

Motions on Notice Dublin City Council Meeting 03rd of July 2023

1) Councillor Noeleen Reilly

Submitted: 22nd May 2021
Replaced 21st April 2023

Given the huge increase in support for the league of Ireland with a 27% rise in attendances, grounds sold out and the league playing such a vital role in the promotion of sport among young people that this council calls on the Government to ensure that the betting levy collected from Football is spent in promoting the league of Ireland and Grass roots football in Ireland and not on propping up Horse Racing and the dying greyhound industry.

2) Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

Submitted: 2nd June 2021
Replaced: 21st June 2023

That Dublin City Council reverse its decision to go back to the tendering process and keep BMCEA as the lead integrated design team. That DCC gives the reasons why it has decided to award single-party framework agreements by way of a dozen or so separate procurement competitions. That CEO Owen Keegan and or Coilin O'Reilly share their view on what in their professional opinion is the most efficient and fastest way between going for 12 different tenders or retaining BMCEA as the lead integrated design team. If they would make a statement on the decision from DCC to drop BMCEA as being the most productive way to bring this project to a fast delivering after 21 years in the waiting. That an explanation is given to us on the reasons why DCC is taking for granted before coming to the councillors, that this council would agree on the disposal of the site for Block C.

3) Councillor Dermot Lacey

Submitted: 23rd March 2022
Replaced: 20th March 2023

Recognizing the importance of good planning for the future of the City
Acknowledging Irelands commitments under the terms of the Aarhus Convention,
and thanking the many community, voluntary and civic minded bodies for their work in trying to ensure a better and more inclusive City.

Dublin City Council rejects the terms of the Planning and Development Bill currently before the Oireachtas, which seriously threatens good planning, ignores the Aarhus Convention and significantly reduces the opportunities for Citizens and Councillors to actively engage in the planning process.

The Council further calls on TDs and Senators to use their influence to reject the Bill as it currently stands and to defend the rights of Citizens and Councillors to proactively engage in good planning and to ensure that there is certainty for all – Communities and Developers - in agreed Development Plans.

As the largest Local Authority in the Country the Council further requests an opportunity to present a case to the Oireachtas Committee dealing with the Bill and requests the Planning SPC to prepare a submission for same.

4) Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Submitted: 16th May 2022

That Dublin City Council:

- supports the campaign for Irish language rights across the island;
- acknowledges that the delivery of Irish language legislation in the North is overdue, and that past commitments in the 1998 Good Friday Agreement and the 2007 St Andrews' Agreement have gone unfulfilled;
- recognises and commends Irish language activists who will travel to the North on 21 May 2022 to support the Dream Dearg campaign for language rights; and

- as an act of solidarity and support from the Council, will, on 21 May 2022 and each year thereafter, illuminate City Hall in red, symbolising the campaign for Irish language rights.

5) Councillor Danny Byrne

Submitted: 1st June 2022

That this Council agrees to reduce commercial rates on premises which allow the public to use their toilet facilities.

6) Councillor Alison Gilliland

Submitted: 20th June 2022

Dublin City Council recognises that a clean, well maintained and litter free public realm across our city not only supports pride in and respect for our City but also supports outdoor enjoyment of our city. This is particularly relevant for the core city centre area where the City also welcomes a significant number of workers and visitors. However, Dublin City Council agrees that the current presentation and collection of commercial waste in the core city centre area is not supportive of a clean, well maintained and litter free public realm - too often bags of food rubbish ends up torn apart by seagulls and strewn across our footpaths while recycling materials in particular take up significant space on our footpaths and add to the sense of clutter. Therefore

a) to better manage the presentation and collection of commercial waste in the core city centre area, Dublin City Council agrees that a new system be put in place that drastically reduces the time commercial waste is allowed on our footpaths awaiting collection and that requires businesses to regularly sweep the public space directly in front of their premises so as to keep it free of litter and

b) to enhance the cleanliness of the core city centre area, Dublin City Council agrees that a the power washing rota be greatly enhanced to allow for more frequent and responsive power washing with particular attention being paid to areas with high daily and high night economy footfall.

7) Councillor Donna Cooney

Submitted: 22th June 2022

That Dublin City Council as part of the major emergency management and flood emergency plan agrees to engage communities at risk of mayor flooding in a flood drill after a simulated flood emergency, involving DCC emergency services, the coastguard, residents in the flood risk areas and provide a training exercise for emergency services and community volunteers.

8) Councillor Nial Ring

Submitted: 6th September 2022

“That this council agree that as part of any and all current and future cycle path developments, additional signage and instructions be provided to encourage cyclists to comply with all relevant road usage laws, in particular the obligation to stop at red traffic signals”

9) Councillor Karl Stanley

Submitted: 21st September 2022

Replaced on: 21st June 2023

That this council commends the work of the Parks department in implementing the collaborative Story Trail project in St Anne’s Park, and agrees to allocate resources to introduce this project to one park in each of Dublin City’s 5 administrative areas in collaboration with the Fighting Words charity and local DEIS schools.

10) Councillor Racheal Batten

Submitted: 6th October 2022

This council agrees that as if this day all Dublin City Council residential leases will include first right of refusal on sale of the said property. This clause will be inserted into all new lease agreements with an independent assessment of fair market value to take place. The landlord shall not commence placing the property on the market without such 60 days’ notice been given to the council.

11) Councillor Declan Meenagh

Submitted: 28th April 2023

"That this Council endorses the recent Amnesty International report entitled 'Israel's Apartheid against Palestinians: A Cruel System of Domination and a Crime against Humanity' as a show of solidarity with the Palestinian people."

12) Councillor Cieran Perry

Submitted: 26th October 2022

This council supports the Fair Employment Bill 2022 drafted by the Trade Union Left Forum as a replacement for the 1990 Industrial Relations Act.

The 1990 Industrial Relations Act was introduced as a control mechanism on trade unions. The act introduced many changes to the accepted norms of industrial relations up to that time. It banned support strikes, solidarity action, political strikes, sit-ins and immediate action. It isolated individual workers and introduced 7 day notice. It puts many conditions and restrictions around balloting for industrial action it ended Union autonomy and transferred what were always Union decisions to the judiciary.

At the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) biennial delegate conference last year the following motion proposed by the Dublin Council of Trade Unions (DCTU) was unanimously passed and is now ICTU policy:

"Conference recognises that the restrictions on trade union action in the 1990 Industrial Relations Act need to be opposed, and that the act should be reformed to restore rights which trade unions had before 1990. Conference mandates the executive to seek an alternative legislative regime which would allow trade union and industrial action for workers, for issues that concern workers across society and, across employers, and for effective solidarity to workers in dispute".

13) Councillor Michael Pidgeon

Submitted: 12th December 2022

That Dublin City Council will include footpaths and cycle lanes in its gritting and de-icing programme during cold weather.

14) Councillor Joe Costello

Submitted: 15th December 2022

That this City Council instructs the CE to write to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications requesting that he instruct energy utilities to ensure that all bills to consumers include a breakdown of the source of the energy, e.g. Fossil fuel, wind, solar, nuclear and the proportion of each energy source as is standard practice in several EU countries.

15) Councillor Janice Boylan

Submitted: 23rd February 2021

Replaced: 29th April 2021

This Council calls on the Government to:

- Work with family carers to deliver the services and supports that their loved ones need and immediately end the practice of compiling and storing secret dossiers on children using information gathered by health, education and social care professionals shared without the express consent of their parents;
- Relax the Carer's Allowance means-test by raising the income disregard thresholds in order to increase eligibility and payments;
- Further increase the annual Carer's Support Grant;
- Increase Carer's Allowance & Carer's Benefit in every budget over 5 years;
- Establish a discretionary fund for Covid-19 utility debt to aid carers and people living with a disability struggling with heating and electricity costs;
- Extend eligibility for Carers Benefit to the self-employed;

- Extend an automatic GP Visit Card to all recipients of the Carer's Support Grant; Create an Emergency Talk Therapy Fund to provide sessions with an accredited counsellor or therapist in the private system for carers on referral from a GP;
- Ensure that Family Carers get the respite they need by building up respite capacity, including delivery of hours and overnights through a doubling of public expenditure; Prioritise the full resumption of respite Day Services in the re-opening and implement the standardisation of the provision of free transport to and from these vital services; Update and publish the National Carers' Strategy in 2021, with a dedicated budget and timeframe to ensure the implementation of all actions.

16) Councillor Cat O'Driscoll

Submitted: 22nd March 2023

That this council will examine the impact of LED lighting on migraine sufferers and develop guidelines on the intensity and tone of light emitted in residential areas.

17) South East Area Committee

Submitted: 3rd April 2023

That the Health Services Executive (HSE) agrees to urgently establish a working group with officials from HSE and DCC along with appointed HSE Forum / DCC Local Area Committee members to find a way to progress the building of the Primary Care Centre (PCC) on the Gulistan Site in Rathmines. Unless this is progressed it will have implications for the provision of public housing as well as health care services

18) Councillor Ray McAdam

Submitted: 17th May 2023

That the City Council agree to establish a pilot initiative in the #NorthInnerCity to encourage and engage communities in order to create more playful, healthy and inclusive public places. Such an initiative should be piloted within the North Inner City given the lack of outdoor space within family homes. It can enable inner city communities to get the most out of the resources that they have and allow them to enjoy the places where they live, and for children, adults, older people, to have somewhere that's close to home for them where they can rest, they can play, communities can come together.

19) Councillor Keith Connolly

Submitted: 31st May 2023

That Dublin City Council agrees to lease site 31 in Ballymun to Ballymun Kickhams.

20) Councillor Daithi Doolan

Submitted: 21st June 2023

Dublin City Council Notes that:

- over the last 25 years drug related deaths in Ireland have increased by 225% with the total number of deaths exceeding 10,500;
- Ireland has the joint highest rate of drug induced deaths in the European Union;
- the number of people prosecuted for possession for personal use has increased over the last 25 years by 484 per cent, with more than 250,000 convictions recorded for that offence;
- In the same period there has been substantial overall increase in drug use, with use of cocaine rising by 10,376 per cent, benzodiazepines by 1,824 per cent and cannabis by 263 per cent;
- the Drug crisis and it's harmful effects, including drug related intimidation, extortion and violence aimed at drug addicts and their families has also risen;
- despite legislation being introduced in 2017, followed by HSE procurement and the selection of a preferred operator to run the State's first medically supervised injecting facility in Dublin city centre, this urgent facility remains unopened;

- despite evidence and research highlighting the need for a holistic approach to dual diagnosis, our mental health services and treatment services are still not organised to holistically treat people with both mental health and addiction issues; and
Agrees that:
- there has been a lack of joined up thinking between Ministers, Departments and State agencies, and a lack of focus, energy and urgency in tackling the causes and consequences of the drug crisis;
- the policy of criminalisation of the drug user has failed, nationally and internationally, the resources of the State are wasted on inappropriately processing addiction cases through the courts and prisons, and a health-led and patient –focused alternative is needed;
- the previous international consensus on the ‘war on drugs’ approach is now collapsing with over 30 countries decriminalising drug possession for personal use in some form;
- the worst harms of a criminalisation policy are experiences by people and communities who are already disadvantaged and marginalised, and a reform approach must operate in the context of strategies to combat poverty and marginalisation;
- a community based health led alternative response would target the adverse health, social and economic consequences of drug use and provide harm reduction services to address transmission and overdoses; and
- the 2001 Portuguese initiative of decriminalising possession of drugs and introducing a health diversion scheme, with a resulting significant decline in drug deaths in Portugal while they continue to rise across the EU, merits particular study; and Calls on the Government to:
 - reinstate core funding for Drug and Alcohol Task Forces to 2008 levels;
 - to introduce emergency amending legislation to facilitate mobile supervised injection facilities for both urban and regional sites;
 - regulate oversight of all addiction services, with a firm commitment to client centred and evidence based recovery programmes;
 - to expand the work of the Criminal Assets Bureau to target and seize smaller assets in local communities with full resources of An Garda Síochána at organised crime gangs, traffickers and dealers.

21) Councillor Deirdre Heney

Submitted: 21st June 2023

That the sandbags along the Clontarf Promenade be removed for a period of time during the Summer (and sand stored in the North City Operations Depot, (similar to the way in which salt is to be stored) as the condition of the bags currently along the Promenade is really poor