, what is their role and if there has been any recent changes

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive as previously requested but now that the New North Depot is nearly open if a dedicated Apprenticeship Scheme can be operated out of their for young people in the local area of Ballymun/Finglas.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to **(details supplied)** and examine request from resident to extend double lines to discourage inconsiderate parking and say if he can accede to same

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to my previous requests for a pedestrian crossing at **(details supplied)** where many residents are requesting same for the protection of vulnerable pedestrians and other road users,

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to road at **(details supplied)** and say if he will please agree to resurface it with the same material that is being used to resurface a major road in South Dublin County Council's area i.e. with Stone Mastic Asphalt, as road at details attached is, in the view of local residents, the busiest road in the city for vehicular traffic; residents also believe that the ambience of details attached has been neglected by the City Council over decades and due to its relative narrowness, (when compared to the Stillorgan Dual Carriageway) traffic noise does not get dispersed well. Noise is a pollution and therefore a health hazard. Over previous requests have been made to City Council to resurface this road with low noise surfacing material but unfortunately these requests have not been acceded to.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to footpath at **(details supplied)**, if he can arrange repair of same as footpath repair works are currently ongoing in the locality.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the road engineers and Traffic Department look at the excessive speed limits currently happening at the Spiddel Road, Oranmore Road and Claddagh Roads in Ballyfermot Dublin 10 the current situation is a major accident waiting to happen with excessive speed limits, residents have asked that Caution Children at Play signs and 30 KM signs be erected as a matter of urgency in addition An Garda Siochana could be asked to do some check-points along these three very long busy Roads.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the following housing transfer application: that serious consideration be given to the transfer application of **(details supplied)**.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that the following be expedited as a matter of urgency **(details supplied)**.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the extension of the ban on private cars/vans etc. from College Green to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, can the Chief Executive clarify the following?

- a. Can the Chief Executive detail the reasoning behind the decision to extend the ban from 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday to twenty four hours a day, seven days a week?
- b. Is there any logic to banning cars from using College Green at off peak times?
- c. Please list the pros and cons of this decision which were considered.
- d. Has any consideration been given to the impact on alternative routes which would have to be used, such as added congestion on other routes as happened after the Capel Street closure, added pollution due to increased journey times and driver mental health?
- e. It is reported that there has been no engagement about the ban with businesses in the area and issues pertaining to deliveries, waste collection and access for maintenance and repairs have not been considered. Is this true and if not, what engagement has taken place? This is an important question requiring a full answer given the issues which arose on Capel Street as a result of lack of consultation. There, waste collectors suspended services, barriers are preventing bins from being collected from some businesses, which means those businesses have to place their bins illegally outside other premises. There are also incidents where tradesmen are unable to access premises and then advising businesses they won't be able to service them going forward. Finally, a big issue was small businesses who have the audacity to use their private vehicles for deliveries. While delivering to their shops within the allocated time, they found themselves being clamped. The clampers wouldn't accept that they were delivering to their shops. What measures are in place to ensure the foregoing problems will not be replicated in College Green and surrounding streets.
- f. It was also reported that Dublin City Council staff were redirecting cars which attempted to enter the bus gate. Is this true and if so, why would DCC staff be doing

the job of an Garda Síochána? What legal power had these staff members to carry out this redirection and was Pearse Street Garda station advised of this? Was any consideration given to the safety of staff in carrying out these duties?

g. DCC said that the plan will help improve travel times for the two million public transport users who pass the front entrance of Trinity College every week. This can only be true for those travelling outside the previous ban times as, logically, those travelling from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday cannot see an improvement in their travel time. What is the weekly figure for public transport users outside the previous banned times?

h. Can the Chief Executive acknowledge that there is a cohort of citizens of our City who are dependent on private motor cars whether because of work, accessibility, mobility or other reasons and that some consideration is or will be given to them as further schemes are contemplated?

i. Has the Chief Executive still in mind a plan for the total ban of all traffic from College Green and, if so, can he commit to full consultation with all stakeholders, especially the two million public transport users who pass the front entrance of Trinity College every week who DCC say are now benefitting from the ban on private vehicles but who may have increased travel times if pedestrianisation goes ahead?

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an up to date list of all DCC owned or controlled properties which are subject to a lease or licence to community groups (e.g. creche, community rooms, enterprise units, dance studio, sports club etc)> The list should provide the following:

Property details (address, size, type of tenure etc)

Current (or most recent) valuation of property.

Commercial rent or licence fee which could be charged.

Rent or licence fee being charged.(i.e abated/reduced abated

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the funding awarded to projects in the East Wall area under the recently announced Community Recognition Fund and to further detail who will administer the drawdown and selection of specific works/programmes to be funded. In relation to the funding for the East Wall Greening Strategy can the Chief Executive further confirm that this amount will be in addition to and not in replacement of the amount put forward by me and agreed under our discretionary fund (€40,000).

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the letter sent on behalf residents of the Lighthouse Apartments, East Wall Road and the wider East Wall community to the Chief Fire Officer and furthermore has he been in contact with the Chief Fire Officer to discuss the serious issues raised therein? I have reproduced the letter sent in full given the myriad of issues addressed. **(Details supplied).**

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to address the recurring rat infestation in O'Carroll Villas, Cuffe Street, Dublin 2 and arrange to have it treated, as was done successfully on previous occasions

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to install a sensor light at the entrance to Crampton Buildings, Temple Bar, Dublin 2, as this building opens onto a street which is well known for anti-social behaviour and a sensor light would help the residents, especially older residents, to feel safer.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange for residents in Gallery Quay, Grand Canal, Dublin 2 to be eligible for permit or visitor parking passes.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a yellow box to be installed on the main road, at the entrance to McDonagh House on Whitefriar Street, Dublin 8.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR COLM O ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if staff have indicated to residents that green waste, including green waste from communal areas, will now no longer be collected by DCC and that DCC propose using the brown bins. Is this correct?

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR COLM O ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive Is it the case that clear bags now being issued on request, and not blue bags, for litter only. DCC will collect the full bags of litter only with no green waste in them?

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR COLM O ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive will clear bags be provided in the winter for leaves?

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR COLM O ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive does Dublin City Council intend to have a leaf mulch cage system at this location? **(details supplied)**

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the effect the new legislation to waive street furniture fees contained in the Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2023 will have on Dublin City Council revenue?

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the increase in cost per unit for the social and affordable purchase homes in O'Devaney Gardens agreed with Bartra?

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to engage further with The Family Resource Centre, St. Michaels Estate, D8 regarding the operation of the "industrial plant room" at Childcare Centre in Thornton Heights. This is an essential child care service for the area with excellent staff, providing a positive experience for the kids, including those most disadvantaged. They require the City Council to reach an amicable agreement for the maintenance of the plant room and regular water tank inspection. This is not a task for the staff. it requires the expertise of the relevant Department at Dublin City Council.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on complaints received from residents and member(s) regarding works at the Old Fodhla Printing Factory, Brookfield Rd. Dublin 8?"

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding estate **(details supplied)**.

a) Can the gullies be cleaned on these roads?

b) Are there any plans to replace the old lighting with new LED lighting etc.?

c) Also, can all the footpaths on these roads be repaired and the trees pruned similar to what was done at Lindsay Road.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding tree cutting, Can trees please be cut outside the following houses (**details supplied?**)

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding a broken footpath at (**details supplied**).

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following: Can the large road signage outside (**details supplied**) be replaced as it worn out and too large for the area.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive, with the continuing disquiet among both individuals and Residents Associations, does the City Council have any plans to run an awareness campaign highlighting the work they will no longer be doing in their neighbourhoods? Referring to the ceasing of grass verge cutting and weeding activity in particular.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of having a traffic survey conducted in the Ashington Park area of Dublin 7. To include both speed and volume counts, with a view to installing traffic calming measures in the future.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the possibility of City Council Engineers bringing forward a proposal, with costings, for a water and electricity connection for the cottage at the 6th lock on the Royal canal to facilitate community and youth activities.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the footpath at Villa Park gardens around the green in the central area will be repaired. A resident has tripped and fallen as a result of the uneven surface, which needs urgent attention.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what steps he has taken through the CCMA to secure agreement on a protocol, required under the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 for Local Authorities to be able to use CCTV in a pro-active way to target and identify those responsible for illegally dump rubbish and other materials on our city streets; I urge the Chief Executive to do more on this issue, given the problem occurring on (**Details Supplied**) where virtually every morning significant volumes of rubbish are dumped outside the front door of a Montessori Primary School and where within minutes of DCC staff clearing those materials and power-washing the path, further materials are dumped; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive the steps being taken by the Parks Department to prepare an updated (**Details Supplied**); the work that has been undertaken to date; when a draft Strategy will be shared with Councillors and a consultation held to seek the views and feedback of Dubliners; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to specify and detail the options currently being considered by the Transportation Department with regards improving road, pedestrian and cyclist safety along (**Details Supplied**), as referenced during a briefing with Councillors

recently regarding upcoming works associated with the East Coast Trail; when the Transportation Department intends seeking the views and feedback of local residents the local school community; and if he will make a statement on the matter

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the footpath running on the city-side of Collins Avenue between Grace Park Road and the Swords:

- Organise for the weeds growing at the edges of this footpath to be removed
- Organise for the removal of the abandoned metal frame that has been left near the bus-stop
- Install a public litter bin at the best location on this stretch – perhaps near the main entrance to the Whitehall-Colmcille GAA grounds

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive organise for the tree on the green area at Grace Park Heights closest to **(details supplied)** to be pruned back as it is overbearing, causing loss of light and also sheds a lot of leaves directly into the above property in the autumn which the occupant has to clear

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to speeding and parking congestion on Belton Park Road:

- Assess for the installation of a 2nd ramp as 1 only isn't effective from a traffic calming perspective
- Request that DSPS take enforcement action against regular illegal parking at the bend where Belton Park Road becomes Donnycarney Road – there is a single white line here which is regularly ignored

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive organise for the well-used but “unofficial” footpath on the sea-side of the James Larkin road coming from the Howth side which turns down towards Bull Island at the Causeway Road to be cleared and encroaching vegetation cut back as it is very popular with walkers.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the council policy to no longer cut grass verges outside people's home and to outline:

- What happens in the scenario where the person cannot cut the grass verge, can it be done on request by a Parks Contractor and how does this process work.
- Where a large grass verge isn't outside someone's home but is no longer being cut can it be added to the contract.
- What happens in the scenario whereby waste management are no longer collecting the blue bags from residents cutting the grass on public grass margins. What are they to do in this situation.
- When will there be an updated communications strategy for the residents of Dublin.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to come up with a solution to collecting green waste in DCC blue bags when it has come from residents cutting the public grass verges outside their homes or if Dublin City Council Parks/Contractors can return to cutting the grass verges outside residents homes.

- Q.97 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the traffic calming/reduced speeding measure on **(Details Supplied)**
- Q.98 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive for a review of the junction at **(details supplied)**
- Q.99 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding a building **(Details supplied)**
- Q.100 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following report **(Details supplied)**
- Q.101 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding Housing **(Details supplied)**
- Q.102 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding housing **(Details supplied)**
- Q.103 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN**  
To ask the Chief Executive if the council can clarify why a tenant **(Details Supplied)** has been refused access to the tenant purchase scheme despite having over 10 years on social housing supports and if they can clarify if years spent on social housing supports no longer count toward the 10 year period referenced in correspondence with the tenant
- Q.104 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONNOLLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive to detail the visits by the noise control unit to the construction site at Temple Lane North and if any breaches of regulations were recorded at this site to date and if the council have made any representations to the construction firm or CA ventures directly as a result of complaints from nearby tenants
- Q.105 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN**  
To ask the Chief Executive if **(Details Supplied)** can be checked to ascertain if adequate fire and safety provisions are in place
- Q.106 COUNCILLOR BREIGE MACOSCAR**  
To ask the Chief Executive for a review of the recent decision of the City Council to no longer collect green waste as this has a disproportionate impact on tidy towns and environmental groups who maintain public spaces and do not have adequate access to common mulching areas etc
- Q.107 COUNCILLOR BREIGE MACOSCAR**  
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for weeding around the edge of the green on **(Details Supplied)** on the outside of the kerb.
- Q.108 COUNCILLOR BREIGE MACOSCAR**  
To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the speed survey which was recently carried out on **(Details Supplied)**

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of street bins removed in the last year, the number of new street bins added in the last year.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

To ask the Chief Executive for implementation updates for DCCs Integration and Inclusion Strategy and whether they have been reaching objectives.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of funding for the various community projects in relation to the DCCs integration and inclusion strategy.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of council owned buildings which have solar panels installed in the last 12 months, the number planned to be installed in the next 12 months

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive would the Parks Department be willing to work with local residents to arrange for 'flower bombs' to be planted in appropriate places in East Timor Park.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR KARL STANLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange an assessment of the informal parking area at **(Details Supplied)** to determine if it is suitable for either pay-and-display parking or if marked parking bays can be painted at this location. Under the current arrangement it's not clear whether cars should be parked parallel or perpendicular to the kerb, which has caused some conflict between residents.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR KARL STANLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to publish, in tabular form by administrative area, the following data relating to the Vacant Property Grant: Number of applications received, number of grants approved, number of grants rejected, number of grants where monies have been drawn down, total sum of monies disbursed under this scheme.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR KARL STANLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation of why the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive is scheduled to start in September 2023 as opposed to an earlier time. The date of the current Chief Executive's departure has been known for some time, but starting the recruitment process after his departure means that Dublin City Council will have an Interim Chief Executive for an indeterminate period of time instead of having a new Chief Executive ready to take up the position. Some clarity on the rationale behind this approach would be welcome.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will install a second dog bin on Templeview Green in Clarehall in view of the high usage of the current bin?

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the extent of training, if any, offered to Housing Welfare Officers in Dublin City Council to consider the best interests of a child when assessing families and children presenting as homeless. Can the Chief Executive also outline to what extent, if any, the Children First Act 2015 and Children First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 informs this training received by Housing Welfare Officers.