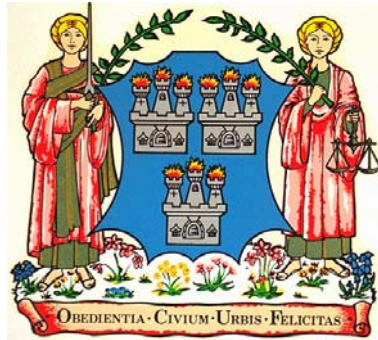


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Miosuil a tionóladh ar an **3ú Márta 2008** i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

I Láthair an tArdmheara, An Comhairleoir Paddy Bourke sa chathaoir.

Comhairleoir:

Maurice Ahern

Tom Brabazon
Gerry Breen
Christy Burke
Eibhlin Byrne
Eric Byrne
Julia Carmichael
Brendan Carr
Anne Carter
Joan Collins
Michael Conaghan
Ray Corcoran
Emer Costello
Pat Crimmins
Michael Donnelly

Oifigiúir

John Tierney
Matt Twomey
Michael Stubbs
Ciaran McNamara
Michael Phillips
Kathy Quinn

Comhairleoir :

Daithi Doolan
Dessie Ellis
Mary Fitzpatrick
Declan Flanagan
Killian Forde
Mary Freehill
John Gallagher
Deirdre Heney
Kevin Humphreys
Vincent Jackson
Liam Kelly
Sean Kenny
Dermot Lacey
John Lyons
Bronwen Maher
Sean Paul Mahon

John O'Shee
Vincent Norton
Mary Pyne
Patricia Hyde
Gerard Bowe

Comhairleoir

Ruairi McGinley
Lousie Minihan
Andrew Montague
Paddy McCartan
Seamas McGrattan
Ray McHugh
Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Naoise O'Muirí
Aodhán Ó'Riordáin
Mary O'Shea
Larry O'Toole
Oisin Quinn
Mick Rafferty
Tom Stafford
Bill Tormey
Edie Wynne

Padraig Coghlan
Oonagh Casey
Ollie Douglas
Carmel Walsh
Catherine Darmody

Gnó an t-Ardmheara

1. The Lord Mayor informed the City Council that he would host a Civic Reception for Glen Hansard and to mark his success at the recent Oscar Awards Ceremony in Hollywood. The Lord Mayor then requested that Standing Orders be suspended to allow a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Marius Szwaiikos and Pawel Kalite, 2 Polish men, who died

violently at the weekend. This minute's silence to be observed at 7.30pm to coincide with a Mass starting in Drimnagh at the same time. This was unanimously agreed.

2. The Lord Mayor then requested that Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the following motion to be debated –

“This Council has no confidence in the Health Services Executive (HSE) and that we call upon the Government and the Minister for Health and Children to abolish the HSE and replace it with an efficient body who would have the professionalism and commitment to deliver a modern and effective Health Service”

The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders. The Lord Mayor stated that he had meetings with the Mayors of the 3 adjoining Counties and that they would be putting forward similar motions. During the debate that followed, many Members expressed their frustration with the present Health System, particularly issues such as waiting times on trolleys, specific funding being withdrawn, waiting list for tests and treatment for private patients, bureaucracy blocking communication channels to Minister for Health & Children and apparent mis-management of funds. Members expressed the view that local politicians should not have to deal with health issues as they felt that all power in this area has been removed from them. Some members, while they had reservations about supporting the motion, suggested that major reforms are needed in the Health Sector and deplored the lack of accountability and reluctance to make decisions that seems to pervade the HSE. Several Members recounted particular instances of bad experiences of their constituents.

As it was then 7.30pm, the Lord Mayor suspended discussion to observe one minute's silence as had been agreed earlier.

On resumption of the meeting, an amendment to the motion under discussion was proposed by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by the Lord Mayor by the addition of the following wording to the original motion –

“and calls on the Minister for Health & Children to receive a deputation from the Group Leaders on Dublin City Council and the Members who represent the City Council on the Southern Regional Health Forum & Eastern Regional Health Forum”

The amended motion was put to a vote and carried by a majority of 25 for and 5 against. There were 3 abstentions.

The City Council further agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following Emergency Motion submitted in the names of Councillor C. Burke and Councillor S. McGrattan at this time –

“That this City council calls upon the HSE senior management to release the promised funding for the Homeless Agency”

This motion was proposed by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor S. McGrattan. It was put to a vote and carried by a majority of 34 for and 1 against.

3. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 – It was moved by Councillor A. O'Riordain and seconded by Councillor A. Carter “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 136 questions

lodged for the City Council meeting of the 3rd March were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.

4. Submitted Letter dated 5th February 2008 from Macroom Town Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their January Meeting calling on the government to introduce a microchipping and neutering/spaying incentive scheme to curb unwanted dogs. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Letter dated 7th February 2008 from South Tipperary County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their February Meeting requesting that their Council writes to the government supporting the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind appeal for an increase in funding. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
6. The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the City Council held on 7th January 2008, having been printed and certified by the Meetings Administrator were circulated to the Members. Councillor D. Heney pointed out that under Item 18, dealing with the Review of the Scheme of Letting Priorities, she did not welcome the report. The minutes were then signed by the Lord Mayor.
7. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor V. Jackson "That the Financial Statement be entered in the minutes". The motion was put and carried. The Financial Statement is set out in **Appendix B** to these minutes.
8. Submitted Report No. 86/2008 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Proposal by the Ballymun Area Office for an Integrated CCTV System in the neighbourhoods of Coultry and Shangan, Ballymun, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Ellis "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 86/2008". The motion was put and carried.
9. Submitted Report No. 87/2008 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Proposal by the Ballymun Area Office for an Integrated CCTV System in the neighbourhoods of Poppintree, Balcurris, and Silloge/Sandyhill, Ballymun, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor A. Carter "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 87/2008". The motion was put and carried.
10. Submitted Report No. 88/2008 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Proposal by the Parks Department, Dublin City Council, for the provision of a depot, machinery store, changing rooms facility and Park Warden's house on a site in the

northern section of Poppintree Park adjoining Balbutcher Lane, Poppintree Park, Poppintree, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor A. Carter "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 88/2008". The motion was put and carried.

11. Submitted Report No. 112/2008 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Medico–Legal Centre, to replace existing temporary accommodation within the same grounds at the O'Brien Institute. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor A. Carter "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 112/2008". The motion was put and carried.
12. Submitted Report No. 117/2008 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Senior Citizen Complex, Ballygall Road East, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor A. Carter "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 117/2008". The motion was put and carried.
13. Appointment of a suitable person to be a member of the following committee following a vacancy carried forward from the February Meeting of City Council:
 - Dublin 12 Drugs Task ForceIt was then proposed by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor N. O'Muirí "That Councillor R. McGinley be appointed as a member of the Dublin 12 Drugs Task Force" The motion was put and carried.
14. Appointment of a suitable person to replace Councillor L. O'Toole on the Financial Development and General Strategic Policy Committee, following his resignation from that Committee. It was agreed to defer this Item to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 7th April 2008.
15. Appointment of a suitable person to be a member of the City Council to replace former Councillor Deirdre Keane who resigned from the City Council and the appointment of a member to each of the following boards/committees:
 - City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital, Hume Street
 - Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum
 - Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee
 - Temple Bar Cultural TrustIt was agreed to defer this Item to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 7th April 2008.
16. Appointment of 4 members to the Committee on Services for the Older Person to replace Councillor M. Fitzpatrick and former Councillors C. Byrne, W. Hederman and M. Murphy. It was proposed by Councillor K Humphries and seconded by Councillor C. Burke "That Councillors Eric Byrne, Criona Ni Dhalaiagh and Vincent Jackson be appointed to the Committee for Older Persons" (Councillor D. Ellis was also proposed but he is already a member). These nominations were agreed and it was also agreed that the members of

the Lord Mayor's Committee for the Elderly 06/07 be subsumed into the Committee for Older Persons and that the 1st meeting of the newly constituted committee be convened within 1 month. The new committee now consists of the following members - Councillors S.P.Mahon, M. Freehill, D. Ellis, Lord Mayor, P. Bourke, Eric Byrne, C Ni Dhalaigh, V. Jackson, Eibhlin Byrne and N. O' Muiri.

17. Submitted Report No. 78/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – Proposed Draft Variation (No. 24) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011 : To show the Route of the Proposed Re-alignment of the R107 Malahide and to indicate the full extent of the new road south and parallel to the Mayne River on the Development Plan Maps. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 7th April 2008.
18. Submitted Report No. 89/2008 of the Chairperson of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (*Councillor M. Conaghan*) – Annual Report to Council. The report was widely welcomed and suggestions made to build on the success of the JPCs. It was proposed by Councillor M Conaghan and seconded by Councillor Eibhlin Byrne “that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 89/2008” The motion was put and carried.

The City Council agreed to take the following motion standing at Item No 48 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor M. Conaghan “Variation of City Development Plan - in light of the Council's increased responsibilities in the context of the Joint Policing Committee process and in keeping with the deliberations of the alcohol sub-committee of the JPC, it is agreed that we commence a variation of the City Development Plan with a view to having the authority to curb the proliferation of off-licences in the city” The motion, having been proposed by Councillor M. Conaghan, was seconded by Councillor M. Freehill and was put and carried.

19. Submitted Report No. 111/2008 of the Executive Manager (*V. Norton*) – Report on International Women's Day 2008”. The members of the Committee were thanked for their hard work and commitment and it was suggested that it be continued on a permanent basis. Appreciation was expressed to Mr V. Norton, Executive Manager, and Ms Helen O'Leary for their help and support. All Councillors were encouraged to attend the launch of the Research Report on the 7th March. It was proposed By Councillor E, Costello and seconded by Councillor B. Maher “that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 111/2008” The motion was put and carried.
20. It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following Emergency Motions :
 - (a) The following motion submitted in the name of Councillor D. Lacey was agreed without debate- :

“To ask the Manager if he would comment on reports that a Fire Tender responding to an emergency on Friday 15th February 2008 had to wait at the closed Railway gates at Serpentine Avenue, Ballsbridge while several trains passed through. To further ask if these reports are true, he sees this as acceptable and what steps he will initiate with CIE and in conjunction with the Fire Department to ensure that this issue is resolved to the satisfaction of all and that the Emergency Services have an automatic way of ensuring that gates are open to allow them access in the event of emergencies”

- (b) The following motions submitted in the names of Councillors R. McHugh, P. McCartan and V. Jackson, respectively, were taken together and agreed without debate - :

“That Dublin City Council expresses deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marius Szwajkos & Pawel Kalita who were killed in Driminagh on the night of Saturday February 23rd. In condemning the attack Dublin City Council would urge the public to fully co-operate with the Gardai investigation to ensure that those responsible for the attack are brought to justice”

“Dublin City Council expresses solidarity with the Polish community and offers condolences to the families of Marius Szwajkos and Pawel Kalite who were murdered in Dublin and recognises the tremendous contribution that Polish and other nationalities are making to our society “

“In view of the tragic loss of two young people’s lives in such a violent manner last week in Drimnagh that Dublin City Council provides Books of Condolences in local Civic Offices/Centres to include City Hall, City Council Civic Offices. This will allow outraged citizens of Dublin to express their horror that such a dreadful act could happen in our communities”

- (c) The following motion submitted in the name of Councillors D. Ellis and C. Burke was agreed without debate -;

“That this City Council calls on the City Manager to make a statement regarding closure and problems associated with the Port Tunnel and if City Manager has sought legal advise against company responsible for the workings of Port Tunnel if the Manager could please outline these” Mr M. Phillips, Director of Traffic, assured the City Council that safety had never been compromised, either during construction or since completion of the tunnel.

- (d) It was agreed that a report would be brought to Council on the following motion submitted in the name of Councillors A. Carter and E. Costello - :

“That Dublin City Council calls on the City manager to conduct a full and independent review of the Health & Safety issues of the proposed sites for the JC Decaux Metropoles in view of the Inspector’s report from An Bord Pleanala and report the findings to this Council”

- (e) It was agreed not to suspend Standing Orders to take an Emergency Motion submitted in the name of Councillor M. Fitzpatrick. A further emergency motion submitted by Councillor M. Fitzpatrick was ruled out of order and not taken.

21. Submitted Report No. 113/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (M. *Stubbs*) – Proposed addition of 200 Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Sec 54 and 55, Part IV, Planning and Development Act 2000. It was proposed by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council rejects Report No 113/2008 and declines to add 200 Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Sec 54 and 55, Part IV, Planning and Development Act 2000 as outlined ” The motion was put to a vote and carried by a majority, therefore 200 Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3 has not been added to the Record of Protected Structures. It was agreed that in future, an appraisal would be provided to the relevant Area

Committee before a decision is made to undertake the full procedure involved in proposing an addition to or deletion from the Record of Protected Structures.

22. Submitted Report No. 114/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) Proposed addition of The Forge House, 26 Templeogue Road, Dublin 6W to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Sec 54 and 55, Part IV, Planning and Development Act 2000. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor N. O'Muiri "That Dublin City Council agreed to add The Forge House, 26 Templeogue Road, Dublin 6W to the Record of Protected Structures" The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 119/2008 of the Director of Traffic/City Engineer (*M. Phillips*) – With further reference to the HGV Management Strategy – Cordon at Navan Road. It was agreed to refer this Item back to the Central Area Committee for consideration. Councillor M. Fitzpatrick requested that the minutes reflect her displeasure at the refusal of the City Council to allow her submitted emergency motion on this subject to be taken.
24. Submitted Report No. 83/2008 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over laneway to the side of 47 Fairfield Avenue, East Wall, Dublin 3. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over laneway to the side of 47 Fairfield Avenue, East Wall, Dublin 3, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24863, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993". The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No. 84/2008 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over section of Frederick Lane North to rear of Hugh Lane Gallery. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over section of Frederick Lane North to rear of Hugh Lane Gallery, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24790, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993" The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 63/2008 of the Executive Manager (*C. Dunne*) – With reference to the to the disposal of the fee simple interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 26 premises. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muiri and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 63/2008". The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 90/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the front of No. 3 Brunswick Place, Dublin 2, to Joseph Harrison, No. 3 Brunswick Place. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor V. Jackson "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 90/2008". The motion was put and carried.

28. Submitted Report No. 91/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Earls court, Reuben Street, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 91/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No. 92/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Prospect Hill, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 92/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No. 93/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Seven Oaks, Sarsfield Road, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 93/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No. 94/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Seven Oaks, Sarsfield Road, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 94/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
32. Submitted Report No. 95/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – Proposed grant of a 20-year lease of the premises at 19 Manor Street, Dublin 7 to N.W.I.C.D. P. Ltd. t/a An Síol. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 95/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Report No. 96/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of an area of footpath to Mr. Peter Taaffe, 9 Bellman’s Walk, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 96/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No. 97/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 7 affordable apartments at The Bottleworks, Ringsend, Dublin 4. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 97/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No. 98/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Burnell Court, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 98/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No. 99/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 8 affordable apartments at Corn Mill,

Distillery Road, Dublin 9. The City Council was informed by Mr V. Norton that the market value of No 58 should read €430,000. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 99/2008". The motion was put and carried.

37. Submitted Report No. 100/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 4 affordable apartments at Herberton Road, Rialto, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 100/2008". The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No. 101/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at St. John's Well Way, Old Kilmainham Road, Dublin 8 to Jonathan Keogh. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 101/2008". The motion was put and carried.
39. Submitted Report No. 102/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private dwellings at Fatima Mansions, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 102/2008". The motion was put and carried.
40. Submitted Report No. 103/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 7 affordable apartments at Wellington Court, Mountjoy Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 103/2008". The motion was put and carried.
41. Submitted Report No. 104/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – Proposed grant of a lease of a site for a substation in a new apartment block at Clarke's Terrace, Dublin 8 to the Electricity Supply Board, 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 104/2008". The motion was put and carried.
42. Submitted Report No. 105/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of 80 Summerhill, Dublin 1 to the McGrath Group, Main Street, Maynooth, Co Kildare. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 105 2008". The motion was put and carried.
43. Submitted Report No. 106/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – Proposed grant of a licence to use a premises at Hill Street, Dublin 1 to the Hill Street Family Resource Centre. It was moved by Councillor N. O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 106/2008". The motion was put and carried.

44. Submitted Report No. 107/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Laragh Close, Dublin 13, to the Electricity Supply Board, 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 107/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
45. Submitted Report No. 108/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in two sites at the Tonlegee Road, Dublin 17 to Gweebara Limited c/o William Fry Solicitors, Fitzwilton House, Wilton Place, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 108/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
46. Submitted Report No. 109/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable house at Ratoath Avenue, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor N. O’Muirí and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 109/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
47. Submitted Report No. 118/2008 of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee – Breviate of meeting held on 31st January 2008 - *Chairperson, Councillor Gerry Breen*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 118/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
48. Submitted Report No. 79/2008 of the Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee – Breviate of meeting held 29th January 2008 - *Chairperson, Councillor Tom Stafford*. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor B. Maher “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 79/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
49. Submitted Report No. 115/2008 of the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee – Breviate of meeting held on 14th February 2008 – *Chairperson, Councillor Sean Kenny*. It was moved by Councillor S. Kenny and seconded by Councillor A. Carter “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 115/2008”. The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that a full report would be made to all Councillors on the charges referred to under Item 5 of this Breviate – Indented Parking in Residential Areas.
50. Submitted Report No. 85/2008 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2008 – *Chairperson, Councillor Ray Corcoran*. It was moved by Councillor J. Carmichael and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 85/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
51. Submitted Report No. 120/2008 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2008 – *Chairperson, Councillor Christy Burke*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh

"That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 120/2008". The motion was put and carried.

52. Submitted Report No. 116/2008 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2008 – *Chairperson, Councillor Vincent Jackson*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor L. Minihan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 116/2008". The motion was put and carried. Members of the City Council queried whether the agreed policy outlined in the document "Maximising the City's Potential" was being taken into account when planning decisions were being made. The City Manager directed their attention to the reply to Q89 submitted to this meeting, which addressed this point.
53. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting after 10pm to allow time to take Agenda Items 27 to 30 inclusive.
54. Submitted Report No. 81/2008 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2008 – *Chairperson, Councillor Mary Freehill*. It was moved by Councillor P. McCartan and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 81/2008". The motion was put and carried.
55. Submitted Report No. 110/2008 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2008 – *Chairperson, Councillor Bronwen Maher*. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 110/2008". The motion was put and carried.
56. Submitted Report No. 80/2008 of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2008 – *Chairperson, Councillor Christy Burke*. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor E. Costello "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 82/2008". The motion was put and carried.
57. Submitted Report No. 82/2008 of the Protocol and Selection Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2008 – *Chairperson, Councillor Deirdre Heney*. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor A. Montague "That Dublin City Council adopts the contents of Report No. 82/2008". The motion was put and carried.
58. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor C. Burke on the following motion standing in his name at Item no 38 on the Agenda Paper "That this Council agrees to call on the Minister for Health and Children to outline if any other serious events have taken place at any other nursing homes similar to those events that have taken place at St. Mary's Home, Phoenix Park, Dublin 7."
59. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor S. McGrattan on the following motion standing in his name at Item no 39 on the Agenda Paper "That this City Council agrees that a definite date be given for the development of the Precious Blood Church, Fassagh Avenue, Cabra and that the site is maintained and cleaned on a regular basis until construction starts, as this land is lying idle for a long time and is in a bad state."

60. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor A. Carter on the following motion standing in her name at Item no 44 on the Agenda Paper "That the City Manager will strictly implement the Enforcement Order on a very high microwave transmission mast erected illegally a few months ago at the former Shieling Hotel grounds on Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5; that he will insist on the immediate removal of the illegal structure despite a current retention planning application and that he will refuse permission for this outrageous structure at such an inappropriate and pleasant residential location.
61. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor R. Corcoran on the following motion standing in his name at Item no 50 on the Agenda Paper "That this Council calls for a change in the rules in regards to making available City Council Gyms to Youths after 5.00 pm to normal closing time."
62. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor C. Ni Dhalaiigh on the following motion standing in her name at Item no 51 on the Agenda Paper "That this City Council agree to amend the Building Regulations 1997, Technical Guidance, Document H, Drainage and Wastewater, Section 1.3.11 to read: "the minimum size of a drain servicing three or more dwellings should be 150mm and no single drain should serve more than eight dwellings – a dwelling in this instance being an apartment or house", so that the City Council has a proper guideline for future apartment block construction in the city and to avoid drainage problems into the future, as the city grows."
63. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor V. Jackson on the following motion standing in his name at Item no 53 on the Agenda Paper "That Dublin City Council seeks from the Dept of Environment & Local Government, a change in the Planning Regulations to stop the uses of retail premises for uses such as Adult Shops without the need of specific planning permission. It is ironic you need drawings, planning permission for a drive in dishing outside your home but the local sweet shop can change usage tomorrow selling almost anything without any appeal of the local community." The City Council also agreed that a copy of the report be sent to Councillor D. Lacey.
64. The City Council agreed that agreed that the following motion at Item no 54 on the Agenda Paper standing in the name of Councillor B. Maher be referred to the North Central Area Committee for consideration "In order to protect the biodiversity and habitat of the Mayne River and its environs, this City council re-examines the decision not to undertake an SEA for the proposed variation to the Dublin City Development Plan to re-route of the Northern Cross east-west route along the Mayne River, and examines the possibility of carrying out a joint SEA with Fingal County Council on proposed road construction in this area. This Council also agrees to draw up a biodiversity plan with Fingal County Council to ensure that any construction along the banks of the Mayne River at this location has minimum impact on this environment. That this Biodiversity Plan will be carried out before the City Council agrees the proposed variation to the Dublin City Development Plan."
65. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor J. Lyons on the following motion standing in his name at Item no 55 on the Agenda Paper "That the Manager provide an update report on addressing the safety issues for pedestrians at foot paths at Fitzmaurice Road shops."

The meeting concluded at 10.15 p.m.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

APPENDIX A

Question to City Manager

City Council Meeting on 3rd March 2008

Q1. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

Will the City Manager please assure me that he will have the Main Drains and the internal drains of three shops (details supplied) fully inspected and surveyed in order that the repeated flooding of these premises will cease? Will he further confirm that the problem is caused by a build-up of grease from one of the premises and will he now detail the works required to be done to stop the repeated damage to the shops from the alleged inappropriate use of the drains by the dumping of grease into them? And will he make a comprehensive statement on this issue?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter is currently being examined and a full report will be issued to the Councillor by the end of next week.

Q2. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

Will the City Manager please agree to immediately send his Inspector to inspect the house of my constituent (**details supplied**) who is very unwell and has water leaking into her home from the gutters? She also needs a bedroom and bathroom to be built as she is very unwell and is rearing her three children alone (they are aged 20 years, 10 years and 7 years). And will he make a statement on these request?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The gutters on this dwelling will be inspected and all necessary repairs will be carried out.

An application for a bedroom and bathroom extension under our scheme for persons with disabilities was received from this tenant in July 2007. The tenant was requested to submit detailed medical evidence in relation to the need for this extension. To date no further medical detail has been submitted. A further request for this medical evidence has now been made. An inspection of the dwelling will be carried out in the next few weeks. However, a final assessment of this application cannot be carried out until such time as all the necessary information is submitted.

Q3. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the City Manager to have remedial work carried out at the following location (**detail supplied**):

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Contact has been made between the Parks & Landscape Services Division and the Roads Maintenance Division who have carried out the necessary repairs to the footpath at the above location.

Q4. COUNCILLOR DR. BILL TORMEY

With regard to the Financial Contributions Section 1.6 of the General Provisions in the Application Rules and General Administrative procedures which was published (pg 133) as part of the agenda document for the

February meeting, the financial contribution varied from 20% to 33.33% of the net proceeds of the sale of the applicants house depending on age. How much rent does the new tenant pay and are there any hidden subsidies with regard to light and heating? This contrasts with the maximum take of 15% contribution of net value of the main residence of people entering nursing homes under the new Act of 2006. Is the City Councils policy fair and equitable?

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

The Financial Contribution Scheme was introduced some years ago in recognition of the fact that there are home owners of a more senior age, residing in the City, who are finding their existing property too large for their current needs. Their family has now left and they find maintaining the dwelling expensive and they wish to be considered for sheltered older persons accommodation provided by Dublin City Council.

Under this Scheme an applicant must offer their house for sale to Dublin City Council. If it is deemed suitable and agreement is reached regarding the sale price, the applicant remains in the house until a suitable vacancy becomes available. There are a number of factors to be taken into account before a decision is made whether or not to purchase the property. There are price restrictions dictated by our policy on the purchase of second hand homes and refurbishment costs need to be considered. The number of houses already owned by the City Council in the area also has a bearing on the decision to purchase. We also advise all applicants to seek independent legal advice on the scheme.

The contribution is calculated on the nett proceeds of the sale and in accordance with the following age criteria. The appropriate age category is determined at the date of allocation.

Age of applicant	Financial Contribution
50 - 54 years (on medical recommendation only)	1/3 of nett sale proceeds
55 - 69 years	1/3 of nett sale proceeds
70 - 79 years	1/4 of nett sale proceeds
80 years and over	1/5 of nett sale proceeds

House owners are not generally eligible for local authority housing. This scheme allows for people who are finding their homes too difficult to maintain, an opportunity to avail of more manageable housing. In many cases applicants would be able to buy say an apartment or a smaller dwelling. However, it is likely that the full proceeds of the sale or at least the majority of same would be depleted by choosing this method. There are also many advantages of this scheme, e.g. housing within a similar aged community, the liaison service, care – call response service in the event of sudden illness (the units are fitted with an internal alarm system to contact emergency services).

The reason for seeking a contribution is as follows. A person who owns a house and is adequately housed, who subsequently sells the house and applies for local authority housing cannot be treated on the same basis as a person without capital assets who is in genuine need of housing.

The contribution required is age related ; 1/3 of the nett proceeds upto 70, ¼ upto 80 and 1/5 over 80 years old. The contribution is calculated at the time the tenancy is signed. The various levels of contribution acknowledge the likelihood that an applicant would have the benefit of a particular unit for a shorter time period the older they are when the tenancy commences.

Dublin City Council does not pressurise applicants to accept these arrangements. The details are clear on the application form in the first instance. Each applicant is advised to seek the benefit of independent legal advice before any sale is entered into at the outset of their initial application. It should be noted that these applicants are voluntarily offering their house for sale to the City Council in the first instance.

When the applicant has been allocated a dwelling, they become tenants and are assessed for rent purposes in accordance with the Differential Rent Scheme. This Rent Scheme is income related and is designed to be affordable, fair and equitable to all of our tenants.

A single person on a pension of 217 euro would be assessed for rent at 27.75 per week with a central heating charge of 6 euro per week. Their total weekly charge would be 33.75 per week.

A couple on a pension of 382.30 per week would be assessed for rent at 47.75 per week with a central heating charge of 6 euro per week. Their total weekly charge would be 53.75 per week.

The City Council has contacted the Department of Health and Children regarding the proposals to introduce legislation determining contributions from older people who need to avail of Nursing home care. The following information was provided regarding these proposals. The new nursing home support scheme, A Fair Deal, aims to remedy the inequities that exist in the current system. At present, people face greatly different costs depending on whether they are in public or private nursing homes. In addition, individual contributions in public nursing homes are based on a flat rate regardless of an individual's wealth, whereas State support for individuals in private nursing homes is based on means-testing. This means that many people in private nursing homes get no support, and even with subvention, people can face costs they cannot afford. The result is that some people are forced to sell or mortgage their homes to pay for care costs.

The Fair Deal will ensure that the State continues to fund the largest part of care costs overall. In addition to this, contributions during a person's life will be less than their assessable income and they will not have to sell or mortgage their house to meet the contribution. Furthermore, a person's family will not have to contribute towards the cost of their care.

Under the new scheme, people who require long-term residential care will contribute 80% of their assessable income, e.g. their pension(s), whether for public or private nursing home care. Depending on the amount of a person's assessable income, there may also be a contribution of up to 5% of a person's assets. The State will meet the full balance of cost thereafter in public or private nursing homes.

The payment of the contribution based on assets can be paid at the time when care is received, thereby avoiding an encumbrance being placed on the asset, or may be deferred until the settlement of the person's estate. This deferred contribution will be based on the actual number of weeks spent in residential care and on the cost of care and, consequently, may be less than 5% per annum. Nobody will pay more than the cost of their care.

In addition, where the contribution applies to the principal private residence, it will be capped at a maximum of 15%, or 7.5% in the case of one spouse going into long-term residential care while the other remains in the home. This means that after three years in care, a person will not be liable for any further deferred charge on the principal residence. It also means that as much as 85% of the value of the principal residence may be maintained for the beneficiaries of the person's estate. This is not something that can be guaranteed at the moment.

Where a spouse or certain dependants are living in the principal residence, the contribution may be further deferred until after the death of that spouse or dependant, or until such time as a person previously qualifying as a dependant ceases to qualify as such.

The Bill providing for the Fair Deal scheme is at an advanced stage and is being finalised by the Office of the Attorney General at present. The Bill will be published as soon as possible following Government approval.

It would seem that these new proposals are in an effort to ensure nobody who needs nursing home care are placed in a position where they would have to sell their property to fund the care they require due to the expensive nature of Nursing home care. It also seems fair to say that people who apply for the financial contribution scheme are in entirely different circumstances than those people who need to be cared for in a nursing home environment. Financial contribution applicants have to be deemed capable of independent living and are voluntarily offering their house for sale to the City Council in order to downsize. In some cases, they are also using the scheme to release monies to enjoy their retirement while safe in the knowledge that they have security of tenure in older persons accommodation for the rest of their lives. Applicants have to be over 55 years old to apply, however, experience has shown that the majority of applicants are in the 60 to 65 years of age bracket. Conceivably, some of these people would be availing of more suitable accommodation for periods of 25 years or more.

There have been relatively few queries regarding the levels of contribution since the scheme was introduced approximately fifteen years ago. It has also become very important in terms of the number of dwellings acquired to meet the targets as set out in Dublin City Council's overall housing provision programme and is very beneficial in many respects to the elderly applicants who avail of the alternative accommodation provided. Hopefully, Dublin City Council will be in a position to facilitate many more of our elderly citizens in the foreseeable future. It is also worth noting that the scheme has been used to offer housing to people over 55, where there are other members of the family who have joint ownership but wish to sell the property. Similarly, there has been an increase in housing applications due to marital/relationship breakdown. Many such applicants have been able to avoid becoming homeless because the City Council operates such a scheme. In cases where the original property had been sold in the past few years, we also accept such

applications subject to a reduced contribution where appropriate, having made allowances for private sector rent, legal bills etc. It is the City Council's policy to treat all financial contribution applicants, whether they are living in a house that they wish to sell or who find themselves in difficult circumstances due to one of the above reasons mentioned earlier, in a fair and equitable a manner as possible.

Q5. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager to have the paths reinstated at **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Water Dept. reinstatement at no.16 has been returned to Roads Maintenance, and will be permanently reinstated within the next 4-6 weeks.

Otherwise, the footpaths at this location are in good condition, and Roads Maintenance does not propose any further works.

Q6. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council would trim back the bushes adjacent to **(details supplied)** as they have been the target of anti-social behaviour.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parks Division will arrange to have the shrubs in the corner pruned back and the rubbish removed.

Q7. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager when will works commence and be completed regarding the cleanup at **details supplied**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Manager, Central Area Office has written to Iarnrod Eireann in relation to the cleanup of the railway track at the rear of houses at Clonliffe Avenue. The reply will be forwarded to the Councillor in due course.

Q8. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager to investigate a number of DC housing units in the area **details supplied** that have been rented out by the tenants in some cases to family members.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

With regard to the above I wish to advise you that the Cabra Local Area Office, 97 New Cabra, Road, telephone 8687400 have responsibility for the Area (details supplied). Any issues regarding sub-letting of City Council properties should be reported to the local area office.

***If there is a specific case the Councillor wishes to discuss I would advise him to contact the local area office in Cabra and the case will be fully investigated.**

***Amended Reply.**

Q9. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to reply to the following queries regarding **(details supplied)**

- a. Why the new pitch is waterlogged? Is it because the work carried out on it was substandard and that the drains were not cleared before work commenced
- b. Users of the pitch also state that the finish is too soft, why is this?
- c. Residents have also complained to me that the floodlights are being left on over night. Who is responsible for ensuring that the lights are switched off when not in use and could he ensure that they are not left on overnight in future?
- d. The ESB junction box beside the pitch is not closed off and young children can access the box and have in the past turned off lights in the area. Can he contact ESB to ensure that this box is made safe and inaccessable to children.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (a),(b) The football pitch at *(details supplied)* was resurfaced after consultation with the Residents Association. A contractor was employed to remove all of the debris and rubbish from the pitch, clean away 900 square metres of vegetation from the edges of the pitch, add 25mm of sand levelling and binding to the entire area and to roll to firm the surface. This work was carried out in December 2007. The pitch is not waterlogged and is being used by groups in the area.
- (c) The floodlights have been left on overnight. These lights provide added security for the Dolphin Park Senior Citizen Complex and for the complex generally. No complaints have been received from residents about them being left on.
- (d) The junction box beside the pitch has been secured.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please outline the arrangement/contract of Dublin City Council with Compliance Consulting regarding the fats,oils and grease management programme and answer the following questions

What is the term of the contract? What is the value of the contract? What is the scope and range of the powers given to Compliance Consulting under the contract? Is there provisions within the contract for renegotiations.

Has the city council received complaints concerning the approach of Compliance Consulting?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

DCC have experienced an increase in both frequency and severity of blockages in the public sewer network caused by Fats Oils and Grease (FOG) being discharged from Food Service Establishments (FSE). When FOG cools down it congeals and accumulate within pipelines and ultimately block the pipe. When the public sewers are blocked the result is either flooding of premises or environmental pollution of rivers and Dublin Bay.

The only solution to this problem is to restrict the amount of FOG that is being discharged from FSE's and this is being done through the issue of licences under the Water Pollution Act which limit the amount of FOG that can be discharged. As is the case with any such arrangement, it is necessary to monitor compliance with the licence conditions through periodic inspections.

Prior to commencement of the programme, a presentation was made to the Environment and Engineering SPC and the proposal was supported by the SPC.

During 2007, the City Council undertook a tendering process which involved advertising the tender in the EU Journal and going through the normal public procurement process. Through this process the contract was ultimately awarded to a company called Compliance Consulting who have a wide experience of similar grease management programmes.

The City Council also undertook an extensive round of meetings with representative organisations such as the Licenced Vintners Association, Irish Hotel Federation, Restaurant Association of Ireland, RGDATA, Convenience Stores Association, etc. This was carried out so that the major stakeholders would be aware of the programme and could in turn alert their members.

Our contractors commenced work on the ground at the start of January 2008 and will be engaged for an initial period of three years with an option for the City Council to extend the contract to a fourth year. They are tasked with licencing 2000 FSE within that three year period.

The scope and range of powers given to the Contractor are those contained in the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 and 1990. Under Section 28 of the this Act, an authorised person may at reasonable time enter a premises for the purpose of carrying out inspections and taking samples of water effluents or other matter entering the public sewer.

The value of the contract is considered commercially sensitive information. However, based on the Polluter Pays Principle, the City Council intends that this programme will become budget neutral.

There is no renegotiation clause in the contract.

The work of the Contractor is at an early stage but we will be meeting regularly with representative bodies to review progress and we also welcome feedback from the owners of individual FSE's and the grease management industry.

The number of complaints received to date re Compliance Consulting is very low, one written complaint and possibly three verbal complaints. This number represents approx. 1% of all premises visited to date.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager detail in list form all the charges on businesses in Dublin City and the dates of their introduction i.e. water charges(including meter costs charges), refuse charges broken into Repak and Dublin City Council or commercial waste operator charges, commercial rates, Fats/Greases/Oils Management Charges - both initial and ongoing charges, BID's Charges and any other charges not mentioned above.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Commercial Rates

Commercial Rates were introduced in the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act 1838. The rate on valuation for 2008 is 61.87.

Entry Year Property Levy

Entry year property levy was introduced in 2007 and provides for the making of a charge on premises in the rating year in which they are valued.

BIDs Charges

The Local Government (Business Improvement District Scheme) Act 2006 introduced the procedure for setting up BID schemes. The multiplier for the City Centre BID scheme, which commenced on 1/1/08, is 2.95. Dublin City Council administers the collection of the BID Charge which is made by the BID Company.

Water Charges

The consolidation water services charge for 2008 is €1.53 per cubic metre which covers both water supply and drainage services. Local Authorities had the powers to implement water supply charges as far back as 1878 and the power to implement the drainage element of the charge is given in the 1983 Financial Provision (No2) Act.

Trade Effluent Charge

These charges are implemented under the Water Pollution Acts 1977 and 1990 and cover the reception, conveyance, treatment and disposal of trade effluent. The charges are calculated using mathematical formulae. A copy of the order setting out the various elements of the charges can be forwarded to the Councillor.

Waste Charges

Similar to private operators who provide a waste collection services to businesses, the City Council has a charging structure as follows:

- Bag Labels €3.75 each
- 240L Bin - €10 Per lift
- 1100 Eurobin - €33 Per lift
- Cardboard Labels - €1.40 each

The City Council has been charging for the collection of commercial waste since the 1980's. We have no information regarding charges to the commercial sector by Repak.

Fats, Oils and Grease Charges

The licence application fee for a FOG licence is €380. The annual cost applicable to each category of Food Service Establishment ranges from €870 to €1,370 depending on the size of the FSE. These charges are made under the Water Pollution Act.

The above charges are in accordance with the Polluter Pays Principle.

Fire Services

Charges are made to the commercial sector for Fire Safety Certificates. It is estimated that in 2008, €2.3m income will be raised relating to fire services.

Markets

Charges are made to the commercial sector (i.e. traders) in respect of the use of Dublin City Council market facilities. It is estimated that in 2008, €1.2m income will be raised relating to markets.

There are other charges which Dublin City Council make for services which are made to service users, commercial and domestic alike. These charges are:

Service	Estimated Income in 2008
	€
Parking Revenue	30.3M
Traffic Enforcement	4.7M
Roads & Streets Licences & Repayable Works	2.3M
Planning Fees	3.6M
Section 89 Part 1 & 2	3.0M

Q.12 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to look at the provision of a roundabout at the junction of **details supplied** as cars are presently just shooting through these junctions at speed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter has been referred to Traffic Advisory Group for examination and recommendation.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the removal of large tree in back garden of **details supplied** and to also take into account that a young child was badly hurt as a result of it.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A contractor has been employed to remove the tree from the back garden of this dwelling. This work will be carried out within the next four to six weeks.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs to front door lock and frame at **details supplied**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The repairs to the door and frame of this dwelling will be carried out within the next two weeks.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the extension of new wall and railings along Kilshane Road up to the corner of **details supplied** as cars and other vehicles are crossing this newly built section.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Bollards will be provided across the cul-de-sac to prevent access/egress of vehicles.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs to pathway beside no. 242 Ballymun Road & junction at **details supplied**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Water Dept. reinstatement has not yet been returned to Roads Maintenance for permanent reinstatement. Once it has been returned, Roads Maintenance will carry out the permanent reinstatement within 6-8 weeks.

The section of sunken brick paving at the ESB cabinet at this address will also be repaired at this time.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the replacement of wooden panels at the front of **details supplied**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Maintenance Division will inspect these dwellings and carry out any necessary work.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to the following repairs at no. 13 Knowth Court:

- (A) Sitting room window can't open.
- (B) Main hall, front door has 3 broken windows leaking in water when raining.
- (C) Back door is held up with 2 hinges and has no appropriate locking system and is also about 10inches too small for the frame.
- (D) Kitchen only 2 working sockets and sink is leaking no storage cupboards and no running water.
- (E) Main bedroom has no working light only 1 working socket and the windows don't close properly.
- (F) Small bedroom, has dampness coming through the wall because of a leak in the gutter outside the house and only has 1 working socket.
- (G) Arch room only 1 working socket and window will not open.
- (H) Upstairs hall no light fitting.
- (I) Bathroom has no running hot water and sink has a crack in it.
- (J) All over house only has an open fire no central heating the house is very cold, also the fuse box is very old and crackles like its going to go on fire.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following receipt of an electrical complaint, the electrical services of the City Council called to details supplied on a number of occasions but failed to gain access. When contact was eventually made at the dwelling the staff were advised that it was not suitable for the tenant at that stage and were refused admission. No further contact has been made by the tenant in order to organise an appropriate time to have any works carried out.

There is no record of any other complaint received from details supplied. A call was made by staff from the Maintenance section to this address on the 26th February 2008 but no reply was received. A card was left asking the tenant to contact the Maintenance Depot to arrange an appropriate time to call.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for a road sweeper to cover the Ballymun area which has not been properly swept and cleansed for several weeks now. The previous contractor has moved on and as to when a replacement will be in place.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The main roads in the Ballymun Area are swept with a Mechanical Road Sweeper once a week after the bin collection. The sweeper follows the bin truck to ensure all roads are done. The road sweeper was off the road due to a mechanical fault for three days during February however normal operations have resumed.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

Can the Manager please confirm under what terms and conditions may a person be entitled to the provision of heating (or a boiler) under the various grant schemes run by the Council and can he confirm which grant schemes will be run by the City Council and the HSE after March of this year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Housing Aid for Older People which came into effect from 1st November 2007 allows for essential works to be carried out where the older person is living in poor housing conditions. The works include rewiring, re-roofing, repair/replace windows and doors and the provision of central heating.

The grant will provide central heating in homes where there is none available or replace a boiler that is broken beyond repair. It is not available for an upgrade of a central heating system.

The HSE will continue to operate the Special Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme beyond the deadline of 31st March 2008 as outlined by Circular SIU/3/08 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

Could the City Manager please arrange for the restoration of double yellow lines in Cullenswood Gardens that were lost when the road was re-surfaced last October.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The double yellow lines will be restored as soon as possible.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the City Manager to re-schedule the collection of bins so that it does not occur at rush hour in the mornings, especially around Moyne Road near Mortons.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The refuse collection in this area is provided on Friday mornings. It is Dublin City Council policy not to collect on main traffic arteries into the city before 10am because of the potential disruption to traffic. Secondary roads are serviced before that time. However the route incorporating Moyne Road will be examined and every effort will be made to avoid this area if possible at peak traffic times.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR OISÍN QUINN

Can the City Manager confirm that the Notice to treat in respect of completing the CPO of Darthmouth Square will be served before the CPO expires on the 22nd June 2008? Can the City Manager also explain the current delay in serving the Notice to Treat; and can the City Manager confirm that Granite & Marble Tiles Limited will be vigorously pursued (including if necessary by petitioning to wind that Company up) to discharge the various Court Orders for legal costs made in favour of the Council arising out proceedings successfully taken by the Council against the Company, and can the City Manager update the Councillor on progress being made in that regard?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The serving of a Notice to Treat is a pivotal decision and in this particular case the City Council has to weigh up the objective of restoring Dartmouth Square as a public park as against an unknown and potentially substantial liability and the impact this could have for the City Council. The matter is subject of ongoing consideration.

The Law Department of Dublin City Council will pursue Granite & Marble Tiles Ltd. for the costs awarded to Dublin City Council in respect of the enforcement proceedings on this matter.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR OISÍN QUINN

Can the City Manager arrange for the proposal to extend the Scheme of Special Planning Control to the extended Grafton Street Retail Area be brought before the Council as soon as possible?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area of Special Planning Control (ASPC) for the Grafton Street & Environs Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) has now been in operation for a period of circa 10-Months.

It is proposed that the extension of the scheme to the wider area which relates to the adjoining Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) for the South City Retail Quarter will be considered as part of the one-year review of the initial scheme. Review of the initial scheme in terms of its appropriateness and impact, will in turn inform any assessment on the potential and relevance of such a scheme for the wider area of the South City Retail Quarter.

It will be necessary also to undertake a follow-up study on the South Retail Core Strategy with a view to progressing the key objectives and securing implementation of the strategy responses or recommendations as set out in the Retail Core Framework Plan.

It is evident that there are a number of inter-related planning issues which pertain to the area and in this regard, it is considered both timely and opportune to assess the potential for extension of the initial planning control scheme. This assessment will commence as soon as possible in tandem with the review of the initial scheme and the forthcoming study on the South Retail Core Area. This approach is recommended on the basis that it will facilitate a comprehensive evaluation of planning policy for the area.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR OISÍN QUINN

Can the City Manager arrange for litter wardens to be rostered for the 7am to 9am period in residential areas with a view to issuing spot fines in respect of dog littering as this is the period when a lot of dog fouling occurs and goes unchecked (even if certain areas could be targeted on a rolling basis for a specific few weeks to jolt people into changing their habits that would almost certainly lead to an improvement)?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council intend as part of the new Litter Management Plan to target known dog-litter areas which will be blitzed by a team of Litter Wardens 6 times per year and persistent dog-litter locations will be targeted using covert means for identification and ultimate prosecution.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to do all he can to facilitate a transfer for **(details in attached letter)** who is ill and suffers from poor mobility and finding it difficult to manage the stairs. Could he also explain why the flats on either side of this tenant have been empty for some time now and will they be allocated soon. What is the future plans for this senior citizen complex.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

According to our records no transfer application has been received from the applicant (details supplied). I have however forwarded an application to the applicant and would advise that he complete and submit the form to the Housing Allocations Section so that he may be considered for alternative accommodation.

In relation to the concerns raised regarding the above named's living conditions his case will be referred to the Housing Welfare Section immediately for assessment and any help needed will be provided. This will include the linking with various support services in the area if the applicant is willing to avail of them. The person referred to in the attached letter that calls regularly is a member of Dublin City Council staff from the Older Persons Unit whose duties include visiting all our senior citizen flat complexes throughout the city.

In relation to the future of the senior citizen complex, I can say that it has long been the view of Dublin City Council that these bedsits are in poor condition and are no longer suitable to be offered for housing to older persons. In some cases it has been difficult to re-let these flats as they are poor design,

particularly when so many of our senior citizens have medical problems. It has been considered for demolition for some time, but because of the shortage of alternative senior citizen accommodation in the Liberties area, it was considered more appropriate to gradually detain by not reletting vacancies as they became vacant. The area is also part of the Liberties Vision and as such, will be included in any redevelopment for the future of the area.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue: **Details supplied.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The front wall and gate of this dwelling will be reinstated within the next six weeks. The rubbish will be removed from the back garden.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to report on plans for taxi rank facilities at the proposed Northside Cromcastle Development.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The planning application for the development of the Northside Town Centre was lodged on 1st November 2007. As part of the development of the Town Centre the taxi rank will be located on the Clonshaugh Road, adjacent to the New Retail Centre. It is anticipated that the work on the taxi rank will commence in Phase 1 of the development, which will also include major landscaping to riverside parkland and road and transportation improvements.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager to examine and upgrade the public lighting at **details supplied.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

We have investigated the existing lighting here and will consider necessary improvements, for inclusion in our 2009 programme, subject to finances being made available.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS McGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager to look at the possibility at installing electronic gates at **details supplied** as there is a lot of anti-social behaviour at this location.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The feasibility of installing electronic gates at the location in question will be examined and a report will issue to the Councillor. In the interim local area office personnel will liaise with the Gardai in relation to the anti-social problems mentioned.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS McGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager to supply a details list of the buy back (houses) in the **details supplied**, and when will they become available for allocation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following houses in the Cabra Area have been acquired recently under the House Purchase Programme. They have been assigned to builders and should become available for letting in the specified times.

- 1 House - Annamoe Drive - 10 wks
- 1 House - Carnlough Road- 10 wks
- 2 Houses- Kilkeran Road - 10 wks
- 1 House - Dingle Road – 8 wks
- 2 Houses -Killala Road - 8 wks

We also have acquired the following houses which are due to be assigned to builders in the near future and which should become available for letting within 10 –12 weeks from the start of the refurbishment works.

- 1 House - Annamoe Drive
- 2 Houses - Annamoe Terrace
- 2 Houses – Bannow Road
- 5 Houses – Carnlough Road
- 2 Houses – Dingle Road
- 2 Houses – Drumcliffe Road
- 1 House – Dunmanus Road
- 1 House – Fassaugh Road
- 1 House – Killala Road
- 1 House – Liscannor Road
- 1 House – Ratoath Road
- 3 Houses- St. Attracta Road
- 1 House – St. Eithne Road

Q.32 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS McGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager to upgrade the pathways at **details supplied** as they are in a bad state of repair.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The 2m wide public footpath along the carriageway is in a good state of repair, Roads Maintenance do not propose to carry out any works at this location.

The remainder of the parking area at the shops is in poor condition, but records show it to be a private landing. As it is not publicly owned, Roads Maintenance are not in a position to carry out any works at this location.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the City Manager to seek a solution to the parking and set-down problems experienced by parents of the students of the crèche at the following location (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The matter of parking in Milltown will be examined by the traffic engineer who will report directly to the Councillor.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

Will the City Manager please assure me that he will have the bedroom/bathroom extensions completed as matter of great urgency as **(details supplied)** my constituents are not in good health and are overcrowded resulting in the immediate need for this work to start. Will he give me an approx. start up and completion date and will he make a statement on these requests?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(1) A full review and re-assessment of all applications on the list for extensions on grounds of overcrowding was carried out in 2007. To date, seventy properties have had a full survey carried out, and approximately thirty-five are with Consultant Architects for plans, tender and issue to private contractors identified specifically to meet the needs of this building programme. This process will continue throughout 2008, with a view to facilitating as many families as possible.

The specific application referred to is included in the first twenty extensions due to commence under this programme. It is not possible to give specific dates for commencement and completion of works, however it is estimated that the drawing of plans, tender and issue to contractor process should be completed within the next eight to twelve weeks.

(2) An application for an extension on medical grounds was received from this tenant. An inspection has been carried out of the dwelling, and a private Occupational Therapist report has been requested in order to identify the specific needs of this applicant. On receipt of this report, expected within the next two to three weeks, a final assessment will be carried out, and this application will be prioritised for commencement of works.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to give me a report on recent meeting with Kilbarrack Coast Community Project, Dublin City Council officials, and local representatives which was held in Mansion House.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report on the above will be forwarded direct to the Councillor.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the pruning of trees at Rosary Terrace. They are cottages and the trees are twice the size of their homes. It would be a suitable time now to prune before the birds start to nest.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This is on the list for pruning scheduled to be completed during the 2008 pruning season.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the City Manager inform me of the outcome of the appeal against a litter fine by the following **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The litter fine, which was issued to details supplied was cancelled on the 13th December 2007 following his successful appeal.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the City Manager advise me of the Council's plans to replace the fence at Scribblestown Lane with a wall?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are no immediate plans to replace the palisade fence along the northern side of Scribblestown lane with a wall. Any repairs required to the fence will be carried out within the next 2 weeks.

A boundary wall and railing is proposed along the southern side of Scribblestown Lane as part of the upgrading plans for Cardiffsbridge Park. It is expected that these works will take place in 2009.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the City Manager arrange for the erection of a new rubbish bin outside Beneavin School as requested by the following resident (**details supplied**)?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had a new litter bin erected outside Beneavin School on the 26th February 2008.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Will the City Manager state when it is proposed to move the lampposts from their present location on the widened footpath on Ratoath Avenue to the side of the carriageway?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The two public lighting poles will be relocated to the edge of the grassed area. The work will be carried out as soon as it can be fitted into the programme for the area.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

That the City Manager report on the construction which is ongoing of the newly constructed houses in Avila Park and outline what remedial measures are proposed?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is assumed that the Councillor's Question relates to a number of houses in Avila Close in which cracks have appeared over the last two years or so. These cracks have been monitored by Dublin City Council Structural Engineers on an ongoing basis. Consultants are now being appointed to establish the exact cause of the cracks and to make recommendations for a solution. Local Councillors will be informed of the outcome of the Consultants investigation as soon as it is to hand.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

Would the City Manager arrange for the reinstatement of the footpath outside 2a Wellmount Road? The footpath was in poor state before the new house was built.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Condition 7 of Grant of Planning Permission no. 4991/06, under which the house was built, required the developer to contact Roads Maintenance with regard to construction of a dishing for vehicular access, This Condition was not complied with.

The householder will be contacted directly in order to have the dishing constructed, at their expense. When the dishing is being constructed, Roads Maintenance will carry out repairs to the kerb, and also reinstate the Water Dept. opening at this location.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

Would the City Manager arrange for the transfer of Welfare Priority from the Ballymun Area to the Finglas Area for the following resident (**details supplied**)?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This tenant was awarded a welfare priority for *comparable* accommodation in Area D (**Ballymun/Poppintree**) in December 2007.

The tenant has been offered an alternative flat in the Ballymun Area as a temporary measure pending the provision of new accommodation under the regeneration programme. However this offer has been declined by the tenant.

If the tenant would like to change their area of priority they must contact the Housing Welfare Officer to have the case reviewed.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will seek to have the aspirations and offer of assistance from the Historical Society contained in the letter submitted with this question included in planning for the European Car Free day 2008.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Events Unit proposes to host a Family Day each summer in the city centre and the proposed location for this year is Herbert Park. The participation of the Historical Society in this event would be welcomed and contact will be made with them well in advance of the event.

Planning for Car Free day is at an early stage and this offer will also be examined by the Events Unit in this context.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the issues referred to in the email submitted with this question (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter has been examined and our Litter Prevention Officer had a detailed discussion with the complainant. We are satisfied that the posters were erected in accordance with the poster protocol and there was no question, therefore of City Council Staff removing them. The complainant accepts that what his members witnessed was a number of posters in a litter removal hand cart in South Great George Street. It can only be assumed that these were picked up from the street during street cleaning operations. It is unclear who removed the posters but we are satisfied that City Council Staff were not involved.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the Manager to look into the effect that wheelie bins left out on footpaths have on pedestrians, and in particular the effect they have on wheelchair users, and to see what can be done about this.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are conscious of the need for wheelie bins to be presented in a manner that does not cause difficulties for pedestrians or wheelchair users and to be removed as soon as practicable after collection. This is reflected in the Household Waste Bye-Laws, which were adopted in 2007. Waste collection crews are also instructed to leave the bins back in a safe and neat manner after collection. In general, we do not get many complaints in relation to this matter and each complaint is dealt with on an individual basis. If the Councillor has any particular location in mind, this should be related to the contact given below and the matter will be investigated.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager that a stop line be put where Rosemount Avenue leads onto Brookwood Rise, Artane, Dublin 5.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A recent inspection at the above location noted that priority is clear at the intersection and visibility is good. Also no accidents recorded at this junction. Therefore, a Stop sign is not recommended at this location.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager that Brookwood Avenue Road, Artane, Dublin 5, at the Gracefield Road end be inspected for repairs.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The resurfacing of Brookwood Avenue (from Brookwood Grove to the junction with Gracefield Road) is on the Road Maintenance 2008 Works Programme.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager to investigate Park & Ride on the road immediately left on All Saints Road, Raheny, Dublin 5, coming in from the Howth Rd. Residents on the Southside of the Howth Rd have difficulty exiting here.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A recent inspection was carried out at the Howth Road / All Saints Road junction and no parking hazards were noted. Therefore it is not recommended to provide double yellow lines at this location. It is illegal to park within 5 metres of a junction. Residents should report illegal parking to the Gardai or Parking Enforcement, tel: 6022500.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager when can a footpath be constructed on the Eastern side of the road opposite Clare Hall. Residents alighting the bus at the bus stop on the Eastern side near the Hilton intersection have to go through muddy conditions.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is a footpath on the south side of Clare Hall Avenue. Therefore it is recommended that residents cross at the pedestrian crossing and use the existing footpath. A timeframe is not yet available for the construction of the new footpath on the north side of Clare hall Avenue. However when this information is available a report will be issued direct to the Councillor.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to clear glass and debris from open space at **details supplied**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the glass and debris removed from the open space at **details supplied** on the 27th February 2008.

The area of **details supplied**, which includes an Association Football Pitch and its surrounds, has been litter picked since receipt of the above question. The balance of this open space, which is adjacent to Millwood Park, comprises of lands leased to St. Monicas GAA Club, who is responsible for the maintenance of the leased area.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

How many more social houses are the Council considering on buying in **(detail supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The 2008 target for the House Purchase Programme is 100 houses. Dublin City Council has on hand a sufficient number of offers from interested house vendors to meet its 2008 House Purchase target. There are 10 offers on hand from **details supplied** with 1 for the specific **details supplied**. The only additional houses purchased in 2008 will be for financial contribution cases and houses that are required for de-tenanting purposes.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Manager report on the fire safety checks that have taken place in Apartments since the publication of Dublin City Council's Report, 'Successful Apartment Living' in October 2007.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Successful Apartment Living report highlighted areas that needed to be improved to increase the sustainability of apartment living in Dublin. In the survey which accompanied the report it was noted that there was a lack of clarity about aspects of fire safety and prevention. It was also found that there was no uniform approach to the supply and maintenance of fire fighting equipment and other issues.

The document included a report from the Fire Brigade Services which set out in detail best practice for apartment developments as a guidance to owners and managing agents and others with responsibility for maintaining apartment schemes.

The report did not recommend that every scheme be inspected by the fire authority rather it indicated that it was the responsibility of owners and their agents to ensure that they were compliant.

In the event that there is a concern regarding a particular named scheme then this would become the subject of normal fire safety and prevention action once it is reported.

Clearly it would be in the interests of owners to ensure that their property is compliant and meets best practice in relation to this type of building form.

Owners at the Apartment Owners Forum meeting held in the Civic Offices on 30th October 2007 were advised in response to a question from the floor that if they were unsure if their scheme met best practice they should as owners (through their Apartment Owners' Management Company) engage the services of a professional fire safety consultant who would undertake a review for them. In most cases AOMC employ managing agents who would be familiar with the qualifications necessary to undertake this type of work.

Of the inspections carried out by Dublin Fire Brigade since October 2007, 69 related to apartment buildings. Of these, 9 had a warning letter issued, 4 had requirements for specific fire safety issues to be addressed, 11 resulted in requests for fire risk assessments to be carried out and 4 had Fire Safety Notices (under the Fire Services Act) served.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Manager provide a detailed account on the taking-in-charge process of an estate ?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Attached is Section 180 from the Planning and Development Act 2000, which set out the taking-in-charge process of an estate.

180.

(1) Where a development for which permission is granted under section 34 or under Part IV of the Act of 1963 includes the construction of 2 or more houses and the provision of new roads, open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermains or drains, and the development has been completed to the satisfaction of the

planning authority in accordance with the permission and any conditions to which the permission is subject, the authority shall, where requested by the person carrying out the development, or, subject to *subsection (3)*, by the majority of the qualified electors who are owners or occupiers of the houses involved, as soon as may be, initiate the procedures under section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.

(2)

- (a) Notwithstanding *subsection (1)*, where the development has not been completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority and enforcement proceedings have not been commenced by the planning authority within seven years beginning on the expiration, as respects the permission authorising the development, of the appropriate period, within the meaning of section 40 or the period as extended under section 42, as the case may be, the authority shall, where requested by the majority of qualified electors who own or occupy the houses in question, comply with section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, except that subsection (1)(b)(ii) of that section shall be disregarded.
- (b) In complying with *paragraph (a)*, the authority may apply any security given under section 34(4)(g) for the satisfactory completion of the development in question.

(3)

- (a) The planning authority may hold a plebiscite to ascertain the wishes of the qualified electors.
- (b) The Minister may make or apply any regulations prescribing the procedure to be followed by the planning authority in ascertaining the wishes of the qualified electors.

(4) Where an order is made under section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993, in compliance with this section, the planning authority shall, in addition to the provisions of that section, take in charge any open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermains, or drains within the attendant grounds of the development.

(5) Where a planning authority acts in compliance with this section, references in section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, to a road authority shall be deemed to include references to a planning authority.

(6) In this section, "qualified electors" means every person who, in relation to the area of the dwelling houses in question, is registered as a local government elector in the register of local government electors for the time being in force.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Council provide an update on the following: **(detail supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is currently an electronic format speed indicator for traffic calming purposes at the city approach to **details supplied**. Warning lights to prepare drivers approaching the pedestrian lights are not recommended.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Could the City Manager please arrange to ensure that Liberties Re-Cycling are properly informed by prior notice of tendering dates for the installation of

clothing banks around the City of Dublin for the collection of used fabrics? Is the manager aware that groups like liberties re-cycling, charities like Society of St Vincent de Paul, Irish Cancer Society, Oxfam and others collect used clothing for the good of others as opposed to some agencies that collect for personal profit? Not for profit groups working in our communities should be helped as funds raised for clothing help with other services.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council provides textile banks at over thirty sites in the City. Tenders for the collection and processing of textiles were sought last year through the national press and the tenders website. The contract was awarded to Textiles Recycling Ltd. for a period of 12 months to the 13th June 2008 with an option to renew. When the contract is advertised again Liberties Recycling Ltd. is welcome to participate. In the mean time, the Council's Waste Management Staff are assessing if there are any other locations that would be suitable for the above organisation to provide textile banks.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Could the City Manager please arrange that all any overrun in costs involved in the design & construction of the long awaited Community & Youth Facilities in Bluebell be met by Dublin City Council & that tendering documents be sent out without delay in this project which is in the pipeline now for over 10 years. It is regrettable that delays with Water-ways Ireland have led to a situation where construction has delayed for such a long time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Tendering documents have been sent out and the closing date for submissions is Friday 29th February 2008.

The extent of any shortfall in funding will not become apparent until the tenders have been received and analysed. In the meantime, an application under the Sports Capital Grant has been submitted to secure the construction of the multi-purpose sports hall.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager to please ENSURE that all outstanding issues relating to the Chapelizod Village Improvement Scheme & engineering works associated with the new drainage works etc be sorted out with both residents & traders alike to ensure smooth operation of major works involved in the project. I accept a project of this scale will cause some inconvenience but can we keep it to a minimum.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A meeting has been held with the local traders at which the plans and timescale of the works were discussed. The traders expressed concern at the planned one-way systems from April – December and the road closure from mid June – mid August and the effect that this would have on their business as well as the long-term loss of car parking spaces.

We have examined the extent of the works and we have reduced the extent of the granite in the road thereby reducing the need for the one-way system to April – September. We have also provided an additional 3 car parking spaces

in the Square. A further meeting will be held with the residents and business community to resolve outstanding issues.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager to ensure that damaged defaced sections of footpaths outside of housing at 39 Ballyfermot Drive be repaired/replaced when put in last year the concrete was defaced before it was hard.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The footpath outside 39 Ballyfermot Drive is in good condition. No further repair is required.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the City Manager to assess the water pressure and water quality of the service to the Griffith Avenue area of Dublin 9. To ask the Manager to account for any recent complaints or incidents reported in relation to the water quality in that area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are no recent records of incidents re water quality along (details supplied). Arrangements are, however being made to have the water supplies along (detail supplied) sampled for water quality purposes by the Central Laboratory In Marrowbone Lane

Q.61 COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the City Manager to report as to the Traffic Management Plans at the Howth Road Primary School in Clontarf:

- a) Are there Traffic Management Plans in place?
- b) Is a School Warden assigned to the school?

What parking provisions exist in the environs of the school?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- a) The Road Safety section has in the past discussed traffic problems in the vicinity of the school with the school Principal.
- b) A School Warden has been appointed for the Howth Road Primary School at the Howth Road entrance.
- c) No parking is allowed at the School entrance. There is parking provision on Marino Crescent.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the City Manager to report as to the progress of the installation of running water at the Clubhouse of Marino Football Club.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is currently a water supply to the pavilion which is used by Marino Football Club at Marino Park, Dublin 3.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager to inform this Councillor as to the planning procedure in relation to the dishing of a pavement for a person in receipt of disability benefit.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The dishing of footpaths does not require a grant of planning permission – this work is carried out by Dublin City Council at the expense of the resident. However, the creation of a vehicular access to the garden of a dwelling house does require permission and it has been the policy for many years that the dishing of a footpath is not carried out to facilitate an unauthorised vehicular access.

If proper planning permission is in place, the carrying out of works should be arranged between the Roads and Traffic Department and the resident.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager arrange for the footpath at **(details supplied)** to be inspected and will he ensure that the path be resurfaced either by the utility company who caused the problem or Dublin City Council directly.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Approx 8m² of concrete footpath at this location will be repaired within the next 6-8 weeks.

Approx 10m² of concrete footpath at no.36 will also be repaired at this time.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager examine the possibility of placing bollards at **(details supplied)** in view of the persistent problems of illegal parking; and will he ensure that local residents are consulted before a decision is reached.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Bollards are not recommended at this location, as it is illegal to park on a public footpath. Residents should report illegal parking to the Council's parking enforcement contractor at tel. no. (01) 602 2500 or alternatively An Garda Síochána,

Q.66 COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for a children's crossing sign to be located outside the Mill Race Apartments in Chapelizod under the 3.6m Height sign and to look for additional spots to erect more children crossing signs around St Laurence's School. There is one already erected on the main street but more are needed in the area to prevent any serious accidents. This should be done before the programmed works are carried out in the Village.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This location will be examined and additional signage provided as required.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the broken footpaths to be fixed on Main Street and outside St Laurence's School in Chapelizod, as they are a hazard to children going to and from school.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to carry out the repair to the footpath at (*details supplied*) over the next 12 weeks.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the lights to be changed at the Junction of Chapelizod Road, Martins Row at the Mullingar House. There has been several near misses at this junction as cars coming from town have a green light to head up to Maidens Row in Chapelizod Village as does the cars on Chapelizod Road heading to town and Maidens Row. This is extremely dangerous and would urge Dublin City Council to send out an observer immediately.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

ITS have examined the lights at the junction of (*details supplied*) and found that they are working correctly.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager if he will indicate the reasons that while 995 Private Rented dwellings inspected by Dublin City Council did not meet regulatory requirements, only 22 cases required legal action (2006 data); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following figures are in relation to the functional area of Dublin City Council and are for the year 2007.

A total of 2780 private rented dwellings were inspected by environmental health officers in Dublin city.

On the first inspection of the private rented dwelling a total of 1349 were found not to be in full compliance with the regulations.

In each of these cases a notice was served on the landlord to undertake required remedial works within a specified time period to bring the dwelling into compliance with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 1993.

Also, in anticipation of new legislation being enacted by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government we advised the landlord to undertake works that are additional to the legal requirements to modernise and update their property.

The law agent has been instructed to issue legal proceedings in relation to 24 private rented dwellings in the city.

At the end of 2007, as a result of action taken by the environmental health section there are only 78 dwellings of the 1349 that are still not in compliance with the regulations. There are several reasons, including the property is

being sold, renovations are ongoing, in each case and the environmental health section is currently pursuing each of these cases with the landlords.

Two of the dwellings that legal action had been initiated against are now in compliance with the regulations.

Therefore, overall at the end of 2007 there are 100 dwellings (of the 1349 initially found not be in compliance) that still do not meet regulatory requirements.

One of the objectives of inspecting private rented dwellings is to ensure that the accommodation meets the minimum standard and that the tenant is afforded accommodation suitable for their needs. To achieve this the environmental health officers pursue landlords to ensure that the dwelling is brought up to standard. The aim is to improve the condition of the dwelling thus improving the quality of life for the tenant. The environmental health section undertook this by serving notices on all the non-complaint landlords and then pursuing them to improve their rented property.

This action has been very successful in that 1271 rented dwellings that were not in compliance when first inspected by environmental health officers are now in compliance with the regulations. In a substantial number of these dwellings the landlord has also undertaken all of the work recommended in our additional correspondence.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager if he will investigate a matter (**details supplied**); and if he will make a statement on this matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

ITS have examined the lights at the junction of (*details supplied*) and found that they are working correctly.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager what new proposals or initiatives he has to address the serious anti-social issues that are affecting some parts of the city; if any specific Dublin City Council resources or personnel have been dedicated to addressing the issue where new council estates or apartments are being proposed; and if he will make a statement on this matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, adopted in 2004 by the City Council, applies to all residents of Dublin City Council properties, including any new developments or apartments in the City Council's ownership. Dublin City Council has a duty to manage and control its tenancy dwellings and accommodation let under the Housing Acts, and to secure and protect the interests of its tenants, tenant purchasers and licensees, as far as is reasonably possible, in the peaceful occupation of those dwellings. Dublin city Council is committed to taking action to avoid, prevent or abate anti-social behaviour. Such actions include

- Investigation of complaints.
- Interview/challenge/caution of alleged perpetrators or offenders.
- Taking preventative measures.

- Pursuit of legal remedies, including court orders for evictions, where necessary.

This policy has been rolled out throughout the city through our local area office structure. There are dedicated officers assigned in each area office for the investigation of anti-social behaviour.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager the reasons the council will not refund monies paid by residents who make a submission on a planning application which is subsequently withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on this matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The purpose of the €20 fee is to cover the administrative costs involved in processing the observations received from persons concerned. This was established in European Commission V Ireland (C-216/05).

As all observations made on valid planning applications are assessed and processed, no refund of fees for observations is provided.

Furthermore, the Planning and Development Act and Regulations 2000-2006 make no provision for refund of fees for observations on valid applications which are subsequently withdrawn.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR RAY McHUGH

To arrange that the laneway at **details supplied** be completely closed, to help prevent the continuous anti social behaviour in this area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Councillor McHugh will be contacted to establish the exact location of the laneway concerned. There are 10 laneways in (*details supplied*). Once established, the extinguishment process will be initiated.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR RAY McHUGH

To call on DCC Planning Department to reject any planning request for buildings with Wooden Cladding, similar to the apartments at Drimnagh Rd/Slievebloom Rd, this design does nothing for the area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Guidelines on the use of timber cladding for exterior finishes in buildings are currently being prepared. The purpose of these guidelines is to inform and advise designers on the use of timber as a cladding on external finishes in new buildings. The main recommendation emerging from these proposed guidelines is the requirement for a timber cladding statement to be submitted at the planning application stage, which will require issues such as cleaning, maintenance, repair and refinishing of timber cladding over its lifetime to be addressed. The draft proposed guidelines were presented to the Strategic Policy Committee for Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs at its meeting of 26th February 2008. The guidelines will be finalised at the next meeting of the SPC.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR RAY McHUGH

To ask the Manager, what are the water charges arrears on schools (Primary/Secondary) in the Dublin 12 Area, and how many of these schools have installed capacity to collect and use Grey water, has the dept estimated the saving of water which would be achieved by installation in all schools of grey water collection facility.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The existing billing system does not provide information on water charges arrears by sector or postal code. If the Councillor has any particular school or schools in mind, the information may be obtained from the Rates Office (contact given below)

With regard to water conservation, as part of Dublin City Council's Water Conservation Campaign an information pack was prepared and circulated to primary schools in the city. The pack contains advice and helpful information to be utilised to raise awareness among pupils and staff alike of the importance of conserving water. Our Water Conservation Officer also visits schools to reinforce the message and to encourage the carrying out of water audits and the preparation of action plans to reduce leakage levels. Free water butts are available to schools and these can be used to collect rainwater to be used to water plants etc. in school grounds. Free "Hippo Bags" are also available to schools for use in toilet cisterns to help reduce water consumption. The term "grey water" refers to wastewater from kitchen sinks etc. that might be used for toilet flushing for example. The retrofitting of existing buildings for this purpose is both costly and difficult and there may be health risks associated with the use of grey water. It is an emerging technology and its current level of use in Ireland is minimal.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR RAY McHUGH

To call on the DCC to identify an area in Drimnagh for a recycling facility and install same as a matter of urgency.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are no suitable public sites for on street recycling units in Drimnagh at this time. Several potential private sites such as Good Counsel GAA Club were also examined but permission was not forthcoming. The nearest glass recycling banks are located at the carpark of Crumlin Shopping Centre which backs onto Drimnagh. There is also the manned recycling facility at Windmill Road, Crumlin.

The area is also served by the Green Bin collection which is the single most important recycling opportunity for householders.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

Ask the Manager for a filter light for traffic at the junction of Ringsend Road and South Lotts Road coming from town as cars currently are only able to turn right when the light goes red on Ringsend Road which means they turn into South Lotts Road when the pedestrian light shows green and for this be dealt with as a matter of urgency for pedestrian safety. Also Will you look at measures to safeguard pedestrians on the narrow footpath on Ringsend Bridge.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The matter of the filter light will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group. The area engineer will examine the issue of footpaths on Ringsend Bridge and report directly to the councillor.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

Ask the Manager to extend the replacement of internal waste and water piping where necessary to the following flat complexes: Canon Mooney Gardens, Whelan House, O'Rahilly House, George Reynolds House and Markievicz House with the work taking place in conjunction with precinct improvements.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Cost plans for Precinct Improvement Projects include an allowance for new surface water and drainage upgrading along with repairs to existing foul drainage if required. However the plans do not include the upgrading of internal waste and water pipes, the cost of which would have to be included in the planned maintenance programme. This maintenance programme for 2008 has been agreed with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the additional works requested will only be considered when the 2009 programme is being considered.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager to explain why the planning application at **(details supplied)** was validated and approved when significant information was missing from the site notice

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

That applicant is deemed to have sufficiently described the proposed development. All details of the proposed development including the provision of an additional pedestrian entrance and new proposed window are clearly shown in the submitted drawings.

It is neither a requirement of planning legislation nor customer practise to describe in detail the location of all proposed fenestration. The principle of a domestic extension was described in the site notice. The purpose of the site notice is to alert residents of a planning application. The drawings are available for public inspection at Dublin City Council Offices, Wood Quay, for anyone who wishes to inspect them.

In any event the provision of a pedestrian entrance in these circumstances is considered exempted development.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager to deal with the matter raised in the attached correspondence and photos **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The double yellow lines on both sides of this laneway are eroded in places, particularly on the eastern side, and arrangements are in hand to have them re-painted. However, most of the double yellow lines are intact and

accordingly they are enforceable. The Council's parking enforcement contractor has been requested to patrol this laneway and undertake enforcement action against any vehicle found to be illegally parked.

It appears that vehicles are regularly parked on the eastern side of the laneway only and no obstruction to through traffic was observed during recent inspections.

This lane is utilised by local businesses for loading and accordingly, clearway restrictions are not appropriate. It is not possible to erect "No Parking" signs at this location as there are no footpaths on the laneway.

Any occupier who finds vehicles obstructing access/egress to/from a premises may contact the Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, at tel. no. (01) 602 2500 to make arrangements for the removal of such vehicles.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the City Manager if he will arrange for the provision of a park bench at **details supplied.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waterways Ireland have responded by indicating that there is already a limited amount of seating on this stretch of the (details supplied). Normal practice for Waterways Ireland is to not provide additional seating on canal banks, due to lack of resources for their upkeep, and the potential for creating anti-social gathering spots.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the City Manager to provide a report on **details supplied.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is proposed to install a footpath from (**detail supplied**). The footpath will run along the perimeter of the park parallel to the railway line. Work to commence later this year.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the City Manager to provide a report on **details supplied.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

During the course of examining an application to close off the adjoining laneway the poor condition of the rear garden at (details supplied) came to the attention of the Area Office.

The property is in private ownership. Action under the Derelict Site Act or Litter Act 1997 -2003 would not be appropriate in this case. The Environmental Health Officer inspected the location on the 13th February. There was no evidence of overflowing sewage, stagnant water or an accumulation of food waste and it is therefore not considered to be a health hazard.

Dublin City Council is thus not in a position to compel the owner to remove the rubbish. However, we are making further enquiries locally with a view to meeting the owner and determining what difficulties he may be experiencing from a welfare perspective with a view to assisting him.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the City Manager to arrange to have the street sign at **details supplied** relocated.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The sign is on the correct road, and in a good state of repair. However, it is at the front of the path. In the interests of public safety and convenience it will be moved to the back of the path, closer to (details supplied).

Q.85 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the City Manager to conduct a ballot at **details supplied** for permit parking.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group with a report being prepared for future Central Area Committee.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager please supply the legislation in relation to when a developer withdraws an application after closing date of appeals/objections? Will the manager ensure a new standard letter be drawn up for when this occurs. Recent letters received by residents were confusing?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Developers can withdraw a Planning Application at any time before the decision due date, set out under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Section 3.7:

"A planning application may be withdrawn, by notice in writing, at any time before the giving of the decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the application".

We are examining the current letter with a view to re-drafting it, so as to avoid any unnecessary confusion.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Councillors at the South Central Area Committee Meeting of the 20th of February supported that Crumlin, Dublin 12 should have an IAP, including a design plan for Crumlin Village. Lack of resources, staffing and funding were the reasons why the Manager was reluctant to commit to it. Will the Manager ensure that these resources are delivered into the South Central Area Office?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The South Central Area Office has received requests for plans for different parts of the area. Crumlin Area Office is presently facilitating the

development of the Drimnagh Integrated Area Plan and has received requests for Terenure Village and Harolds Cross.

Maximising the City's Potential, A Strategy for Intensification and Height, identifies the major industrial zoned lands in the outer city as a key area which may be the subject of a framework plan. The priority area for the development of a plan in the South Central Area is the major industrial zoned lands in the N7/Walkinstown area subject to the resources being available.

The Planning Department proposes the development of a number of Village Design Statements across the city during the life of the present Dublin City Development Plan. Crumlin can be considered for inclusion as a design statement. However, it may be 2009 before this could be commenced given the other planning priorities in the wider Crumlin/Kimmage/Drimnagh/Walkinstown area.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

Would the City Manager give a breakdown of the numbers and types of provision for the homeless in the council area and does this provision meet the needs of all categories of the homeless in the city council area?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council provides accommodation for homeless persons in the following categories:

Hostel Accommodation:

- Oak House, Benburb Street. 32 single men
- Maple House, North Circular Road 34 single men
- Beech House, Amiens Street 10 couples

Transitional Accommodation:

- Pim Street 6 units
- Belvedere Road 7 units

Long Stay Low Supported Accommodation:

- Atkinson House, New Street 12 units
- Maple Apartments 9 units (7 transitional)
- Lord Edward Street 8 units

Emergency Accommodation:

The Council has sourced 50 properties in the private sector for use as emergency accommodation for homeless persons. The number of beds currently provided and client categories in these properties is as follows:

Client Category	Number of Units	Number of Beds
Single Males	197	230
Families/Single Females	330	860
Foreign Nationals - Single Male	46	73

Foreign Nationals - Families	65	143
Total:	638	1306

In addition, the Council funds 60 Homeless Voluntary Body projects/services to organisations such as Focus Ireland, Merchants Quay, Salvation Army, Simon Community, Crosscare and the Capuchin Day Centre.

Dublin City Council also operates a Night Bus to transport clients of the Homeless Persons Unit Freephone service to accommodation. Between 60 and 70 beds are reserved nightly for use by this service.

The number of homeless persons fluctuates throughout the year and the Council acknowledges that there is a shortage of appropriate accommodation for certain categories. The situation is constantly monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

Would the Manager agree that some of the proposals contained in the recent paper 'Maximising the city's potential' contravenes the City development plan and therefore goes against the already agreed plan passed by the City Councillors?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Council Development 2005-2011 sets out a new spatial strategy to steer future growth in both the inner and outer city. Under section 1.5.0 of this Plan, the strategy consists of three key initiatives:

- The expansion and consolidation of the City Centre; the continued renewal and regeneration of the city core in an eastward and westward direction.
- Prime Urban Centres; expanding and developing key suburban centres.
- Framework Development Areas; developing and regenerating key strategic areas which are situated in the inner and outer city.

Section 15.3.0 sets out the Quantitative Standards of the Development Plan and states, *"Achieving a high quality design and layout will be paramount in the acceptability of planning applications for high density schemes. High densities will be promoted throughout the City area, and in particular will be sought within a walking catchment of public transport infrastructure (approximately 500m from a QBC route and 800m from a rail terminal); major centres of employment; Prime Urban Centres, neighbourhood centres and areas in need of regeneration"*.

Section 15.6.0 of the Development Plan states that a study commissioned by Dublin City Council to examine the issue of Dublin's building height (Managing Intensification and Change: A Strategy for Dublin Building Height DEGW, 2000) identified character areas and locations within the city that would allow for large scale growth and innovation in building form. The potential siting of higher building or high intensity clusters within the city, will be planned using the principles and criteria enunciated in the study.

Since the adoption of the Development Plan, a review of the DEGW Strategy has been initiated. The review focused on the development of a policy framework to address the following key issues:

1. The scope for intensification and/or height in framework development areas (FDAs) in the inner and outer city.
2. The scope for intensification and/or height in Prime Urban Centres (PUCs).
3. The scope for intensification and/or height along new and planned public transportation corridors, in particular the Metro, although consideration has also been given to planned and potential Luas routes.
4. The scope for intensification and/or height in major underused industrial zoned lands (Z6/Z7)
5. The establishment of additional criteria to guide consideration of height enhancements in the inner and outer city, ensuring that any such proposals make a positive contribution to the city, do not damage the urban character or constitute an unwelcome precedent.

The City Council agreed at its December 2007 meeting that the discussion paper, "Maximising the City's Potential – A Strategy for Intensification and Height" would be placed on public consultation. Written submissions were to be made until 7th March 2008 but this has now been extended to the 2nd April 2008. It is also intended to hold a conference as part of this process in April, to provide the opportunity for an in-depth exploration of the issues involved in the proposed Strategy for Height and Intensification and will include the EDPIA SPC, all other elected members as well as key stakeholders in the city from business, residential, social exclusion, architectural, planning and heritage sectors.

The results of this public consultation and conference will be analysed and a comprehensive report and recommendations will be brought to the following scheduled SPC meeting and as requested to the Area Meetings.

Following this process it was intended that a decision would be made as to whether the Strategy should be incorporated into the City Development Plan as a variation to the existing policies. However following further discussion at the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 28th February 2008 and in order to bring clarity to the situation, at this stage, the City Manager will be recommending that the agreed output from the process should be consolidated into the City Development Plan by way of a variation. And as members are aware a decision on whether to proceed with a variation at that stage would be a matter for the elected members.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

Can the Manager comment on the potential effect of the downturn of the property market on the Private and Public partnerships' in regeneration areas and the effect on the tenants and local communities?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Over the past few years Dublin City Council has developed a Housing Regeneration Programme using Public Private Partnerships. All such partnerships projects are subject to EU regulation governing competitive tendering. All tenders received in this connection are assessed using objective criteria, specific to the project in question. At present, the final

phase of Fatima Mansions/Herberton PPP is underway. In addition contract negotiations are in progress in relation to a number of other PPP projects.

By their very nature our Public Private Partnerships inter alia involve the procurement, planning and construction of large-scale mixed use and mixed tenure capital developments and hence the delivery timeframe will reflect this. While the present Housing market is affected by the downturn in the economy this does not adversely affect our projects in the long term.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

Would the Manager enforce the litter act in relation to the mound of rubbish that has been left in the former ESSO Garage on the North Circular R facing St. Peters church?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Our Litter Warden inspected this site, which was the former ESSO Garage on the (details supplied), on the 27th February 2008. There is evidence of excavation having taken place at this site but it is fenced off and there are no issues in relation to the Litter Pollution Act 1997. The location will be kept under review to ensure that no clay or dirt is dragged out on to the road when works recommences.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please detail the history on the realignment of the N32 and why the change to the original proposed route to the north of the Hilton/Burnell development.

Did Dublin City Council request that Walls Holdings prepare a plan for the development based on the original proposed route.

What are the events from now to the final adoption of a route and can the manager please outline them and a timetable involved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Within the framework of the North Fringe Action Area Plan, transport studies were carried out to ascertain the transportation improvements necessary to accommodate the proposed new developments in the North Fringe. Several transport studies were carried out by both ILTP and Atkins taking account of the proposed development in both Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council where over 15,000 residential units are proposed containing approximately 35,000 new residents. These studies identified the need for a continuous new East-West Distributor Road from the existing Malahide Road westwards to the R132 Old Swords Road at Dublin Airport and the provision of a realigned Malahide Road to effectively by pass Balgriffin village. A realigned Malahide Road incorporating a road south of the Mayne River was included in the North Fringe Area Action Plan.

In November 2005 Atkins Consulting Engineers were appointed by Fingal County Council, acting on behalf of Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council, to provide engineering consultancy services for the proposed realignment of the Malahide Road, the East West Distributor Road from Balgriffin to Clonshaugh Road and the upgrade of the N32 National Primary Road.

A summary of the main design services to be provided is as follows:

- Constraints Study;
- Route Selection;
- Environmental Impact Assessment;
- Preliminary Design;
- Detailed Design;
- Contract Documentation Preparation; and
- Construction Head Office Supervision.

Atkins completed the Constraints Study in Spring 2006 and determined what constraints (physical, procedural, legal, environmental and engineering) existed that could affect the planning and design of the scheme, delay progress and influence the costs. Work on the route selection then took place over the following months with presentations to both the City and County Managers and the Area Committees in both the City Council and Fingal. This section of work culminated in a non-statutory public display between the 21st June and the 6th July 2006 of the emerging preferred route (called the Green Route).

Following on from the public consultation and the issues raised Atkins were instructed by the Steering Group Committee to examine the mitigation of the effects by considering alternative alignments or other measures. In carrying out this additional work a new route emerged known as the Orange Route. The Steering Group Committee proposed the Orange as the emerging preferred route based on environmental, traffic modelling, land use, projected scheme costs and other constraints. Details of the Orange Route were presented to the North Central Area Committee in March and June 2007.

The Planning Authority, granted planning permission for plan ref 2538/05 (Block 8 Walls Holding). Condition no 4 states "There shall be no additional planning permissions for development of additional land on the land holding of the applicant in the immediate vicinity (northern cross/ Malahide Road Business park) in the absence of master plan for these lands and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) Reason: In the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area".

In the 'Master Plan' and the 'EIS' submitted with plan ref 1127/06 and 1103/06, in both the submitted Transportation Engineers report and the architects report, a road is indicated south of the Mayne River and north of the Walls lands. However Condition no 22. of plan ref no 1127/06 states " This permission does not indicate any form of approval for the proposed Northern Cross 'master plan' and does not infer any endorsement or approval for any master plan for the area.

Reason: In the interests of clarity and the proper planning and sustainable development".

In meetings held with representatives of Walls and planning department officials in reference to the proposals for roads in the area the Dublin City Council advice has always indicated that the route selection is on-going and a matter for Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council following the appropriate statutory procedures.

The final adoption of the route will include the following stages. Timetable is outline and exact progress will be dependent on a number of factors.

1. Adoption of proposed Variation to Dublin City Council Development Plan: April 2008
2. Adoption of proposed Variation to Fingal County Council Development Plan: July 2008
3. Completion of Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Design: July 2008
4. Submission of scheme to An Bord Pleanála together with Environmental Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order for approval: October 2008
5. Oral hearing and decision by An Bord Pleanála: Early 2009

Q.93 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the Manager to investigate the possibility of extending the new stone wall being built on the Malahide road opposite Maypark, and continue the wall into Elm Mount Road replacing the old unplastered block wall. This would really enhance the entrance to both Elm Mount and Thorndale and would be greatly appreciated by the residents of both these estates.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The works which are being carried out at the wall at Malahide Road consist of the removal of the rendering from the existing stone wall at this location, exposing the stone work and minor stonework repairs where required. Resources are not currently available to permit the removal of the existing block wall and the requested construction of a new stonewall at Elm Mount Road.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the Manager to explain in detail the process in Dublin City Council for establishing priority in the allocation of Public Housing, including the allocation of "emergency housing", and to explain how applicants can establish their relative position on the "housing list" and an estimate of the probable elapsed time before a house will be allocated to them.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The purpose of the City Council's Scheme of Letting Priorities is to set out the basis for prioritising the allocation of all City Council rented dwellings to persons whose need for accommodation has been established.

In general, applicants are prioritised having regard to points or priority status awarded to applicants under the scheme. The principle of the Scheme is to provide a transparent system of housing allocation, based on the principle of giving priority to households in most acute and urgent housing need.

The Scheme provides for the award of points under a number of headings under categories such as Lack of Amenities, Sharing Facilities, Overcrowding, Size of Household and Length of Time on List. The award of points is applied in an equitable manner and applicants with higher points are deemed to be in most acute or urgent need of housing.

Housing applicants in the following categories may be considered as priority status for housing without reference to points and are considered principally on the basis of the date the priority status is awarded:

- Persons displaced by fire, flood, dangerous building
- Homeless Persons
- Persons displaced by City Council redevelopment
- Persons living in unfit accommodation
- Medical Grounds
- Exceptional Social Grounds
- Persons required to vacate Tied Accommodation
- Persons purchasing dwellings unable to afford same
- Older Persons surrendering larger accommodation
- Tenants surrendering larger accommodation in high demand areas
- Tenants of dwellings to be demolished/refurbished

The City Council informs all applicants of their points on the list or date they have been awarded priority status.

It is difficult to provide a reliable timeframe to applicants regarding the length of time they will have to wait before they are reached for an offer of accommodation. The length of time is largely dependent on the number of suitable vacancies arising within an applicants areas of preference and the overall demand for such accommodation. It is not possible to predict the number of vacancies that may arise. Nevertheless, any applicant that contacts the City Council is given a general indication of the status of their housing application and informed if they are likely to be offered accommodation in the near future.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

Regarding the coastal zone flood risk assessment study (DCFRAS) and Project 2030. To ask the Manager:

- To outline the role of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and Fingal County Council in relation to these two projects and if these two authorities were involved to drawing up the terms of reference for DCFRAS and Project 2030.
- When did Dublin City Council initiate Project 2030; was this an executive decision or were the terms of reference for Project 2030 agreed at an SPC, other committee, and/or at a Dublin City Council meeting.
- How will the final decision on the recommendations of the pre-feasibility study for Project 2030 will this be an executive or reserved function.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The DCFRAS Study commenced after the 2002 floods involved DCC and Fingal, not DLRCC as they were not at risk from coastal flooding. Fingal county was, like Dublin city, affected by the February 2002 flooding and both Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council were co-sponsors of the Dublin Coastal Flooding Protection Project (DCFPP) and both agreed the terms of reference which ran from the Martello Tower at Portmarnock as far as the Dublin city boundary with the Dun Laoire-Rathdown administrative area.

The full report went to SPC on assessment of needs and that report in relation to same mentioned

“Dublin Coastal Flooding Risk Alleviation Measures

Very severe flooding took place on 1st February 2002 as a result of a tidal surge. The Dublin Region Coastal Zone Protection Study has identified a

range of risk alleviation measures and the construction of these measures has an exceptionally high priority.”

Project 2030 is a working title for **PRE** Feasibility study as part of the DCFRAS which is essentially an hydraulic modelling exercise to determine what are the basic feasible hydraulic options which will work and should be investigated as part of a full feasibility study. It will not make general recommendations but will identify the hydraulic analysis which may provide strategic options to secure the long term flood resilience of Dublin in the face of clear and continuing climate change. It is only when these hydraulic considerations have been established as workable (or otherwise) that a full scoping can be undertaken to draw up the terms of reference for a full feasibility study which will be reported to the SPC.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the Manager for a follow up report on my Question 92 to the City Manager, 5 November 2007 regarding cleaning the banks of the River Liffey at Heuston Station. Can the Manager also supply me with an update on the proposed action plan for the River Liffey being carried out by the Planning Department.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

The issue of the cleaning of the banks of the River Liffey was dealt with by the Drainage Department in the reply to Q.92 in November 2007.

Phase 1 of the Action Plan for the Liffey Corridor, comprising a scoping exercise by the City Council interdepartmental team, has been completed. It is now proposed to appoint a consultant to proceed onto Phase 2 of the project, in order to address the potential of the River Liffey and its public domain, following the removal of Heavy Goods Vehicles from the Quays.

Drainage Division removed debris from the River Liffey at this location over a two day period in November (7th and 8th). Some additional work is planned before the end of April to remove the remaining debris when tidal and daylight conditions permit.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to trees at details supplied and say

1. if same can be pruned back as soon as possible as residents complain that they are seriously hanging over/into their properties.
2. when these trees were last pruned
3. what action can be taken to repair the footpath at details attached which is lifting due to tree root growth

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

The Parks and Landscape Services Division, Central Area, has inspected the roadside tree at **Details Supplied** and the necessary footpath repairs will be arranged as soon as the works schedule for the Roads Maintenance Division permits. It has been more than 10 years since the roadside trees at Upper Drumcondra Road have been pruned, and pruning operations are planned at this location during 2009, subject to the availability of the required resources at that time. In the short term the Parks & Landscaping Division will carryout

pruning operations on the overhanging branches referred to during the next two months.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to my previous motions raised at North Central Area Committee and say:

1. if removal of plateau at **details supplied** can be arranged at this stage due to the continuing problems caused to nearby residents during flash flooding
2. why, in response to my last motion, did the manager refer to a possible widening of the channels at along the sides of the plateau when this measure has already failed on a previous occasion at the self same plateau due to its causing a safety issue for cyclists
3. if he will agree at this stage to remove the plateau
4. if he will arrange to have an official call to householders effected and inform them when the matter will be attended to

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The plateau is an integral part of the Elm Mount Traffic Calming Scheme and so it is not planned to remove it. However, the flooding complaint will be investigated and a report will be issued direct to the councillor.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to three large euro type green bins at **details supplied** which have not been collected for over 8 weeks and arrange that same be collected without further delay as residents complain that as the bins are over-flowing the lids will not close and the paper, plactics and cans etc are strewn around the area and blowing down onto the road

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Our Litter Warden will establish who the management company for **details supplied** apartments is and he will ensure that they liaise with Oxigen in order to have these three large euro type green bins emptied.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to lane at **details supplied** and arrange to have same thoroughly cleansed as it appears there is a serious health hazard in the area with human faces being deposited at details attached as well as bottles, etc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This laneway has been inspected and is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. However, on a once off basis, Waste Management Services had the above-mentioned lane thoroughly cleaned on Monday 25th February 2008.

Anti-social behaviour in the laneway should be referred to the gardai.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the Manager have the park railings painted black at **details supplied**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The railings on the boundary of the public open space and the public road at **Details Supplied** are powder coated green and are in satisfactory condition. The repainting of these railings is not advisable both due to the nature of this finish and given the good condition of the existing railings. Hence the Parks and Landscape Services Division have no plans to carry out the repainting of these railings. There is a palisade fence on school lands, which bound the open space to the south. This fence is the property of the school who are responsible for the condition and maintenance of the fence.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the Manager give an update on the Shantalla Road upgrade and can the mini roundabout on Shantalla Road, before the bridge, be re-examined.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has issued an order to a survey company to carry out structural testing and evaluation of the carriageway on Shantalla Road. The report should indicate the structural overlay thickness required for repair of this road. The mini roundabout before the bridge will be included as part of the survey. We hope to have the survey and report completed within the next two months.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the Manager tell me if **details supplied** is down for window replacement this year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The windows in this Older Persons complex were replaced in approximately July/August 2007.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the Manager have the park railings repaired and repainted at **details supplied** and can a general clean up be done and the trees and shrubbery cut back along the walls.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The railings and planted open space at **(Details Supplied)** has been inspected by the Parks & Landscape Services Division, and no requirement for repair or painting of the powder-coated railings has been noted at this location. The pruning back of shrubs along the gable ends of houses adjoining the public open space will be carried out before the end of March 2008.

Waste Management Services have **details supplied** cleaned every Monday after the refuse has taken place there. Also the residents contact our Coolock Depot, Telephone 2227399, whenever they do a clean up in the area around the trees and shrubbery and we remove the collected rubbish for them.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager report on when will the uprooted granite road sign at entrance to Greenwood Avenue, Dublin 13 be repaired?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements are being made by the Parks & Landscape Services Division to reinstall the uprooted small granite road name sign of "Greenwood Walk" close to the entrance of Greenwood Estate. However at Greenwood Avenue the granite marker is in place without the granite support legs that are at other locations throughout the estate. The Parks & Landscape Services Division did not put these markers in place and this Division has no direct involvement for their ongoing condition and maintenance.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager review the Graffiti Removal Programme as it is not working efficiently (there is a huge build up of graffiti throughout the North Central Area) and if he will urgently reconsider allowing each Area Office have their own Graffiti Removal Team?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has provided a budget of €750,000 for the removal of graffiti in the City in 2008.

This will generally be used to remove graffiti from public property and offensive / racist graffiti from private property. A pilot scheme funded by the Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform ended in 2007 and under this scheme graffiti was being removed from private property where the permission of the building owner was obtained. A new government funded scheme has recently been awarded by Pobal and the details of this scheme is being examined at present.

In previous years a graffiti removal crew was assigned to each of the areas during the summer period and this arrangement will also apply this year from May. The details of this arrangement are being examined at present.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager report on :-

- (a) requests for the removal of unauthorised advertising facilities on and beside the boundary fence of the vacant Tayto factory on the Malahide Road (Planning Enforcement had some removed) but there are several more erected since
- (b) also unauthorised advertising facilities on the boundary fence at the entrance to Newtown Industrial estate (beside the Belcamp Inn Premises) on the Malahide Road

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- A) Further to the Councillors previous complaints regarding the erection of advertisements on the boundary fence of the vacant Tayto Factory Warning Letters have been issued to the businesses concerned under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requiring the removal of the unauthorised advertising forthwith.

Further inspections will be carried out in the coming weeks to ensure that the offending signs are removed.

- B) The issue raised regarding signage on the boundary fence at the entrance to Newtown Industrial Estate (beside the Belcamp Inn Premises) is being investigated and appropriate Enforcement action will be taken to secure the removal of any unauthorised signage at this location.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

With regard to the new Belmayne estate, residents have asked if the Manager will have the roads at the Northern Exit improved and will the Manager liaise with the Fingal County Manager to have the Mayne Road improved to facilitate access to Portmarnock Dart Station?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Malahide Road in the vicinity of the entrance to the new Belmayne Estate will be repaired in the next 6 to 8 weeks. Fingal County Council have engaged engineering consultants to carry out design work on improving Mayne Road. The consultants are currently preparing a preliminary design and an Environmental Impact statement for the realignment of the road.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to reply to the concerns raised in the attached correspondence (**details & photo's supplied**). The residents who live in and around this development have endured years of living on a building site, being unable to park outside their own homes, dust and dirt, damage to homes, road closures, traffic congestion, lack of planning enforcement and a developer who seems to have free reign to do what he wants.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

P. Elliott & Co Ltd. were granted a Road Closure Licence for Reuben Street on 13th April 2006 to the 17th April 2007 in accordance with Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993. This licence was further extended from 18th April 2007 to 17th April 2008. The temporary closure was to facilitate the construction of Fatima – Phase 2.

The conditions attached were as follow:

During the period of closure, pedestrian access will no longer be allowed through the building site. Pedestrians will be diverted from Reuben Street via the newly constructed Reuben Walk to James's Walk. This route will only be possible provided the contractor removes all trip hazards and makes safe existing gaps in the footpaths. Alternatively pedestrians can use the slightly longer route via Dolphin's Barn Street – Vauxhall Avenue – Rosary Road – Our Lady's Road to St. James's Walk.

No further conditions were attached to the Road Closure Order.

With regard to the congestion of the James Walk, both Dublin City Council and P Elliott will be monitoring the situation on a regular basis especially with regard to the parking of delivery vehicles to the development site. A site meeting will be held next week with the developer and representatives from

Traffic Department with a view to providing pedestrian crossings at either end of the site.

With reference to the point addressing the replacement of hoarding with Harris fencing, the residents of these areas agreed on a precinct improvement package for Clarkes Terrace/Colberts Fort/James Walk. P. Elliott were carrying out works on Block B (Clarkes Terrace) which is due for completion at the end of March and it was agreed that these works would be done by P. Elliott (with agreement from Roads Maintenance) on the areas in charge which are outside the site boundary. This necessitated the removal of the hoarding to ensure the seamless integration of both areas. New parking bays for these residents have been provided which are now complete and the road will be resurfaced by Roads Maintenance. These works were requested by these residents and were an acknowledgement of the disruption and inconvenience the building works produced.

In 2007 CLG on behalf of Bord Gais were working in the area and were using a stop/go system to manage the traffic. This was a separate job and not connected to the work in progress by P. Elliott. There is no stop/go system in place at present. Stop/go system is generally part of traffic management for major roadworks. Any major signage used including warning signage is required under Health and Safety Legislation.

If a subsequent Road Closure application is made by P. Elliott for Reuben Street, then Dublin City Council will be obliged to advertise the application in the local press and any objections made by the public will be taken into consideration before a decision is made by the Council.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager how many units are vacant at present in **(details supplied 1)**. Can he also consider **(details supplied 2)** for the next suitable vacancy in the complex who is on the de-tenanting list in St Teresa's Gardens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Currently there are ten units vacant at the address *(details supplied)*. All of these properties are currently with our Housing Maintenance Section for essential repair work. Once this work has been completed the units will be allocated.

The applicant *(details supplied)* is currently on the Transfer List with a total of 57 points for Areas J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore) and K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown). These points are low. Unfortunately, therefore it may be some time yet before the applicant *(details supplied)* is reached with an offer of alternative accommodation. All transfers are subject to applicants having a clear rent account at offer stage.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager what powers are available to the City Council to intervene to secure the protection of a listed building in poor condition and to prevent the collapse of that building and the neighbouring building? What action can be taken under these powers and to further ask the Manager what action has, will and can be taken to ensure the protection of **(details**

supplied) and to limit the damaging impact its current condition is having on the adjoining properties.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The powers available to Dublin City Council are set out in Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2006. These empower the Planning Authority to serve an Endangerment Notice in relation to a Protected Structure, which it considers to be endangered.

The Planning Authority has engaged a Consultant Architect to advise on the work required to prevent the structure from continuing to be endangered.

A preliminary report has been received from the Architect and the Planning Authority is at present preparing a Section 59 Notice, which requires the owner of a building to carry out necessary work to secure the building and prevent it from continuing to be an endangered building.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the Manger have funding made available for the resurfacing of the following location.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are no plans to resurface (*details supplied*) in 2008. Arrangements will be made to carry out any necessary repairs over the next 6 months.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the Manager arrange with the Gum litter Task Force to have the footpaths in the following area cleaned?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Gum Litter Taskforce was established to tackle the problem of gum litter on our streets on a partnership basis. The GLT brings together representatives of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the Chewing Gum Industry, Food and Drink Industry Ireland (FDII) Local Authorities and other agencies. It is charged with developing and driving forward the awareness and education campaign which are the main elements of the agreement with the Industry. The GLT ran a number of awareness campaigns in Dublin City and propose to run a further campaign in mid 2008 which includes a survey of locations that are heavily littered with gum. The Litter Prevention Officer will propose that Inchicore Village be included in the 2008 survey which will also involve a small stretch of the village to be cleaned.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the Manager have the footpath repaired at the location A as a matter of urgency and also have the road at location B cleaned.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Location A: GMC are carrying out works for various utilities on Kilmainham Lane. On completion of these works, GMC will reinstate the

carriageway and footpaths. The path outside location A will be reinstated as soon as possible.

Location B: Waste Management Services inspected location B on the 28th February 2008 and found it to be in a clean condition.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the Public lighting department examine location for the installation of a public lighting pole Location A and at Locations B & C could the installation of extra lighting poles be examined.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Location A

It is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to provide lighting in laneways that are used for rear access only. However, we will consider upgrading the lighting on (*details supplied*) as part of our 2009 Improvement Programme subject to finances being available.

Location B

The existing lighting on (*details supplied*) was upgraded in recent years and we consider the lighting levels to be to an acceptable standard. We have no plans at present for any further improvements.

Location C

We have investigated the lighting here and consider the levels to be to an acceptable standard. We have no plans at present for any further improvements.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues at **details supplied:**

- a) ensure that the cul de sac sign is replaced immediately, (note the stump from the old sign is a major safety hazard)
- b) request the management company from the apartment complex to ensure that the lid on the eurobin is closed at all times, to request them to get another bin as there is constantly rubbish bags left beside this bin
- c) request the street cleaners to ensure that details supplied is swept when scheduled, as it is very often missed.
- d) report on if and when cameras have been used at this location to identify illegal dumpers and what if so what the results have been
- e) to conduct a ballot for pay and display at details supplied

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (A) Replacement of the cul-de-sac sign will be referred to the Traffic Inspector
- (B) The management company has being contacted and informed of their duty of care regarding their bins
- (C) Waste Management Services had (*details supplied*) cleaned on Monday 25th February 2008. This cul de sac is scheduled to be cleaned every Monday after the refuse collection has taken place there and we will ensure that this cleaning schedule is strictly adhered to.
- (D) the covert camera was sited at this location but no evidence was forthcoming from it's use at the location but the camera can be resited in the future if requested

(E) This matter will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group with a report prepared for future Central Area Committee.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to outline his future plans/proposals for **details supplied**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are currently no major plans/proposals for works to (details supplied).

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask City Manager

a) to survey the wiring and fuse boxes in Markievicz House flats, and carry out all necessary work as a matter of urgency.

b) for an update on Markievicz House Precinct Improvement Scheme and when can residents expect work to commence.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(A) All electrical complaints and repair requests are dealt with as they arise and as a matter of urgency. There are no plans to survey the wiring and fuse boxes in all dwellings in this complex. Surveys of this nature are only carried out as part of an overall refurbishment programme.

However if the Councillor, or an individual tenant, wishes to identify a specific flat where there are electrical repairs required, this matter will be dealt with without delay.

B) A report was commissioned to consider the refurbishment options for Markievicz House. The report has been completed and is currently being evaluated. No decision yet has been made in relation to the preferred option and it is therefore not possible to give an indicative timeframe for the Precinct Improvement works

Q.119 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the City Manager for an update on the proposed Digges Street football pitch development and a date for when the work will commence.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The procurement process for this project is almost complete. It is anticipated that the construction period will be 10 to 12 weeks from the date that the work commences.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the City Manager for an update on the proposal to build Traveller accommodation on the Pigeon House Rd halting site.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Councillor is aware that the site on Pigeon House Road was illegally occupied until January of this year when DCC staff got the illegal occupants to vacate it. The site has since been fully secured against further trespass.

A Consultant has been appointed to facilitate the removal/rerouting of the ESB cable from the site. It is also proposed to invite tenders for the construction of the six houses on the site. The Councillor will be informed of the timescales for both as soon as this information is to hand.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the City Manager to ensure that during the period of competitive engagement that all attempts are made to maximise the number of social units that will be in the final agreement for the redevelopment of Tom Kelly Road flats.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Agreed. The objective of Dublin City Council and the existing community in relation to the proposed Charlemont Street Regeneration Project is to maximise the site's potential in a manner which is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable and facilitates the delivery of an appropriate mix of high quality Social, Affordable and Private residential units together with community facilities. Dublin City Council is committed to meeting this objective and throughout the Competitive Dialogue Process will provide potential developers with a list of required social and community infrastructure.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager please comment on the Fold Ireland development on Ballygall Road East with reference to the following:

1. When will the green area in West Park Drive be restored to its original state following construction?
2. Is the City Council currently putting any pressure on the contractor or Fold Ireland to have this work carried out as promised?
3. Is the City Council taking enforcement action against the contractor for not carrying out this work?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The green area in question was used as a site compound by the developer during the construction of the new senior citizen's facility at Ballygall Road East.

The area has been grassed. However a minor section of the grass area requires further improvement works. This work will be carried out in the coming weeks. No planting of shrubs is proposed as previously, the old shrubbery facilitated dumping of beer cans and syringes.

No enforcement action is required.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager please say what allocation has been provided this year for tree pruning, how this compares with other recent years, if a copy of the pruning schedule for the northside of the city can be provided, and if he will explain the decline in activity this year, give a commitment for considerably increased funding in future years and say why so little is provided when there is a huge pent-up demand for pruning in many areas where there has been

little pruning and a huge need in many areas where inappropriately large trees were planted over the years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following areas are scheduled for Roadside Tree Pruning operations during 2008 for the North Central Area. The budget for these works is €20,000 from Parks & Landscape Services Division Estimates with additional funding from the North Central Area resources. The level of pruning works in the North Central Area is similar to recent years, however additional specific resources are being sought to enable a broader pruning programme to take place in 2009.

- Grace Park Meadows
- Grace Park Heights
- Belmont Estate
- Tuscany Downs
- Springdale Road
- Foxfield Road,
- Cedar Walk
- Manor Drive
- Ardara Avenue
- Grangemore Crescent
- Coolgreena Road
- Cooleen Avenue
- Coolrua Drive
- Collinswood Estate
- Mount Prospect Ave.
- Stump removal in North Central East District.

The tree pruning budget for the City is a combination of provision made in the Parks division estimates and allocations provided by the 5 area offices. The total allocation for tree pruning in the City in 2008 is approximately €150,000 which is broadly similar to that expended in 2007. There will be no decline in street tree pruning works in 2008 but given the level of requests received in recent years it is not possible to adequately respond to all tree pruning requests received. When preparing estimates for 2009 priority will be given to a significant increase in tree pruning allocation.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager please report on the criteria that the RAS Section use for the letting of properties, if they are operating under the same standards as the Social Housing Section as it appears that there are differences, especially in relation to 2 bed apartments/house?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The RAS section does endeavour to mirror the same standards as our social housing section in the letting of RAS properties.

With specific regard to 2 bedroom units of accommodation, both the social housing and the RAS section operate a policy, that where there is a family of 1 adult and 2 children of different sexes, that if one of these children is over the age of 9 then they will qualify for a 3 bedroom unit of accommodation.

There are however some exceptional circumstances where the RAS unit cannot enforce these criteria. These circumstances generally tend to be when a landlord has served notice on a RAS tenant to vacate a RAS property for the purposes of selling his/her property. In these particular cases the landlord only has to give the tenant a notice period of a minimum of 28 days in some circumstances. These notice periods are laid down in legislation (Residential Tenancies Act 2004), and vary dependent on the length of time the tenant has resided in the property. In these circumstances the RAS unit try to re-house the tenant within their preference area and in accordance with their needs, however given the limited time periods Dublin City Council will not always have suitable accommodation available. Where no suitable accommodation is available we offer the closest we have to it as a temporary measure until we can source appropriate accommodation.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager please examine the traffic situation and pedestrian numbers on the road (details supplied) and say if (1) POS signals (1) pedestrian refuge can be installed in order to assist school going children/pedestrians to cross this busy road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter has been referred to Traffic Advisory Group for examination and recommendation,

Q.126 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the manager prune the trees on Pinewood Crescent?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Tree pruning is not required at present.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the manager move the bin that is currently hidden behind the bus shelter at **(details supplied)** to the southern side of the bus shelter, so that it is easily seen and more likely to be used?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services moved this litter bin to the southern side of the bus stop on the 26th February 2008.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

Ask the Manager to take immediate action to introduce in consultation with local residents a traffic management plan which would prevent the current gridlock on Londonbridge Road that starts at the East Link Bridge and backs up all the way up Sean Moore Road, Church Avenue, Londonbridge Road and Bath Avenue. Will he take the short term measures 1. Yellow box on Londonbridge to prevent vehicles going on to the bridge when traffic is already blocked on the other side then causing a traffic jam in both directions. Provide a half yellow box on exit from the lane on Londonbridge Road, also at Ennis Grove and Londonbridge Drive. Residents at these locations can be up to 15 mins or longer to exit or enter their road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An investigation will be carried out of the footpaths on the approach to the bridge and the possibility of footpath narrowing will be examined. The provision of additional yellow boxes is not recommended at this time.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

In relation to **(details supplied)** will the Manager:

- (a) Report on the ownership of a house
- b) Indicate if the Council has any future plans for this particular property
- (c) Provide a breakdown of the amount spent on the house to date.
- (d) And outline the general policy of the Council in relation repurchasing property

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(a) The property has been in the ownership of Dublin City Council since 19/12/2007.

(b) The property after refurbishment will become part of the housing stock of Dublin City Council and will be allocated under the usual terms and conditions.

(c) Dublin City Council paid €315,000 for the property and the cost of remedial works is estimated at €22,882.

(d) The general policy in relation to house purchase (which includes repurchased) is as follows:

- House purchases are spread throughout the city as far as possible.
- As far as possible, not more than 15% of the houses on any one road will be purchased by Dublin City Council.
- Dublin City Council will not purchase houses where shared ownership applicants are interested in the houses.
- Dublin City Council will not purchase at all in areas where to do so would exacerbate existing social imbalance.
- Dublin City Council will not purchase houses with excessive repairs or with unauthorised or substandard extensions.
- Prospective tenants of these houses are subject to vetting and it is our policy not to make an allocation if Dublin City Council are of the view that to do so would be contrary to good estate management. (The Housing Allocations Section and the Area Offices are notified in good time of these purchases to enable them to carry out adequate checks on the prospective tenants for these houses.)

€450,000 is the current maximum purchase price that Dublin City Council will pay for a house under this scheme

Q.130 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the manager arrange for the damaged railings at **(details supplied)** to be reinstated and will he outline the plans and time scale for works for the area where there are currently boulders.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The railings at (details supplied) is among a number of locations where railings have been vandalised recently. Repairs were carried out at (details supplied) to make the railings safe. There is no finance currently available to reinstate the railings. There are no plans to develop the area where the boulders are.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the Manager if he is aware of any plans for a bus lane on the Lucan Rd.(northside) Chapelizod and to say that the residents would vehemently oppose such a plan.The stretch of roadway is far too short and within yards a bus would have to attempt to merge again into the ceaseless convoys of cars thus making a bus lane completely unproductive.Instead what is needed is a proper assessment of the traffic chaos that engulfs Chapelizod every day and develop a set of strategic solutions.

Whatever happened to the Chapelizod Bypass?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The QBNPO is currently preparing a design to provide an into-town bus lane on Lucan Road between the West County Hotel and a point approximately 100 metres east of Belgrove Park. This Scheme will include the provision of a bus gate at its eastern end to allow the buses to get ahead of the general traffic queue on the approach to Chapelizod Bridge. This section of the Lucan QBC is one of the last remaining bottlenecks for buses which has to be dealt with.

The scheme will be subject to the normal consultation procedures with the Area Committee and the public.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Progress is being made on reducing the deaths on our roads in Ireland and in Dublin city through a variety of initiatives including; high profile TV advertising campaigns, speed cameras, more traffic police on our roads. New in-car technologies also have a role to play. Trials in Sweden and in other European countries show that in-car Intelligent Speed Adaptation (ISA) technologies which either advise on when a vehicle is breaking a speed limit or controls the speed of the vehicle, can save up to 20% of road traffic incidents.

Has Dublin City Council investigated the benefits of using ISA technology and if yes, what were the conclusions from their assessment? Has the council plans to introduce ISA technologies to vehicles owned and managed by the council? If yes, in what timeframe?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council has no plan to introduce Intelligent Speed Adaptation (ISA) technology to our vehicle fleet as ISA is not currently available in Ireland. The City Council however has an extensive training programme for its drivers and a Drivers Handbook outlining best practise in driving activities, including safety has been issued to all drivers in 2007.

The setting of vehicle standards including requirements for ISA technology is a matter for the Department of Transport and this matter has been referred to

that Department for comment. A reply will be issued to the Councillor on receipt of these comments.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

The aim of demand responsive public transport (DRT) services is to develop and improve public transport services in rural, commuter and urban areas and to improve public transport services to particular passenger categories, such as the elderly, disabled and schoolchildren as well as general public.

Important objectives are to reduce operating costs of public transport services (e.g. having fixed bus routes where there is insufficient use of capacity), increase current service levels and increase levels of accessibility.

Has Dublin City Council investigated the benefits of using DRT schemes and if yes, what were the conclusions from their assessment? Has the council plans to introduce DRT schemes to the Greater Dublin Area? If yes, in what timeframe?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Decisions on bus routes and bus schedules are a matter for the Department of Transport and the bus operators and this matter has been referred to that Department for comment. A reply will be issued to the Councillor on receipt of these comments.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

In relation to the Westwood and Bar Code facilities in Clontarf, can the Manager deal with the following:

- are all matters under the Health & Safety legislation fully complied with in respect of all activities at this location? When was the last inspection carried out at this location and what was the outcome of that inspection?

- are all matters under the Food Hygiene regulations fully complied with at this location? When was the last inspection carried out at this location and what was the outcome of that inspection?

- can the Manager clarify if any review is being carried out by Dublin City Council regarding the traffic and safety issues at this location? The premises exit directly onto a main road at a very busy junction and traffic chaos is the norm at the entrance. Indeed, traffic is often backed up on this main road directly as a result of the entrance into the Westwood complex. This is clearly unsafe and unacceptable and an urgent review of traffic management at this entrance is required.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(a & b) Health and Safety is the remit of the Health and Safety Authority and food hygiene is the remit of the HSE. Dublin City Council has no statutory function in relation to these issues.

(c) In 2004, the traffic layout on the Clontarf Road between the railway bridge and junction with the Howth Road was revised and included a right turn slip lane into the Westwood Club. A recent inspection was carried out at this location and as a result the provision of a yellow box at the entrance to Westwood Club, Clontarf Road, has been referred to TAG.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

In relation to bike-scrambling in the area between the Alfie Byrne road and the seafront can the Manager answer the following:

- is scrambling on the pitches in this area legal or illegal?
- is scrambling on the pedestrian pathway running from the Clontarf Road to this area legal or illegal?
- what tools can the local authority use in this context to regulate this activity which is damaging a newly-relaid "limestone fines" pathway and some of the green areas?
- is Dublin City Council liable if a scrambler hits a pedestrian on this pathway?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Motorbike scrambling on any public open space is not permitted under the parks and open spaces byelaws and the Park Warden Service and Gardai are frequently requested by parks maintenance staff to deal with this ongoing problem incidence of this activity at the public open space at Alfie Byrne Road.

The problem is particularly acute following the Christmas period and is very frequent at this open space. It is apparent that there is a level of organised and informal activity, which is taking place without the approval of Dublin City Council at the location. Plans are in place to erect additional railings at the open space to try to prevent access for such vehicles through the East Wall Water Sports complex.

Given that Dublin City Council takes all reasonable efforts to prevent the use of this area for scrambling and to make pedestrians safe on the pathway, it is unlikely that Dublin City Council could have any liability.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

To ask the Manager to sympathetically view the predicament that my constituent finds himself in? Will he now agree to pay his fees in full given the crisis he now finds himself in as a goodwill gesture and will he make a statement on my request? **(Details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The above grant/fees application has been assessed by the Higher Education Grants Section. This section has contacted the applicant in question and all outstanding issues have been resolved directly with the individual. The Councillor has been advised of the position.

APPENDIX B

LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

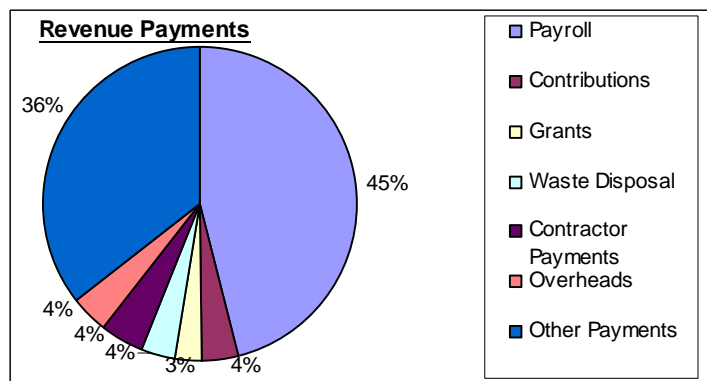
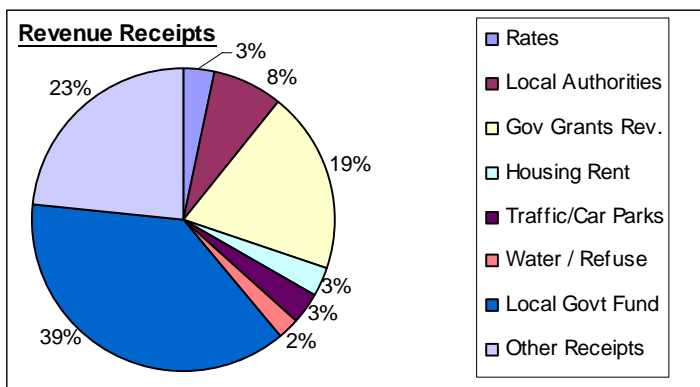
26th December 2007 - 25 JANUARY 2008

Balance	Debit		22,809,984
Payments during period		123,839,024	
Receipts during period		164,076,159	
Difference	Credit		40,237,135
Balance	Credit		17,427,151

The above analysis sets out the movement between payments and receipts over the period 26th December to 25 January 2008. Total receipts amounted to € 164.0m with payments of €123.8m, leaving a net Receipts difference of €40.2m.

Analysis of Revenue Receipts & Payments January 2008

Receipts	%	This period	25/01/2008	Payments	%	This period	25/01/2008
Rates	3.21%	2,077,697	2,077,697	Payroll	46.05%	30,108,286	30,108,286
Housing Rent	3.23%	2,090,867	2,090,867	Contractor Payments	4.42%	2,890,316	2,890,316
Shared Ownership	2.94%	1,904,064	1,904,064	Local Authorities	6.31%	4,123,307	4,123,307
Other Housing Receipts	5.05%	3,268,929	3,268,929	Grants	2.73%	1,783,485	1,783,485
Gov Grants Rev.	19.31%	12,499,795	12,499,795	Rent/Rates	0.90%	589,525	589,525
Water/Refuse	2.38%	1,540,173	1,540,173	Fees Payable	2.93%	1,918,198	1,918,198
Local Gov Fund	37.65%	24,372,077	24,372,077	Overheads	4.07%	2,663,302	2,663,302
Traffic/Car Parks	3.21%	2,077,893	2,077,893	Computer Purch/Maint	1.23%	804,765	804,765
Clamping	0.38%	245,011	245,011				0
Local Authorities	7.62%	4,932,776	4,932,776	Contributions	3.71%	2,424,202	2,424,202
Superannuation	1.29%	837,473	837,473	Utilities	7.28%	4,762,528	4,762,528
Other Debtors	9.11%	5,894,722	5,894,722	Vehicle Equipment Hire	4.81%	3,146,518	3,146,518
Planning Fees	0.54%	350,659	350,659	Equipment Vehicle/Materials	2.72%	1,780,771	1,780,771
City Estate Rental	0.15%	99,998	99,998	Waste Disposal	3.52%	2,301,160	2,301,160
Administration	3.93%	2,543,000	2,543,000	Stores	1.80%	1,173,752	1,173,752
Total Receipts	100.00%	64,735,134	64,735,134	Personal/Property Awards	2.36%	1,544,590	1,544,590
				Site Clearance	-0.02%	-13,727	-13,727
				Installations	0.52%	339,876	339,876
				Relocation of Utilities	0.09%	56,071	56,071
				Insurance	0.04%	23,453	23,453
				Clamping	2.30%	1,502,918	1,502,918
				Administration	2.23%	1,460,519	1,460,519
				Total Payments	100.00%	65,383,816	65,383,816



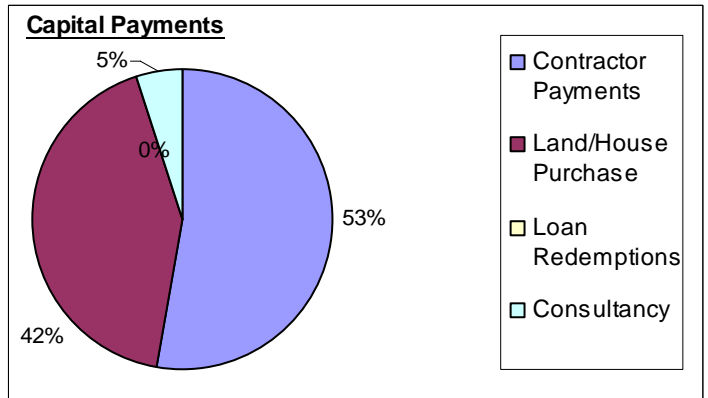
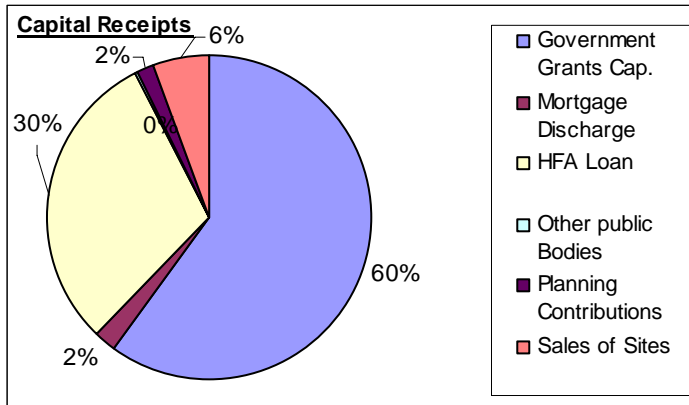
Revenue receipts for the period amounted to €64.7m with Revenue Payments of €65.3m. Included in Revenue receipts are Government Grants of €12.4m including Homeless Policy €4.5m, Dept of Education re VEC Recoupment €2.0m and Higher Education Grants of €4.0m.

Included in the Revenue Payments is €30.1m for Payroll.

Analysis of Capital Receipts & Payments January 2008

Receipts	%	This period	Cumulative to 25/01/2008	Payments	%	This period	25/01/2008
Mortgage Discharge	2.47%	2,453,236	2,453,236	Contractor Payments	52.64%	30,772,461	30,772,461
Government Grants Cap.	59.87%	59,480,388	59,480,388	Land/House Purchase	42.26%	24,702,428	24,702,428
Other Public Bodies	0.22%	218,389	218,389		0.00%	0	0
Planning Contributions	1.51%	1,502,231	1,502,231	Consultancy	5.10%	2,980,318	2,980,318
HFA Loan	30.23%	30,034,138	30,034,138	Loan Charges/Redemptions	0.00%	-	0
Sale of Sites/Apartments	5.69%	5,652,644	5,652,644				
Total Receipts	100.00%	99,341,025	99,341,025	Total Payments	100.00%	58,455,207	58,455,207

Capital receipts for the period amounted to €99.3m with capital payments of €58.4m. Capital Grants received were €59.5m, of which €14.3m related to Dublin Transport Office and €7.2m related to National Road Authority and €36m grants under Housing Schemes.



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