

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Miosuil a tionóladh ar an **7ú Eanáir 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
Clare Byrne
Eibhlín Byrne
Eric Byrne
Julia Carmichael
Brendan Carr
Anne Carter
Joan Collins
Michael Conaghan
Ray Corcoran
Michael Donnelly
Daithi Doolan
Dessie Ellis

Comhairleoir :

Mary Fitzpatrick
Declan Flanagan
Killian Forde
Mary Freehill
John Gallagher
Deirdre Heney
Kevin Humphreys
Vincent Jackson
Nicky Kehoe
Liam Kelly
John Kenny
Sean Kenny
Dermot Lacey
Bronwen Maher
Sean Paul Mahon
Paddy McCartan

Comhairleoir

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

Oifigigh

John Tierney
Philip Maguire
Matt Twomey
Ciaran Murray
Michael Stubbs
Ciaran McNamara

Michael Phillips
Kathy Quinn
Frank Kelly
Terence O'Keeffe
Mary Pyne
Vincent Norton

Mairead Stack
Oonagh Casey
Ollie Douglas
Carmel Walsh
Joanne Travers

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by wishing a Happy New Year to all and reminded the Members that the deadlines for submitting Donation Statements and Ethics Declaration Forms to the City Manager's Department is the 31st January and 29th February, respectively. He then announced that Dublin City would be awarded 'Fair Trade Mark, Ireland' in February 2008 and he congratulated Councillor Eric Byrne, Chairman, and the members of the Steering Committee, particularly Ms Carol

Finlay, for the hard work and commitment that went into achieving this important goal.

2. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 108 questions lodged for the City Council meeting of the 7th January 2008 were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Submitted Letter dated 8th November 2007 from the KWCD (Kimmage/Walkinstown/Crumlin/Drimnagh) Partnership. There is a new partnership being set up and this comprises of three elected members. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
4. Submitted Letter dated 30th November 2007 from Macroom Town Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their November Meeting calling on the Minister for Health to introduce a system of reporting in the Health Service which will ensure that when problems arise, they are brought to the attention of the relevant persons, up to and including the Minister and that the response is pro-active rather than re-active. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Letter dated 3rd December 2007 from Monaghan Town Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their November Meeting calling on the HSE to withdraw their decision of 17th September whereby pharmacies will be paid less than the cost price for medicines from 1st December onwards. Members called on the HSE to suspend their decision on this matter and re-enter negotiations to find a solution to this serious situation. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
6. Submitted Letter dated 11th December 2007 from Monaghan County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at a recent Meeting requesting that their members support the campaign to accord national honours to Thomas Kent and have his remains re-interred in a more appropriate and significant location. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
7. Submitted Letter dated 11th December 2007 from Galway City Council conveying the terms of resolution passed at their November Meeting requesting the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to introduce a ban on all detergents, powders, etc. containing phosphates because of damage this is doing to fish and plant life in Lough Corrib. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Letter dated 13th December 2007 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in response to a motion agreed at the Adjourned Monthly Meeting of Council in November seeking the introduction of a returnable deposit scheme for specified beverage containers. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

9. Submitted Letter dated 13th December 2007 from the Department of Social and Family Affairs in response to a motion agreed at the Monthly Meeting of City Council in December in relation to the habitual residence condition. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
10. The minutes of the Budget Meeting held on the 26th November 2007 and of the monthly meeting held on the 3rd December 2007, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
11. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Fitzpatrick "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.
12. Appointment of 3 Councillors to a new Partnership for the Kimmage, Walkinstown, Crumlin, Drimnagh and Terenure areas (see Item 3a in that regard). The following Councillors' names were proposed for membership to the Partnership for the Kimmage, Walkinstown, Crumlin, Drimnagh and Terenure Areas :
 - Councillor Eric Byrne, proposed by Councillor K. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor M. Freehill
 - Councillor C. Ardagh, proposed by Councillor J. Carmichael and seconded by Councillor Tom Stafford
 - Councillor R. Mc Hugh, proposed by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhálaigh.All 3 motions were put and carried.
13. To appoint a suitable person to be a member of the City Council to replace former Councillor Ann-Marie Martin who resigned from the City Council and the appointment of a member to each of the following boards/committees:
 - Dublin 12 Drugs Task Force
 - Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs Strategic Policy CommitteeCouncillor G. Breen proposed the following motion "That Mr Ruairi McGinley be co-opted as a member of Dublin City Council and also that he be appointed to the Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee". The motion, having been seconded by Councillor E. Wynne, was put and carried. The City Council agreed to defer the appointment of a Member to the Dublin 12 Drugs Task Force until the next monthly meeting to be held on the 4th February 2008. Councillor McGinley then joined the meeting and was warmly welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Councillors and staff.
14. To appoint a suitable person to the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee to replace Councillor Louise Minihan, who resigned from that Committee. It was proposed by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Ellis " That Councillor L. O'Toole be appointed as a member of Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee" The motion was put and carried.
15. To appoint a suitable person to be a member of the City Council to replace former Councillor Nicky Kehoe who resigned from the City Council and the appointment of a member to the following committee:
 - Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy CommitteeCouncillor C. Burke proposed the following motion "That Mr Seamas McGrattan be co-opted as a member of Dublin City Council and also that he be appointed to the

Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee". The motion, having been seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole, was put and carried. Councillor McGrattan then joined the meeting and was warmly welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Councillors and staff.

16. To appoint a suitable person to replace Councillor Vincent Jackson on the following Committees:
 - Protocol and Selection Committee
 - Board of the Royal Irish Academy of Music

The City Council agreed to defer the appointment of a member to the Protocol and Selection Committee until the next monthly meeting to be held on the 4th February 2008. It was proposed by Councillor K. Humphries and seconded by Councillor A. Carter "That Councillor E. Costello be appointed as a member of the Board of the Royal Irish Academy of Music" The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No. 12/2008 of Director of Traffic/City Engineer (*M. Phillips*) – With further Reference to Maximum Allowable East Link Toll Rates 2008. Mr Michael Phillips, Director of Traffic, clarified the position in relation to the calculation of the increase in the Toll rates. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 12/2008". The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No. 3/2008 of Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) – Arts Funding 2008. It was noted by Councillor M. Freehill and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 3/2008 and approves the Arts Funding for 2008 as set out therein". The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed to invite the Dublin Theatre Festival and the Dublin Fringe Festival to make a presentation to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee.
19. Submitted Report No. 4/2008 of Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) – Dublin City Bio-Diversity Action Plan 2008 – 2012. It was moved by Councillor B. Maher and seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 4/2008 and adopts the Dublin City Bio-Diversity Action Plan 2008 – 2012". The motion was put and carried. The Members of the City Council complimented the Manager and staff for the production of an excellent report and welcomed the initiatives contained therein.
20. Submitted Report No. 5/2008 of Chairperson of the Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Tom Stafford*) – Draft Litter Management Plan 2008 – 2011. The report was welcomed by the Members. The City Manager, the Assistant City Manager and the staff were congratulated on the excellence of the report. The increase in the number of Litter Wardens was welcomed as it was felt that enforcement was a key factor in the future success of the plan. The contribution that could be made by the business community was stressed. Other issues such as chewing gum, dog fouling, cigarette ends and general litter, particularly at take-aways and pubs were highlighted and the need for further Bye-Laws to deal with these issues. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor E. Costello "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 5/2008 and approves the initiation of the statutory consultation process in relation to the Draft Plan and that written submissions be invited". The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 36/2008 of the Executive Manager (*V. Norton*) – Amendment to Standing Orders. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 36/2008 and approves the amendment to Standing Orders as outlined in the report". The motion

was put and carried. It was agreed that 'Committee Chair' referred 'Area Committee Chair'

22. Submitted Report No. 11/2008 of the Executive Manager (*C. Dunne*) – With reference to the disposal of the fee simple interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 16 premises. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 11/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 17/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the granting of a lease of a community building and car park at 31A Crumlin Road, Dublin 12 to Crumlin Lower Advancing Youth Group Ltd. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 17/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No. 18/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Earls court, Reuben Street, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 18/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No. 19/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the disposal of an affordable house at No. 20 Griffith Heights, Finglas East, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 19/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 20/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Seven Oaks, Sarsfield Road, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 20/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 21/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground to the rear of 651, Collins Avenue Extension, Dublin 9, to Mr. Ciaran Byrne and Mr. Jude Byrne. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 21/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No. 22/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the disposal of 5 affordable apartments at Mount St. Anne’s, Milltown, Dublin 6. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 22/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No. 23/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Burnell Square, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No .23/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No. 24/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - Proposed grant of a lease of Rooms Nos. 13 and 14 on the first floor in the Goldenbridge Integrated Services Complex to the Health Service Executive, Oak House, Limetree

Avenue, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 24/2008". The motion was put and carried.

31. Submitted Report No. 25/2008 of Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - Proposed disposal of a plot of ground at rear of 2 St Aidan's Park Avenue, Marino, to Patricia Angela Foster, 2 St Aidan's Park Ave, Marino, Dublin 3. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 25/2008". The motion was put and carried.
32. Submitted Report No. 26/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Mount St. Anne's, Milltown, Dublin 6. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 26/2008". The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Report No. 27/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to a proposed exchange of lands - land adjoining 283 Cappagh Road in exchange for land adjoining 831 Ratoath Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 – Patricia and Damien Maguire. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 27/2008". The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No. 28/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in the plot adjacent 32 Botanic Road, Dublin 9 to Austin Kelly and Kathleen Kelly c/o Richard Dennehy & Co Solicitors, 189a Botanic Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 28/2008". The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No. 29/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a lease of the premises No. 50 Meath Street, Dublin 8 to HB Quinlan Locksmiths. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 29/2008". The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No. 30/2008 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of Dublin City Councils fee simple interest in the former laneway adjoining No. 32 Downpatrick Road, Dublin 12 to Mary Kershaw. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 30/2008". The motion was put and carried.
37. Submitted Report No. 31/2008 of the Managing Director of Ballymun Regeneration Ltd (*C. Murray*) - Proposed disposal of a site at Balbutcher Lane adjacent to St. Joseph's School to Timeen Developments or its nominees. It was moved by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 31/2008". The motion was put and carried.
38. Under the Disposal items on the Agenda Paper, the City Council agreed to a request by Councillor M. Freehill that a report on 'Affordable Housing Procedures' be made to the next meeting of the Housing, Social & Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee.

39. At this point, the City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take 3 Emergency Motions submitted as follows :-

1. In the name of Councillor A. Ó'Riordáin

"That the City Manager agrees to meet as a matter of urgency with key educational organisations including the CPSMA, the INTO and the IPPN in order to minimise the impact of the introduction of school water charges on the potential for Dublin City's schools to deliver a quality educational service for children.

That this council agrees to implement a comprehensive waiver scheme that will make DEIS schools and schools for children with special needs exempt from the introduction of school water charges."

2. In the names of Councillors C. Burke and D. Ellis

That this City Council calls on the Government to grant aid schools that will have to pay water charges and that a wavier scheme be introduced to remove any outstanding arrears for schools in the City of Dublin.

3. In the name of Councillor M. Conaghan,

"Given the deadline for public consultation (end of January 2008) on the new LUAS line from Lucan to the city centre the Council calls on the Manager to intervene and suggest a route variation to the RPA (Railway Procurement Agency).

This route variation would see the LUAS serve all of Ballyfermot (instead of diverting away from Ballyfermot at a point half way through the suburb and traversing a large industrial estate and a long stretch of the canal either of which have a residential presence as is being currently proposed by the RPA)

The alternative suggested route variation would see the LUAS line stay on the main Ballyfermot Road and continue straight on to Sarsfield Road thereby serving all of Lower Ballyfermot, The Ranch, Sevenoaks and CIE Estate, Inchicore. In addition this new suggested route could serve all the big new apartment developments, e.g. the Clancy site, the Old Chocolate Factory site, etc."

The City Council agreed to a request by Councillor O'Riordan that the emergency motion in his name be withdrawn. The following emergency motion was then proposed by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Ellis "That this City Council calls on the Government to grant-aid schools that will have to pay water charges and that a wavier scheme be introduced to remove any outstanding arrears for schools in the City of Dublin"

At this time, it was also agreed by the City Council to take motions in the names of Councillors E. Wynne and R. Mc Hugh standing at Items no 42 and 43, respectively, on the Agenda Paper as these motions related to the same issue. A debate followed during which the following points were made by Councillors : -

- that water charges were grossly unfair on schools where finances were already stretched
- that the EU has no role in forcing schools to pay water charges
- that, under the Constitution, education is supposed to be free
- that parents have to raise funds to supplement Government Grants
- that schools are currently under-funded
- that there is merit in charging for over-usage of scarce resources

- that schools should be encouraged to conserve water

An amendment to Emergency Motion no 2 was then proposed by Councillor R. McGinley by the addition of the words 'funded by the Government' and a further amendment was then proposed by Councillor J. Carmichael as follows 'and that this City Council requests a meeting with the Minister for Education & Science to discuss a resolution to the proposed implementation of proposed water charges through either/or :

- a. Government Grant aid
or
- b. A Waiver Programme for schools - funded by Government
and
- c. A Conservation Programme to be included as part of the structure of (a) and/or (b) above'

The City Council unanimously agreed to the amendment proposed by Councillor McGinley and seconded by Councillor G. Breen. The amendment proposed by Councillor Carmichael was seconded by Councillor T. Stafford, put to a vote and passed by 22 'for' and 12 'against'. The substantive motion was then put to the Council by the Lord Mayor as follows :-

"That this City Council calls on the Government to grant aid schools that will have to pay water charges and that a wavier scheme be introduced, funded by the Government, to remove any outstanding arrears for schools in the City of Dublin and that this City Council requests a meeting with the Minister for Education & Science to discuss a resolution to the proposed implementation of proposed water charges through either/or :

- a) Government Grant aid
or
- b) A Waiver Programme for schools - funded by Government
and
- c) A Conservation Programme to be included as part of the structure of (a) and/or (b) above"

Councillor C. Burke then proposed the motion, it was seconded by Councillor J. Carmichael and unanimously agreed by the City Council.

40. It was then proposed by Councillor E. Wynne and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That the City Manager review water charges as they apply to already financially over-burdened schools that are already making strong efforts on environmental issues, especially in light of EU Commission comments pertaining to this issue" The motion was put and carried.
41. The City Council also agreed to a request by Councillor R. McHugh that the motion standing in his name at Item no 43 on the Agenda Paper be withdrawn as it had wider application than just schools and, as such, was no longer compatible with the agreed Emergency Motion no 2 and Motion No 42.
42. The City Council agreed to the continued suspension of Standing Orders to agree the Emergency Motion submitted by Councillor M. Conaghan without debate : -
"Given the deadline for public consultation (end of January 2008) on the new LUAS line from Lucan to the city centre, the Council calls on the Manager to intervene and suggest a route variation to the RPA (Railway Procurement Agency).

This route variation would see the LUAS serve all of Ballyfermot (instead of diverting away from Ballyfermot at a point half way through the suburb and traversing a large industrial estate and a long stretch of the canal either of which have a residential presence as is being currently proposed by the RPA)

The alternative suggested route variation would see the LUAS line stay on the main Ballyfermot Road and continue straight on to Sarsfield Road thereby serving all of Lower Ballyfermot, The Ranch, Sevenoaks and CIE Estate, Inchicore. In addition this new suggested route could serve all the big new apartment developments, e.g. the Clancy site, the Old Chocolate Factory site, etc.”

43. Submitted Report No. 37/2008 of the Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of meeting held on 27th November 2007 - *Chairperson, Councillor Daithí Doolan*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 37/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
44. Submitted Report No. 9/2008 of the Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of meeting held on 3rd December 2007 - *Chairperson, Councillor Tom Stafford*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 9/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
45. Submitted Report No. 7/2008 of the Housing, Social and Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of meeting held on 4th December 2007 - *Chairperson, Councillor Eric Byrne*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 7/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
46. Submitted Report No. 13/2008 of the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of meeting held on 13th December 2007 - *Chairperson, Councillor Sean Kenny*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 13/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
47. Submitted Report No. 8/2008 of the Financial Development and General Strategic Policy Committee – Breviate of meeting held on 5th December 2007 - *Chairperson, Councillor Michael Donnelly*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 8/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
48. Submitted Report No. 15/2008 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 2007 – *Councillor Ray Corcoran, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 15/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
49. Submitted Report No. 33/2008 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 2007 – *Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 33/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
50. Submitted Report No. 32/2008 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 2007 – *Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 32/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
51. Submitted Report No. 10/2008 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 2007 – *Councillor Mary Freehill, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City

Council notes the contents of Report No. 10/2008". The motion was put and carried. Councillor M. Freehill referred to the fact that the Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 does not include sites of less than 0.2 hectares. She advocated that the requirement should be 30% for Social and Affordable Housing in Areas where airspace and increased height are used to achieve higher density. It was agreed to refer these points for consideration to the Economic Development, Planning & European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee.

52. Submitted Report No. 34/2008 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 2007 – *Councillor Bronwen Maher, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 34/2008". The motion was put and carried.
53. Submitted Report No. 14/2008 of the Protocol and Selection Committee – Further Breviate for the month of November 2007 – *Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City adopts the contents of Report No. 14/2008". The motion was put and carried.
54. Submitted Report No. 6/2008 of the South East Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee – Breviate of meeting held on 28th November 2007 – *Chairperson, Councillor Mary Freehill*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 6/2008". The motion was put and carried.
55. The City Council agreed that report be sent to Councillor M. Rafferty in relation to the following motion standing in his name at Item No.39 on the Agenda Paper "That a report be made on the redevelopment proposals for Drumalee Estate".
56. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor M. O'Shea in relation to the following motion standing in her name at Item No. 45 on the Agenda Paper "That Dublin City Council calls on the Minister for Transport to confirm that the Government is committed to the construction of the Luas Line BX-Line D-St. Stephen's Green to Liffey Junction to ensure that the residents of Phibsborough and of Cabra/Glasnevin are not deprived of access to an integrated public transport system as envisaged under the Transport 21 programme".
57. The City Council agreed that report be sent to Councillor M. Ahern in relation to the following motion standing in his name at Item No.46 on the Agenda Paper "Will the Manager please inspect footpaths on road at Plunkett Crescent, Finglas, particularly rear of 23/25, and say if they are on the Works Programme for replacement or substantial refurbishment and when this will happen". The City Council also agreed that a copy of the report be sent to Councillor D. Heney.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m. in accordance with Standing Order No. 8.

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LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

APPENDIX A

LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 7th JANUARY, 2008

Q1. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if DCC would arrange a clean up of Wellington Street on a regular basis?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have Wellington Street scheduled to be cleaned every Wednesday after the refuse collection has taken place there. We will ensure that this cleaning schedule for Wellington Street is strictly adhered to and that it receives proper cleaning.

Q2. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager what is the update regarding the progress at the proposed development at Croke Villas Ballybough D3.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Final tenders have been received and are being assessed by a multi-disciplinary internal assessment board. When this process is finalised a request to proceed with a preferred bidder will be sent to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the sanctioning authority for the necessary approval.

Q3. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if DCC would arrange with Waste Management to do a clean up of the roads at Church Road and Moyalta Road, East Wall D3.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have Church Road scheduled to be cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday. Moy Elta Road is scheduled to be cleaned every Monday after the refuse collection has taken place there. We will ensure that every effort is made to keep this area as clean as possible.

Q4. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if DCC will upgrade fire services in 2008 and if new tenders and equipment will be provided?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Sufficient provision has been provided in the 2008 adopted revenue budget for the maintenance and upgrade of the fire, ambulance and rescue service in the Dublin City and County area.

There is currently 1,125 staff employed in the service with estimated expenditure in 2008 of €113m approx.

Dublin Fire Brigade deal with approx 130,000 Fire and Ambulance calls on an annual basis and provide a wide range of specialist rescue services such as river rescue, swift water rescue, high line rescue together with a fully integrated ambulance service. It is proposed to develop and enhance these services throughout 2008.

Fire tenders and ambulances are replaced on a scheduled basis having regard to the lifespan of the vehicle with ambulances being replaced every three years and appliances replaced every 12 years. The funding is provided by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Health Service Executive as appropriate.

During 2008 it is proposed to commence the major re-development of the Training Centre on Malahide Road while new fire stations are planned for Balbriggan, Alfie Byrne Road and Belgard Road together with a vehicle maintenance depot in Tallaght. Capital funding for these projects will be by way of grant from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Q5. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

To ask the City Manager to agree to the removal of the tree and that the Public Lighting be improved at (**details supplied**) and will he make a statement on this request?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements are being made to cut and remove the tree in the New Year.

The ESB were contacted on 13/12/07 in relation to fixing the lights and they confirmed that they would address the issue within ten working days. Arrangements are being made to contact the ESB again with a view to resolving the matter.

Q6. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to confirm reports that the connections between the private drains and main drains at (**details supplied**) are not in compliance with building regulations and standards”.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Drainage Division's Planning Inspector has provided the developers of (**details supplied**) with a snag list for the private drainage network at the above location. Dublin City Council is currently awaiting the completion of said snag list and cannot take the drains at this development in charge prior to its completion.

Q7. COUNCILLOR JOHN KENNY

Could the Manager please provide details of the Pension fund available to Dublin City Council Employees?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not have a Pension Fund available to Council employees. The revenue to fund the current year pensions is provided for each year, and is funded through the Revenue Budget. New legislation would need to be introduced to allow Local Authorities to establish, invest and maintain a Pension Fund.

Q8. COUNCILLOR JOHN KENNY

What are the rules governing 'Pay & Display' parking in the City? Could you also give details of how Residents may go about changing the provision for their areas?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Pay and display and residents' permit parking is provided for in the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2007. These Bye-Laws are available from the Parking Policy & Enforcement Section (tel. no. 222 2261) or can be downloaded from the Council's website.

Any resident seeking changes to the parking regime in his/her area may write to the Council's Parking Policy & Enforcement Section, Roads and Traffic Department, Block 2, Floor 4, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. The matter will receive attention on receipt of such representation.

Q9. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager once and for all to take action against the developer at **(details supplied)** who has made the life of the residents in and around the site a living hell since work commenced at this site.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An Enforcement Notice under S154 of the Planning Act 2000 issued on the 8th August 2007 to secure full compliance with Condition 6 of plan register reference **** in relation to working hours at the above development. Numerous inspections have taken place by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area to monitor compliance with this Enforcement Notice.

Two recent inspections by the Enforcement Officer have revealed that the working hours condition was being breached and the matter is now being referred to our Solicitors to initiate District Court proceedings for failure to comply with the Enforcement Notice previously issued.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to consider replacing the windows at **(details supplied)** as residents have informed me that they are draughty causing the flats to be cold and hard to keep warm. Also residents have informed me there is a constant beeping noise coming from the nearby (details supplied) and the poor quality of the windows is not helping to drown out the noise

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are no plans to replace the windows in this flat complex. If the Councillor wishes to identify a specific tenant who is experiencing difficulties with their windows, an inspection will be carried out and any necessary repairs undertaken.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to implement the following procedure during road works in residential areas:

- a. That notice of impending road works is distributed to the residents and local councillors who will be affected giving details of the timeframe of works.
 - b. That a liaison officer or contact number be on the notice
- Could the Manager also let me know who is responsible for reinstatement of roads damaged during development construction such as **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services do at present issue notices to all businesses and residents on a street in advance of carrying out major road works. We can make arrangements to include the Councillors in this distribution list. A contact no. for Road Maintenance Services is included in the notice.

To issue notices to residents and Councillors for the minor works would be difficult for us to arrange as there are literally thousands of these type of jobs every year. Many of these jobs only take a few hours to complete and are not disruptive to residents. If disruption is likely the overseer carrying out the works will talk to residents and will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum.

The developer is responsible for the reinstatement of sections of road damaged by him during the course of the construction works. The reinstatement will either be carried out by the developer under a road opening licence agreement or by Dublin City Councils, Road Maintenance Services at the developers expense.

A similar arrangement exists for contractors carrying our work on behalf of utilities on the public road as per the roadworks control directive.

The works on **(details supplied)** have been carried out by GMC in relation to the development at Heuston Square. Arrangements are in place to reinstate all of these roads when the utility connections are complete. These works have included water, drainage, gas and electricity supply.

The current procedure regarding public notification of roadworks is to outline the extent of major works on our Traffic News which is circulated among various interested groups and also added to Dublin City Council's general website for the benefit of the general public. There is an additional requirement for all utilities/contractors undertaking roadworks to display their name and contact phone number at the worksite. Residents and businesses are contacted by way of a letter-drop in addition to the placement of a notice in the national press where roadworks require road closures. It is not currently possible to arrange prior notice of all works in residential areas given the numbers involved and the staffing level of the Roadworks Control Section.

A discussion document regarding public notification of roadworks will be prepared and submitted to the Transportation and Traffic SPC early in the new year.

Utilities/contractors who carry out works on public roads have the option of reinstating the works themselves or requesting Dublin City Council to do so on their behalf and paying the Council accordingly. If they opt to carry out the reinstatement themselves then Dublin City Council may refuse to take the surface back in charge if it is not deemed to be of the appropriate standard.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to have essential repairs carried out at. **(Details supplied).**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has inspected this dwelling. The problems being experienced by the tenant are caused by condensation. Vents have been installed in the bedroom. Therma boards are currently being fitted to the external walls, and the ceiling in the bedroom is being replaced this week.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager when the refurbishment of Temple House, Hill Street Dublin 1, will commence.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A feasibility study on the above complex was commissioned by Housing Maintenance. Plans were agreed with residents and were costed by the Quantity Surveyors Department. A further meeting is to take place between the Consultant Architect and Housing Maintenance to, inter alia, establish and define timelines for the commencement of this project which is subject to availability of the necessary funding.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager if central heating will be installed for the tenant at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This dwelling will be surveyed in early January with a view to installing gas central heating.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager if a sign will be put up on the railings outside **(details supplied)** asking people not to not lock bicycles to these railings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

No such sign exists in the traffic regulations. Any such signs around the city have been provided by the owner of the properties.

Cycle parking has recently been provided on **(details supplied)** including on the footway opposite **(details supplied)**.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager if the broken skylight at **(details supplied)** will be replaced.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The skylight in this dwelling has been inspected and found to be in good condition. No repairs are required.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to consider the following traffic calming measure from constituent and to report back to this councillor on the village improvement scheme: **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The ***** Improvement Scheme, when complete, will address the parking issues. Works on the Improvement Scheme are due to commence in April 2008. The project has been delayed due to drainage issues in the village, which need to be resolved prior to works commencing. It is anticipated that drainage works will start in January 2008.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the City Manager whether it would be possible to do a study of parking regulations to investigate whether parking permits could be issued for the wider areas in Ranelagh, rather than specific roads as is currently the case, and to investigate whether the issue of parking permits of 3 per house and more for flats is sustainable.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Pay and display and residents' permit parking is provided for in the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2007.

Byelaws 22 (5) and 23, which govern the number of residents' parking permits which may be issued to individual classes of housing units, provide as follows:

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- (5) (a) where the building is a single housing unit located in a heavy demand zone, the maximum number of residents in that building who may concurrently hold a resident's parking permit shall be 3;
- (b) where the building is a single housing unit not located in a heavy demand zone, the maximum number of residents in that building who may concurrently hold a resident's parking permit shall be 4;
- (c) where the building consists of 2, 3 or 4 housing units the maximum number of residents in each unit who may concurrently hold a resident's parking permit shall be 1;
- (d) where the building consists of more than 4 housing units and is not located in a heavy demand zone, the maximum number of residents in each unit who may concurrently hold a resident's parking permit shall be 1;
- (e) except as provided in Bye-Law 23, where the building consists of more than 4 housing units and is located in a heavy demand zone, residents shall not be eligible for residents' parking permits.

- 23 (1) Where a building comprises a converted house containing more than 4 housing units and is located in a heavy demand zone, the total number of residents' parking permits that may be held concurrently by residents of housing units in that building shall be 4 or the permit quota for that building, whichever is the greater, subject to the limit of one resident's parking permit per housing unit and to acceptable evidence of residency.
- (2) If the zone in which a building comprising a converted house containing more than 4 housing units is located is not classified as heavy demand or ceases to be classified as heavy demand the number of residents' parking permits that may be held concurrently by residents of housing units in that building may exceed the entitlement set out in paragraph (1) of this Bye-Law, subject to the limit of one resident's parking permit per housing unit and to acceptable evidence of residency.
- (3) If the zone in which a building comprising a converted house containing more than 4 housing units is located is reclassified as heavy demand the entitlement set out in paragraph (1) of this Bye-Law, will apply but without prejudice to the rights of existing permit holders in that building to renew their parking permits.
- (4) If a building comprising a converted house containing more than 4 housing units is, at any time, subject to the application of a permit quota and the entitlement set out in paragraph (1) of this Bye-Law is not filled by the number of permits held concurrently by existing permit holders in that building, the balance of the permit entitlement will be allocated to other qualifying residents in that building on the basis of first and subsequent (if relevant) application(s) received and subject to the limit of one resident's permit per housing unit. Applications will only be accepted after a permit vacancy becomes available in a building."

While it is recognised that there has been an intensification of housing provision in many parts of the city and a concurrent significant increase in the level of car ownership in the course of the recent past, it is not proposed to further restrict the number of residents' parking permits issued in respect of individual housing units as this would create hardship for existing permit holders.

The introduction of zonal parking has been considered; however this is not recommended as any such scheme would give rise to difficulties and anomalies regarding the appropriate size of individual zones, public knowledge of system, boundary issues and enforcement.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the City Manager if he could outline the membership of the Sandycove to Sutton Cycleway Project Implementation Committee established by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and in particular if he could clarify if membership is or was open to elected members representing the areas affected by the project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has been asked to clarify the status of the S2S Implementation Committee referred to in the question. The Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the City Manager if he can give details of all or any correspondence from the Minister for Education or the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government over the last five years in relation to the need to reduce the cost of water supply to primary schools.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is no record of any correspondence in this regard being received from either minister in the past five years.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

Can the Manager please give a breakdown of how the €19m (as outlined in question 46, Dec 07) was spent, what companies were employed with this money & how much were these companies paid?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

CONSULTANCY ANALYSIS NOV 2007 - WASTE TO ENERGY PROJECT	
AWN CONSULTING	€90,129
BDO SIMPSON XAVIER	€69,781
CB RICHARD ELLIS GUNNE	€57,959
DHI WATER ENVIRONMENT HEALTH	€54,519
ELSAM KRAFT A/S	€250,000
FRIIS & MOLTKE A/S	€60,383
JOURNALS ETC	€9,060
M C O SULLIVAN & CO LTD	€13,310,570
MARKET RESEARCH BUREAU OF IRELAND LTD (MRBI)	€58,201
OVE ARUP & PARTNERS IRELAND T/A ARUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS	€52,508
RPS CONSULTING ENGINEERS LTD	€5,014,052
TRUTZE HAASE	€48,206
TOTAL	€19,075,368

It should be noted that expenditure up to the preparation of the statutory applications was funded from the Cohesion Fund and the cost of the public enquiry is included in the Public Private Partnership arrangement (€4.5m approx).

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

Can the Manager please give an update on the answer received to the enclosed question from October 2007?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This question has been forwarded for inclusion on the agenda of the next SPC meeting on the 31st January 2008.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Manager to contact St James's Hospital, D8 and request an outline of what provisions have been made to accommodate the services from St Luke's Cancer Hospital, Rathgar being moved into St James's Hospital?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The South Central Area Office has written to St. James's Hospital with the Councillor's request. As soon as a reply is received, it will be forwarded to the Councillor.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR OISÍN QUINN

Can the City Manager indicate what steps are taken, whether by way of conditions to planning permission or otherwise, to ensure that development works in residential areas involving construction traffic accessing narrow lanes, usually to the rear of properties where mews development takes place (and many of which do not have footpaths), are carried out safely and are properly supervised?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is a standard condition that is attached to all relevant planning permission that requires streets to be kept clean etc during development. This condition reads:

"Street Cleaning during Demolition and Construction

The site development works and construction works shall be carried out in such a manner as to ensure that the adjoining street(s) are kept clear of debris, soil and other material and if the need arises for cleaning works to be carried out on the adjoining public roads, the said cleaning works shall be carried out at the developers expense.

Reason: To ensure that the adjoining roadways are kept in a clean and safe condition during construction works in the interests of orderly development."

Q.25 COUNCILLOR OISÍN QUINN

Where developers are applying for permission to carry out major redevelopment of residential properties, particularly in terraces or semi-detached houses, and which now frequently involve significant underground excavations, can the Manager (through his Planners) take steps to request the Developer to enter into what are known as legally binding 'Party Wall Agreements' with adjacent property owners before commencing the building works. These agreements should commit the developer to rectifying any damage caused due to the works in view of the concerns neighbours have about having to pursue a Developer when these difficulties arise?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is no provision in the Planning Acts 2000 – 2006 for such "Party Wall Agreements". Agreements of the type proposed are of a civil nature between the parties concerned. Disputes between neighbours, particularly where damage is alleged, are a civil matter.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR OISÍN QUINN

Can the Manager provide an update on the request from the Council to the Minister for Transport for a change in the parking regulations to allow the Council to regulate 'partial footpath parking' in view of the Council's willingness to try this on a pilot basis and the continuing difficulties of parking on many narrow residential roads? In that regard can the Manager set out when the request was made and if possible furnish a copy of same together with a copy of the response from the Department.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

At the request of the South East Area Committee The roads and Traffic Department wrote to the Department of Transport in February 2006 seeking the Department's views on legislating for partial footway parking.

Since then there has been correspondence about this issue. The Department expressed concerns about the safety aspects of such an arrangement. They asked for examples of countries where such legislation is in place. Dublin City Council provided the information that footway parking is in place in Amsterdam, Sydney and Enfield in the UK.

The last email from Dublin City Council was dated the 15th November 2007. No response to this latest email has been received.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR RAY McHUGH

To ask the City Manager what are the procedures for the naming of Green spaces, and if he would consider the naming of Dromard Field/back of Our Lady's Hospital as the McGlade Field, after a local Trade Unionist, Community activist and republican.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A proposal for naming of any open space is submitted in the first instance to the Area Manager. This in turn is referred to the City Council's Heritage Officer who considers the appropriateness of the suggested name. The Heritage Officer then issues a recommendation and this is submitted to the Area Committee for decision.

The request for the naming of the open space at Dromard Road will be referred to the Heritage Officer.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR RAY McHUGH

To ask the City Manager to take action to prevent the speeding of vehicles and the increase of heavy traffic using **(details supplied)** as a short cut to Walkinstown.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Speed measurements and traffic counts will be taken on *(details supplied)* in order to see if further traffic calming measures are justified.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR RAY McHUGH

To ask the City Manager to consider within the new Brickfield Park project a drop in facility for 12 to 18 year olds, similar to Killinarden and St Catherine's, Marrowbone Lane, and could he give me an update on the proposed plan for the Brickfield Park project?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In 2007 Dublin City Council provided it's first dedicated Youth Café within the City. The provision of this facility was made possible as a ready made café area already existed within the St Catherine's Sports Centre and the necessary staffing elements to run a Youth Café were already in place. In advance of any future localised services we are currently investigating the possibility of sourcing a suitable site for a citywide Youth Café. If a suitable city centre location could be sourced and revenue funding secured from central government, this café would act as the main drop in facility for teenagers across the city.

The refurbishment of the dressing rooms in Brickfield Park and the provision of a replacement community facility for the Fr. Lar Redmond Centre and its possible uses will be considered in the context of the Drimnagh Integrated Area Plan. It is expected that this plan will be finalised next April or May.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR RAY McHUGH

To ask the City Manager to have the light fixed as soon as possible at **(details supplied)** as residents living on that balcony have complained that it has been broken for some time now.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The balcony lights on all blocks at **(details supplied)** have been subjected to vandalism on a regular basis. All reports of lights not working are attended to as quickly as possible. The most recent repairs were carried out on 5th November, 13th November, 29th November and 6th December. We will arrange for a further inspection to be carried out and will repair any lights found defective.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to say what resources will be provided in 2008 to enable an Improvement Scheme to commence at **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A number of improvements have already been carried out in **(details supplied)** re; public lighting, graffiti removal and small enhancements to the environs of the shopping centre, in addition to some surface improvement work and repairs. A preliminary assessment of paving and other works relating to traffic movement has been carried out. As the initial assessment of costs are substantial, we are undertaking to continue to make incremental improvements over the coming year and following two years, combining North Central Area resources with that of other Depts where possible, and in conjunction with agreement from local businesses.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the City Manager to provide 2 roadside trees at the Bank of Ireland Raheny. To provide traffic bollards here to protect the trees as cars illegally mount the footpaths at both sides of Saint Assam's Road West.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

One additional new tree will be planted here as well as one replacement in vacant tree pit.

It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to provide bollards to prevent parking on footpaths or grass verges because it is illegal to park in these locations. Enforcement is a matter for An Gardai Siochana or Parking Enforcement tel. 01602 2500.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the City Manager to make the pavement outside the Gresham Hotel O'Connell Street, safe.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The necessary arrangements are being made to request SIAC Construction to reinstatement the pavement at (details supplied).

Q.34 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the City Manager to make our street signs better on Burgh Quay as they are particularly bad.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to order 2 street nameplates for Burgh Quay at the junction of O'Connell Bridge. The signs will be erected upon delivery.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the City Manager to improve wheelchair accessibility in our city.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

To meet the requirement of the Disability Act 2005 in relation to making roads and streets accessible in the city, Dublin City Council engaged consultants Configure Limited to carry out an audit of all roads, streets, pavements and pedestrian crossings in the city. As part of the contract, the city was divided up into 136 areas containing over 2500 roads and streets. The main requirements of the access brief were as follows:

1. To identify access hazards within the roads and streets network of the Dublin City Council area
2. To examine the feasibility of removing all such hazards, by provision of remedial action.

Audits on all the city roads and street are expected to be complete by the end of 2007. These audits will guide the Roads and Traffic Department in prioritising accessibility issues and also will provide guidance in the coming years to make roads and street more accessible with priority initially given to the city centre.

An accessible city is a core objective of Dublin City Council. The Council has commenced a programme of upgrading of city streets, parks and DCC service

locations to ensure that all citizens can access our services and facilities. Of necessity this programme will extend over a number of years. Works will commence on some public libraries early in 2008. As roadworks and paving are undertaken, suitable crossings and warnings are being incorporated but a dedicated rectifications programme for streets and footpaths will also commence in 2008.

The City Development Plan includes provisions and guidance for new and existing developments. There are specific policies in relation to access to shopping, recreational areas, protected structures and conservation areas, childcare, transport, advertising obstructions and new developments. Planning applications are measured against these requirements.

The Building Control Acts require adequate and independent access to new buildings. It is anticipated that from 2008 designs will be vetted for compliance.

Dublin City Council is supporting a small number of Local Access Groups to secure information, improvements, facilities, make representations, etc. and is anxious to cultivate the formation of additional groups.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for a parking bay to be fitted outside of **(details supplied)** as there is no provision at this address and there are 4 bars for bicycles directly in front of house.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The parking bay will be extended as soon as the work can be fitted into the programme for the area.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the heating in **(details supplied)** to be extended beyond the 11.00 cut off time which is insufficient for many people who stay up way beyond this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Repairs were recently carried out to the heating system at details supplied. The timing of the heating cut off time was inadvertently set to 11.00pm. This has now been amended to the accepted cut off time for such heating to 12 midnight with a resumption of heating at 7.00am.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs to lights at back of **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following reply has been received from Ballymun Regeneration Limited:

"These lights were inspected on the night of 19th December, 2007 and were working."

Q.39 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange with Dublin Bus & City Council to have a bus shelter placed on (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Manager has written to Dublin Bus on this matter. As soon as a reply is received the Councillor will be informed.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for regular cleansing of (**details supplied**) as residents are unhappy with it.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have details supplied cleaned every Friday after the refuse collection has taken place there. We will ensure that this cleaning schedule is strictly adhered to and that it receives proper cleaning.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for yellow box to be fitted on Cappagh Road at entrance to (**details supplied**), as traffic is backing up in front of the lights and blocking it. Several requests have now been made.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A yellow box is not recommended as this location does not meet the minimum requirements for side road traffic generation.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to once again look at the provision of traffic lights on (**details supplied 1**) at entrance into (**details supplied 2**) since previous request traffic is backing up further in the mornings due to increased frequency of trains and new traffic lights at junction with (**details supplied 3**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Full traffic signals have been recommended on **details supplied 1** at its junction with Tolka Valley Road. The proposed signals should serve the needs of the **details supplied 2**. These signals are being considered as part of the 2008 Works Programme.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the cleaning of wall and road facing (**details supplied**) which was caused by a number of fires and remove recent debris.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Rapid Response Crew cleaned this area of debris on Friday 21st December 2007. The wall will be painted in the coming weeks.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the Manager to outline the criteria used when determining whether or not to grant a residents parking permit to a non resident to park in a residents only parking area. Please give details of the number of such permits issued in **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The criteria used when determining whether or not to grant a residents parking permit to a non- resident to park in a pay and display and permit parking area are based on the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2007 which govern the issue of residents parking permits. Bye law 22 (3) provides that, "A residents parking permit may also be issued by the Council or its agents, subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 of this Bye-Law (*which provides for the maximum number of permits which may be issued to classes of housing units*), to an applicant in respect of one vehicle where the Council are satisfied, following production of acceptable evidence, that the applicant's normal dwelling place is at a building situated on a public road which is adjacent to a residential parking permit zone and to which the permit will relate and where the parking of vehicles on the applicant's road is significantly restricted."

From time to time, the Council receives representations from individuals to have additional streets included on their parking permits in cases where the applicants are experiencing difficulty parking on their own roads. These applications are dealt with on an individual basis.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the Manager to arrange for a junk collection in the following areas **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will be having a junk collection in the **details supplied** in April 2008. Residents will be notified a few days in advance of this collection taking place on their road.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the Manager to arrange for double yellow lines to be placed at **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Provision of double yellow lines at the corners will be re-examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Central Area Committee.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the Manager to please address the following issue **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parking is not permitted at this location, which is on a cycle track and opposite a continuous white buffer zone adjacent to a bus lane. DCC operates a clamping and tow-away service to enforce parking regulations in the City of Dublin. This service is the primary agency for parking enforcement in the city. The Council's parking enforcement contractor has been requested to patrol this area over the coming weeks and the appropriate enforcement action will be taken in respect of any vehicles which are found to be parked in breach of the parking regulations. For example 8 vehicles were clamped on Finglas Road on 15/11/07 for the following offences:

- 5 for parking on a footway
- 2 for parking on a Cycle Track
- 1 for parking on a Grass Margin

The "tarmac" inner sections of the footpath are not in charge to DCC, the builder is still responsible for them. The concrete section and the grass verges is the responsibility of DCC. A condition survey will be carried out on this footpaths and verge and appropriate action will be taken.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager provide information on the buildings/space available within Clongriffin and North Fringe for Childcare facilities, whether tenants have been found for the space and who is handling the leasing/purchasing arrangements?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The information requested is being compiled. Once completed a report will be issued directly to the councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the City Manager contact Iarnród Éireann in relation to the cancelling of the 8am service to Sligo. This train was used by Dublin commuters to access college and work in Maynooth. At a time when we need more people to use public transport, I feel it vital that the outer commuter services are expanded not reduced.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive of Iarnród Éireann in relation to the cancellation of the above service and inviting comments on the matter.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager examine introducing a byelaw that would ban the use of outdoor heaters, used mainly by pubs, and the practice that many newsagents have of removing their entire doorfront and having a powerful heater over the porch during the colder months. Both of these commercially inspired practices are a complete waste of energy and any comparative advantage a business might get is temporary. It is important that Dublin City Council takes a lead on the issue of Climate Change and that wasteful energy practices are not tolerated.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The use of over-door heating in newsagents is an effective means of heating the premises because generally one heating unit in this position will heat the whole shop allowing greater use of retail space. Most newsagents use doors on their premises but where an outlet is extremely busy it is easy to see a why the doors would be left open.

This issue covers Roads and Traffic only is so far as the heaters might cause a safety hazard if used on a public road or footpath. Where for instance a street furniture licence is issued, Roads and Traffic would seek the advice of the Fire Service on safety issues. The aspect of energy usage is a matter for government regulation.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the manager update me on the progress to date with the disposal of land at **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Chief Valuer has been instructed to enter into negotiations with the residents of **(details supplied)** in October 2006, with a view to disposing of the plot of ground to the rear of their premises to them. The interested residents will be granted leases for gardening purposes only with a prohibition on building on the plots, subject to the consent of the City Council being obtained. All the concerned residents were written to, to gauge the level of interest in this proposed disposal and all have responded either in writing or via telephone indicating that they are in favour of the proposal. The Executive Valuer assigned to this case will contact all the interested parties in January 2008 to negotiate the appropriate Terms and Conditions for the proposed disposal of the subject plots.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

Ask the Manager the current income for water metering of Primary Schools in the city area and the estimate of future income under the new regulations?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The water-metering project is well advanced and should be completed by mid-2008. The metering database is not yet complete enough to enable the current global income from Primary Schools to be extracted. The database will be in place at the completion of the project.

It is not possible at this stage to forecast the future income from schools as this will depend on usage. The charging of water by volume encourages the examination of water systems and usage profiles and in general encourages conservation. The City Council has appointed a Water Conservation Officer who has begun visiting Primary schools to raise awareness on water usage and to provide advise on conservation awareness. The City Council has also launched a Primary Schools Water Conservation Pack.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

Ask the Manager to provide a litter bin on Pearse Street (Northside) between Macken Street and McMahan Bridge

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services provided a litterbin on Pearse Street (Northside) between Macken Street and Mc Mahon Bridge on Friday 21st December 2007.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

Ask the Manager to respond to the following (**detailed supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Valuations Office, having regard to the Valuation Act 2001, makes decisions regarding exemptions from rates on any property. In this case, the Valuation Office does not consider the requirements of the Act are met and did not exempt the property from rates. Dublin City Council will therefore seek rates, as the property is list rateable.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if in relation to (**details supplied**) he could answer the following:

1. Has Dublin City Fire Department inspected the dwelling to establish if it required a change of use permission in relation to the intention to use it as a Residential Care Unit. Has an assessment of the fire exits, fire escapes, internal fire doors etc, been carried out with a particular reference to the fact that this is a semi- detached house?
2. What consideration was given to the fact that this house was previously in use as a bed and breakfast and then sold on as a private house with no history as a Residential Care unit?.
3. Why the new extension built in the last nine months to the rear wall of the back garden of the site and which is not shown on the site map submitted was deemed acceptable. Clearly the map incorrect and what impact such a clarification could, would or should have on the assessment of this application.
4. What consideration was given to the Health and Safety aspects of this dwelling for the purpose for which the application for a Determination under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006 was made.
5. Why were residents told on the 27/11/07 at 14.42h approx. time that no decision had been made on this and yet that on 1st Saturday December 2007 exp application no: 0752/07 appeared on the website of Dublin City Council planning that the decision was made on 16th November. The professional representative of residents was also told this on the 30th November and this Councillor was told on the 3rd December that no decision had been taken on this and that I would be contacted regarding same.
6. Why a similar application 0222/07 was refused and applicant told planning was required. Why in just two month the change of policy.

7. What regard was given to the letter from the HSE accommodation officer that accompanied the submission

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- 1) The last fire safety certificate applied for was in 1993 for use as a Guest House. The Fire Brigade Section has no record of this building having been otherwise brought to our attention, and there is no record of the building having been inspected. No fire safety certificate application has been lodged for a material change of use to a Residential Care Unit. It has been established that the building is currently vacant.
- 2) The relevant site history was considered in arriving at a decision.
- 3) The documentation submitted was considered satisfactory in order to make a decision in terms of Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.
- 4) For the purpose of determining a Section 5, only matters pertaining to the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2006 and associated Regulations can be taken into consideration.
- 5) An order determining the Section 5 submission was made on the 16th of November. However, it was not until the 30th of November that the decision was processed and made public.
- 6) A decision was made on application 0752/07 that it was exempted development based on the facts of the case.
- 7) The HSE letter was taken into consideration in arriving at a decision.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager to provide me with a copy of the annual Inner City Cordon Traffic Counts broken down by mode for each of the last twenty years, and in his reply could he comment on the trends in the data over time?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A copy of a report presented to the Traffic and Transportation SPC in May 2007 titled 'Report on Dublin City Council's Canal Cordon Counts 2006' will be forwarded to the councillor.

This contains details of trends over the period 1997 to 2006 for traffic crossing the canal cordon.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager to report on the decision to locate sheltered housing for 50 people on the site of 18 Fairview Avenue, that this report include an explanation on the agreement regarding the Part V arrangement, the application by the housing agency to operate the sheltered housing, and the next steps involved including planning decision, capital grant application and how a decision will be made regarding the proposal.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Planning Department requested further information on both the running of the proposed facility and on aspects of the submitted plans. No response has been submitted to the Planning Authority to date. When the response to further information request is lodged with the Planning Department, a decision must be made within 4 weeks.

The provision of the 20% requirement off site under Part V arrangements is within the rules of the Scheme. In the circumstances of a high level of social housing and homeless services in the Central Area it was considered as an opportunity to provide long-term accommodation for homeless persons in the North Central Area, an area of low levels of such accommodations. The matter is the subject of a Planning Application for which no decision has been made due to the requirement to provide additional information. Part of the additional information involves the provision of a Management Plan for the service should it arise. A Management Plan is being prepared for submission. Applications under the Capital Assistance Scheme are not considered until planning permission has been granted. The operation of any homeless service by a Voluntary Body must first of all meet with the approval of the Assessment Panel of the Homeless Agency. Therefore we await the outcome of the planning process before any further decisions are made.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager to report on the removal of trees in the small public park on Foley Street, Dublin 1. Can you tell me why this is being done and is a specific plan being adhered to? If there is a plan for the park, is it accessible to the public?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Park on Foley Street was over planted with trees and shrubs and the removal of a number of the trees in the Park is part of the Parks Departments natural thinning out process. This process will also result in opening up the Park and allowing unrestricted views into the park thus discouraging anti-social behaviour.

It is proposed to redevelop Liberty Park in conjunction with environmental improvement works to Foley Street as one of the key objectives for the Central Area. A Dublin City Council Steering Group has been formed to work on this project, the proposed works include:

Liberty Park

- Perimeter lighting for the park along Foley Street and along the pedestrian walkway at the Retail Units and Crèche.
- Removal/thinning of trees
- Removal of railings
- Provide open grassed areas and directional walkways
- Possible relocation of grotto
- Provide a play area or play equipment at a different location

Foley Street

- Works to commence at the junction of Buckingham Street and Foley Street and move up towards the junction of James Joyce Street and Foley Street
- Enhanced lighting
- Replacement and repair of footpaths

- Temporary removal of sets on the carriageways, apply permanent base course and tar macadam the carriageways until funding can be secured to replace the sets.

Once a scheme has been finalised the proposal will then go through a Public Consultation Process. It is hoped that works will commence later this year.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager on Dublin City Council plans to install new mains piping in **(Details attached 1)** and to report on the works being undertaken at **(Details Attached 2)** where the City Council have completed major road works just to up to this site to re-route the drainage. Residents are concerned that as the pipes go to **(Details attached 2)** they take a sharp turn out on to the road which could cause a backup of sewage at the other houses.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Drainage Division has recently extended the public sewer up to **(Details Supplied)**. There are no specific plans regarding further extension of the sewer at this point. However, it will be investigated by the Drainage Division.

(Details Supplied) has been granted planning permission for redevelopment. As part of the conditions agreed with the Drainage Division, the public sewer running through the rear of **(Details Supplied)** is to be redirected through the site to connect with the newly extended public sewer at the front of the site.

The details of this redirection have been agreed with this Division to a satisfactory level.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will Manager clarify situation in relation to changes to Disabled Persons Grants/Essential Repair Grants Scheme and confirm if works grant funded are still basically the same and if City Council has or will be taking over discretionary works previously run by Health Service Executive under "Housing Aid for Elderly" as articles in Freesheets by Citizen's Advice Services would give impression that a whole new range of works, e.g. windows, water and drainage pipes, etc., are now grant aided.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Grant Scheme for People with Disabilities and the Essential Repairs Grant Scheme have now been replaced by the following grant schemes:-

Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability
Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme
Housing Aid for Older People

The Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme will assist in the provision and adaptation of accommodation to meet the needs of people with a disability. This replaces the Disabled Person's Grant scheme, and increases the maximum grant to €30,000 and may cover up to 95% of the approved cost of the works. Prioritisation of eligibility will be on the basis of medical need with 95% of the approved cost of work available to those households with annual income of less than €30,000 tapering to 30% for those with annual household incomes of between €54,001 and €65,000. This grant covers

such works as access ramps, stairlifts, installation of downstairs toilet facilities, accessible bathrooms and extensions.

The Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme covers a basic suite of works to address mobility problems primarily associated with ageing. The maximum grant available is €6,000 and may cover up to 100% of the approved cost of the works. The grant is limited to households with an income of €30,000 or less, and covers such works as level access showers, ramps, grabrails, stairlifts and other minor works.

The Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme implements the Government decision to transfer the Special Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme from the HSE to the Local Authority sector by amalgamating it with the Essential Repairs Grant Scheme. The aim of the scheme is to assist older people living in poor housing conditions to have essential repairs or improvements carried out. The maximum grant will be €10,500 and may cover 100% of the approved cost of the works for applicants with an annual household income of less than €30,000 tapering to 30% for those with annual household incomes of between €54,001 to €65,000. This grant covers such works as structural repairs, rewiring, replacement of doors and windows, provision of water and sanitary services, and other repair or improvement works which are considered essential.

While the effective date for the implementation of the above schemes is November 1st 2007, the HSE will continue to operate and administer the Special Housing Aid Scheme for the Elderly until 31st March 2008.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will Manager clarify rent situation for tenant, **as per details attached**, who is paying €30 a week but has been told it is not being credited against her present accommodation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) moved into alternative accommodation on 1st October 2007 following fire damage to previous tenancy. A new rent card was ordered and posted out to the tenant from the Central Rents section.

The Executive Housing Officer for the area contacted (details supplied) as the weekly rent is paid through household budget, but (details supplied) has not called to the office to complete a Household Budget form for the new address as requested. Subsequently a Household Budget deduction form was posted to details supplied but details supplied has failed to return the same.

The amount being paid into the account for the previous tenancy is being transferred to the account of the new tenancy. However (details supplied) needs to complete the appropriate paperwork.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Could the Manager please arrange that a full traffic study be undertaken in the Chapelizod Area with particular to the chronic traffic situation in Chapelizod Village Area and can the Manager please ensure that appropriate action is taken to reduce through traffic in tandem with the upcoming village improvement scheme?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A meeting between the Roads and Traffic Department and local Councillors was held on 18th December, 2007. At this meeting it was agreed that a Traffic Management Report detailing the works required to facilitate the construction of the Village Improvement Scheme and necessary drainage works would be prepared by the South Central Area and agreed with the Roads and Traffic Department. Following this, an on-site meeting will be held with residents in Chapelizod to outline the traffic management measures that will be put in place.

In the interim, measures to prevent cars mounting the footpaths are to be considered and presented at the on-site meeting.

The Village Improvement Scheme was presented to City Council and the Part 8 was approved. The scheme involves creation of a new civic plaza at the heart of the village, regulated parking spaces along the north side of Martins Row, new lighting and street furniture. As a traffic calming measure, a raised platform will be provided on the carriageway at both ends of the "village square". These works are due to commence April 2008, on completion of the drainage works.

A survey of the drainage system in Chapelizod from Knockmaroon Hill to the village square has been completed. This survey was undertaken as part of the site investigation for the Village Improvement Scheme and also as a result of discussions with local residents. This has identified a number of essential drainage remedial/reconstruction works including laying of new pipes and outflows and the installation of gullies. These works will assist in alleviating river and surface water flooding in the village. It is intended that these works will commence in January 2008.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will Manager in respect of residents on road as follows now carry out repairs as previously promised to residents and provide other services as due particularly street cleaning.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following reply has been received from Ballymun Regeneration Limited.

"The works referred to at (1), (2) and (4) have been completed. Item (3) will be completed when works resume after the Christmas Break."

Waste Management Services have details supplied cleaned every Tuesday after the refuse collection has taken place there. We also send our road sweeping machine into details supplied on another day each week, usually Wednesdays. We had the road sweeping machine here on Wednesday 19th December 2007.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

That the Manager give me a full report regarding the poor water pressure at Griffith Crescent Senior Citizens complex and advise me of the measures taken to solve the problem.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The water pressure in the 1st floor flats of this older persons complex has been tested and found to be low. Alternative options to alleviate this problem are being examined.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

That the Manager advise me of the outcome of the investigation by the Derelict Sites Office into **(details supplied)** and advise me of what measures can be taken to allay the concerns of local residents who fear the house will attract anti-social behaviour.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This site was inspected by the Derelict Sites Section on 29th November, 2007 and is not considered to be a derelict site within the meaning of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. It is a vacant house which has all the windows and door secured. However, there is evidence of dumping in the back garden. The Title and Research Section of the Law Department has been requested to carry out a reference of ownership and when received the owner will be written to and requested to tidy up the garden area.

Any complaints of anti social activity should be made in the first instance to the Gardai. If any tenant of the City Council is identified as being involved in such activity, the Gardai will notify the Area Office and appropriate action will be taken by the Project Estate Officer.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the Manager confirm with me that **(details supplied)** should have a full bin collection waiver. The resident is widowed and has no adult offspring living with her on a permanent basis.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A full waiver was granted to this customer on 10th December 2007. The account is now clear to date.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the Manager report to me on the following issues of concern to residents of Scribblestown Park, Finglas, Dublin 11.

1. The plans by DCC to replace faulty roofing in the houses concerned
2. The need for street lights to be erected at Scribblestown Grove.
3. The need for traffic lights for the Scribblestown and Ratoath Road Area
4. The need for a traffic plan that will take into account possible future developments

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. An inspection of the roofs was carried out by a Dublin City Council roofing inspector. His report has been developed into a tender document and this document was submitted to roofing contractors for pricing. These tenders are now being assessed and when this process is complete a program of works will be put in place.

2. Two new lights were erected here as part of the recent development and were connected by ESB on 12/12/07.
3. Full traffic signals have been recommended on The Ratoath Road at it's junction with Tolka Valley Road. The proposed signals should serve the needs of the Scriblestown Estate. These signals are being considered as part of the 2008 Works Programme.
4. Traffic management is considered by the Traffic Planning Section, of the Roads and Traffic Department in Dublin City Council, when planning applications are submitted for all proposed developments.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager place a protection order on the frontage of **(details supplied 1)**. This building was built at the time of **(details supplied 2)**. It is of historical interest and significance. One of title deeds conditions is that the name **(Details supplied 3)** must be maintained in the name of the establishment. It was original used by travellers and mail coaches as a resting place on the journey from Dublin to Cork.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The site referred to has been examined and a report is being prepared on the overall site. The report will be brought to the South Central Area Committee as soon as the history and significance of the site has been fully established.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

There is a contract company working in the Inchicore/Drimnagh area at the moment. I have been informed that they are working on updating the gas in the area, will the Manager clarify if they are conducting any other work ie putting water meters into the area for householders? Also, have they the responsibility to reinstate any damage done to the paths, roads and ramps that occur while they are doing this work?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Any utility carrying out works on the public pavements is responsible for the reinstatement of any damage caused by them. These works must be carried out to Dublin City Council Road Maintenance Service standards before they are taken back into our charge.

There is no work in progress to install water meters on domestic properties/households. A project to meter all non-domestic properties is on- going throughout the city. The contractor in that case is GMC. GMC are required to carry out reinstatement works on completion of excavations to install the non-domestic meters.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager place a protection order on **(details supplied 1)** both the outside and inside of the building. This whole building was built at the time of the domain of **(Details supplied 2)** in the area and used for travellers and horses to rest. The deeds insist that the name remains on the building. It is of historical interest and significance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The site referred to has been examined and a report is being prepared on the overall site. The report will be brought to the South Central Area Committee as soon as the history and significance of the site has been fully established.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager supply me with the following **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In respect of **(details supplied 1)**, a total of € 1431.76 has been billed since 2001. € 590.26 has been paid: € 120.63 in December 2003, € 200 in September 2003 and € 269.63 in June 2004. € 841.50 remains outstanding.

In respect of **(details supplied 2)**, a total of € 1399.51 has been billed since 2001. € 590.26 has been waived in respect of 2001/2002/2003/2004. € 809.25 remains outstanding.

It is City Council policy to make reasonable arrangements with customers to clear off their arrears.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for all the graffiti to be removed from the walls and electricity boxes in **(details Supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The graffiti on the walls in **(details supplied)** has been listed for removal by our contractors. This work will be done before the middle of January 2008. We have also requested the ESB to remove the graffiti from its electricity boxes in **(details supplied)**.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for a meeting with the Councillors, the area office and the owner of the **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The owner concerned will be invited to attend a meeting with local Councillors and officials from the Ballyfermot Area Office. When arrangements for the meeting are confirmed local Councillors will be notified.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

In light of the need to address urgently the most hazardous aspects of the unsustainable levels of "through traffic" in Chapelizod Village, can the Manager now indicate the measures/works being considered – particularly in respect of creating safer footpath, pedestrian and school crossings, etc., and to say when these proposed works can be presented for consideration and the time frame for carrying out the works.

Also can the Manager outline the main elements of the proposed village upgrading scheme – the creation of a civic space, square, plaza, etc., and to say if additional traffic safety measures can be integrated into this scheme and to indicate the timeframe for these works.

Additionally can the Manager outline the scheme of works proposed in respect of drainage, laying of new pipes, etc., and say what the rationale of this scheme of work is and indicate timeframe and how these three schemes (above) will be carried out in terms of sequence, overlapping, etc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A meeting between the Roads and Traffic Department and local Councillors was held on 18th December, 2007. At this meeting it was agreed that a Traffic Management Report detailing the works required to facilitate the construction of the Village Improvement Scheme and necessary drainage works would be prepared by the South Central Area and agreed with the Roads and Traffic Department. Following this, an on-site meeting will be held with residents in Chapelizod to outline the traffic management measures that will be put in place.

In the interim, measures to prevent cars mounting the footpaths are to be considered and presented at the on-site meeting.

The Village Improvement Scheme was presented to City Council and the Part 8 was approved. The scheme involves creation of a new civic plaza at the heart of the village, regulated parking spaces along the north side of Martins Row, new lighting and street furniture. The proposal consists of upgrading the existing footpaths by providing granite paving and kerbs on both sides of the 'square'. The vehicular route is maintained at the existing width of 6 metres and stone paving will be used in the carriageway construction. The residual triangular piece adjacent Maiden's Row is raised to form a level platform and enclosed by a low wall. This is solely a pedestrian area for use as a meeting place. Varying sizes of stone paving slabs will be used in the construction of the raised area. As a traffic calming measure, a raised platform will be provided on the carriageway at both ends of the 'square'. Work is planned to commence April 2008 and take approximately 9 months to complete.

Drainage Department carried out an investigation of the drainage both in the 'square' and in Maiden's Row to the county boundary. Following this study, the Drainage Department are to reconstruct blocked and damaged pipes in the 'square' and also to construct new drainage lines at 3 no. locations on Maiden's Row in order to alleviate flooding during heavy rainfalls.

Drainage Department will commence work in the 'square' January 2008 and complete works in advance of the commencement of the roadworks in April.

During the months of June, July and August, Drainage Department will undertake the works in Maiden's Row.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

Can the Manager outline the various aspects of work promised in respect of **(details supplied)**. Works were promised in relation to the bathroom, living room and various other parts of this house.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following works have been carried out to this dwelling:

- The external walls of this dwelling have been replastered with foam- backed slabs;
- The shower has been retiled;
- A new wash hand basin and pedestal have been fitted.

A double glazed unit of obscure glass has been ordered for the bathroom. This will be fitted when manufactured.

All of these works have been agreed with the tenant.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the Manager if the three buildings, the base, the sports hall, the swimming pool are all now at completion stage and if all three will open to the public at the same time and give dates for these openings. Also to ask that in respect of the swimming pool in particular that this facility will be free for pensioners and other groupings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Ballyfermot Sports & Leisure Centre complex, which includes The Base is now at commissioning stage and the hope is that the buildings will be handed over to the City Council by end of February 2008. The handover is dependent on the satisfactory completion of all outstanding works.

Dates for the openings cannot be given at this stage, as the complex will have to be fitted out and fully staffed. The Base is a separate company to the City Council and it will fit-out and staff the youth centre and the crèche separately to the sports & leisure centre.

It is expected that the sport and leisure centre will be operated on a similar basis to other Dublin City Council leisure centres where discounts and some free hours are available to certain groups.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please reply to the following query (**details supplied**)?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An Bord Pleanala have not issued their decision on the appeal. If permission is granted, the existing house will have permission for conversion to apartments. There is sufficient fabric of the house left to implement the conversion.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please reply to the following query (**details supplied**)?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Permit & pay & display parking was recommended for **(details supplied)** in May 2007. However, the residents rejected it when they were balloted in July 2007. There are no further plans to introduce parking restrictions at this time

Q.79 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please reply to the following query **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

During the research for the Successful Apartment Living Report Part 2 dated June 2007 the problem of identifying how many apartment developments there were in Dublin City was encountered. Page 31 of the report explains the situation as follows:

"A third problem was a lack of clear accessible information about the number of apartment schemes in Dublin City. There are 4,900 companies registered with the Company Registration Office (CRO) that have some mention of management in their title. The National Consumer Agency report indicated that approximately 300 of these did not relate to residential properties, leaving 4,600 nationally. A review of the CRO file shows that 1,890 use Dublin registration addresses. However this does not confirm that the company is located in Dublin. There is no unique identifier in the CRO files for Apartment Owner Management Companies (AOMC's). While many companies use the code 70.32 "management of real estate on a fee or contract basis", there is no requirement to use 70.32 and other codes are used by AOMC's and other types of companies can and do use the 70.32 code. The private apartment statistics issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government show that between 1992 and 2006 (Quarter 1 to 3) there were 69,956 apartment completions. By adjusting for the fourth quarter and estimating how many were built between 1974 and 1991 (using survey ratios) and excluding schemes built prior to 1974 it seems reasonable to assume that there are in the region of 85,509 schemes in Dublin (City and County). The average number of units per scheme in the private apartment developments surveyed is 81. If this average is used then there are approximately 1,056 schemes in total in Dublin City and County. On this basis 18% of schemes in Dublin were surveyed. "

The planning system records apartment developments by original site details not by current name and there is no list in Planning or anywhere else in DCC of all private apartment developments or their management companies.

The most obvious solution is for CRO to require apartment owner management companies to use a unique identifier and to have that code organised so that analysis could be undertaken on a geographic basis. The code could be based on the existing 70.32 code but prefixed or suffixed with a letter to represent the local authority area. Alternatively when the new regulator's service is operational there could be a requirement for registration with that office.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please reply to the following query **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Information to Councillor.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager respond to the concerns as outlined in the attached correspondence (**details supplied**):

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Information to Councillor.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager examine the application made by (**details supplied**) for a housing transfer; and will he review this application in light of persistent anti-social behaviour.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on the Transfer List with a total of 34 points for Area D (Ballymun, Poppintree) and 29 points for Area H (Ballybough, Dorset Street, Dominick Street, East Wall, North Strand, Phibsborough, Sheriff Street, Summerhill). These points are low, therefore it may be some time yet before the applicant is reached with an offer of alternative accommodation. To obtain a transfer to the areas chosen would require 100+ points.

Our records show that the applicant has only made one complaint to the anti social section in March 2006. There have been no further complaints. If the applicant would like to make an appointment to see the anti-social section, the applicant can contact the Ballymun Area Office on tel. **2225699/2225705**. Alternatively contact can be made with the Balcurris/Balbutcher Estate Office in person or phone (tel. **2227369**).

Q.83 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the manager put additional bike racks in the following sites:
Around the Italian Quarter; Parnell Square East; at the open space on Jervis Street;
at the junction of Baggott Street and Pembroke Street

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. Italian Quarter. Dublin City Council has not taken this in charge and thus cycle stands cannot be provided in the area at this time.
2. Near Jervis Street. A number of cycle stands have recently been provided on Wolfe Tone Street.
3. Parnell Square. A number of cycle stands have recently been provided around Parnell Square
4. Near the junction of Baggot Street and Pembroke Street. To be examined.

Further locations for cycle parking will be identified early on 2008 by the traffic team in each area.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager install a yellow box on the Swords Road at the junction with Larkhill Road, as cars are often blocked from coming out of Larkhill Road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A yellow box is recommended, due to this wide 5 arm junction being blocked on a regular basis. This recommendation will go to the January Traffic Advisory Group and it is envisaged that the yellow box will be in place in 3 months time.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to say what is the current zoning of site at **(details supplied)** in the Dublin City Development Plan

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Land use Zoning Objective Z7: To provide for the protection and creation of industrial uses, and facilitate opportunities for employment creation.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues at **(details supplied)** :
introduce some form of traffic calming to protect the children playing on the street, to work with residents in identifying suitable play areas for children from the Street, to install the covert cctv in a strategic location, to help identify people involved in illegal dumping, and for the Manager to write to all landlords with premises on the street reminding them of their statutory obligations.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Traffic Calming

This item has been investigated by the Traffic department. **Details supplied** is a Dead End with low volumes of traffic and therefore does not meet the warrant for traffic calming.

Playground

There is no playground in the vicinity and no plans to install one as there are no areas that can be acquired at economic cost.

Litter/Dumping

Under normal circumstances bin day on **details supplied** is Monday and it is scheduled for cleaning on Tuesday, however the cleansing frequency has been increased as a direct result of commitments given at the meeting. The Litter Warden Service monitors the situation on a daily basis. The covert litter cameras will be deployed in the case of increased or sustained instance of dumping. A leaflet in six languages on the waste management responsibilities of occupiers has been circulated to every household on **details supplied**.

Statutory Obligations of Landlords

The RAS Unit have investigated complaints made by the Management Company regarding the RAS properties and are in contact with the landlords in this regard. RAS has also agreed not to contact any further premises on **details supplied**. The Area Housing Manager operates under Dublin City Council's Anti Social Behaviour Procedure and appropriate action taken has dealt with complaints of antisocial behaviour emanating from premises owned by Dublin City Council. The Area Housing Manager will continue to monitor the situation. The Local Area Office undertook to identify the private landlords of the four properties associated with the

highest levels of anti-social behaviour. These have now been contacted and have been informed of their obligations.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager to install a yellow box at **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Provision of a yellow box will be re-examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Central Area Committee.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager if he will consider purchasing **(details supplied 1)** with a view to providing crèche/play facilities and if he will determine whether the interference with the electricity supply at **(details supplied 2)** is due to major development work in **(details supplied 1)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The DDDA have indicated that the **(details supplied 1)** is not for sale at present however they are not interested in purchasing this particular property for crèche/play facilities.

(details supplied 2) it is a matter for the ESB to pursue errant Developers who regularly interrupt power supplies.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager for an update on **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tenants of **details supplied** were re-located to alternative accommodation in 2006. Planning permission was granted for the demolition and redevelopment of **details supplied** in April 2007. Assessment of the scheme was carried out by the Council's architects and quantity surveyors and funding application sent to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in November 2007. They are currently assessing the scheme.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the City Manager to detail the extent of ambulance services provided by Dublin City Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade provides the following integrated Ambulance Services in the Dublin Region:

- 12 full time Paramedic Emergency Ambulances operating from 11 Fire Stations in Dublin City and County. In 2007 Dublin Fire Brigade dealt with in excess of 72,000 ambulance calls.

- All Dublin Firefighters (full-time) are trained to national paramedic standards and are registered with PHECC (Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council) as Paramedic Practitioners. This allows DFB provide a Paramedic First Response Service from 12 strategically located stations with 20 Fire Appliances with up to six paramedics on each vehicle. These resources are available on a 24/7 basis. There are also two retained stations providing a first responder service.
- In 2007 Dublin Fire Brigade appliances dealt with over 12,000 ambulance cases either as back up to the ambulance at the scene or where no ambulance was immediately available.
- Dublin Fire Brigade also provide 2 part-time non transporting Advanced Paramedic Units. It is hoped to place this service on permanent footing subject to sufficient personnel qualifying to this level and adequate funding being provided.
- Dublin Fire Brigade can put on the scene of a major incident within a short time frame a large number of Paramedics (120 officers plus) at any time of the day or night every day, in addition to patient transport resources. The majority of responding operational officers are Paramedics and are competent in the management of major incidents, including those involving large numbers of casualties.
- DFB also provide a Fire & Rescue service including fire suppression, casualty rescue, road traffic accident extrication, swift water rescue, marine emergency response, tunnel response, high line rescue and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) response. All of the personnel who respond to these incidents are Paramedics and provide patient care immediately at the scene, thus stabilising the patient pending the arrival of the emergency ambulances. This level of pre-hospital care greatly enhances the likely outcome for the patient.
- In addition Dublin Fire Brigade provide and operate the Eastern Regional Control Centre for the receipt of emergency calls for medical assistance. The Centre is manned by 12 fully trained personnel at all times who process 130,000 calls (fire and ambulance) annually.
- Dublin Fire Brigade in partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons provide an accredited training institution which operates to the standards set by PHECC. This training school provides full paramedic training to all recruits coming into the fire service and to other bodies and agencies on request.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager to put down double yellow lines at **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Provision of double yellow lines will be re-examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Central Area Committee.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager to clean the shores at **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Drainage Division's gully cleaning crew will visit the above locations early in the New Year and will clean any gullies in need of attention. A further reply will be issued to the Councillor when the above works have been completed.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager for an update on the delisting and future plans for (**details supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Housing Manager reports that a feasibility study is currently being carried out on the above complex. On completion of this study a report will be brought to the Central Area Committee.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That the Manager please arrange that all schools in educational classified disadvantaged areas be excluded from the payment of water and waste charges due to the fact that every euro is needed to improve the school environment, educational aids, etc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Central Government's Water Pricing Plan Policy as outlined in Circular L16/02 issued by the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government requires that all non-domestic consumers pay the full cost of the provision to them of water supply and wastewater services. In order to comply with this policy Local Authorities are required to identify all non-domestic consumers and to fit the necessary water meters. This is in accordance with the national and EU Policy on the application of the Polluter Pays Principle.

Charging for water services by measurement is fair and equitable and will encourage water conservation since the less a consumer uses the less they will have to pay. The City Council has appointed a Water Conservation Officer who has begun visiting Primary schools to raise awareness on water usage and to provide advise on conservation awareness. The City Council has also launched a Primary Schools Water Conservation Pack.

Dublin City Council does not have any provision for the waiving of water service charges for any non-domestic customers.

The position with regard to the charging for the provision of water services to schools will be reviewed in light of any change in policy by Central Government regarding this sector in particular.

The City Council incurs full collection and disposal costs in relation to the waste to all customers including schools. While it is our view that the payment of waste charges is a matter for individual schools or the Department of Education & Science, the City Council nevertheless treats schools quite favourably. A 50% discount is given in respect of all schools and those who have attained a Green Flag Status receive their collection service free of charge. We consider the Green Flag initiative to be very important as it strongly promotes the recycling and reuse of waste materials. A Green Schools Officer works full time with schools in promoting good waste management practices and in assisting them to reduce their waste and therefore their charges. She also assists them in attaining the Green Flag Status. There are no proposals to change the existing policy.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That Dublin City Council please ensure that all residents groups, park user groups are convened with officials and elected members to ensure the best possible sustainable park user plan is put in place for the re-development of the Lawns Park Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Over the coming few years substantial funds will be spent on re-developing the park in order to create a sense of local ownership. The most logical way forward is to bring all the vested interests on board with a park management plan.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is intended to engage consultant landscape architects within the next three months, to prepare plans for the re-development of this park. The consultants will be required, as part of their brief, to consult with councillors, local residents, park users and local interest groups. The aim is to ensure that there is as much local input as possible in the re-development plan.

A considerable amount of money will be spent on implementing the plan and it is important that the improvements undertaken continue to be of benefit to local people well into the future. This will require on-going active management of the park by the City Council with assistance and involvement from local groups. One of the ways this partnership could be formalised is through the establishment of a "Friends of the Park" group. This idea will be promoted as part of the consultation process.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That Dublin City Council please arrange for a full report on the amount of Rates Collected for the past year in Ballyfermot to include Park West and what level of collection of waste management charges for domestic dwellings in the Dublin 10 area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The total rates debit for the Dublin 10 area, including Park West and Cherry Orchard, is €9,236,339.20 (€8,312,926.85 in respect of 2007 rates and €923,412.35 in respect of arrears). Every effort is made to ensure that all rates due are collected and it is expected that the majority of these arrears will be paid. The total collected for 2007 is €7,389,514.45.

Details of payments are not available by postcode from the Household Waste Charge Billing system. However, receipts and waivers in 2007 for the whole city represent 95% compliance with the charge. There is no reason to believe that payment patterns in Dublin 10 do not reflect this performance.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager what plans the City Council has to address the chronic traffic problems in the Terenure area, specifically the constant early morning and late afternoon gridlock, affecting Templeogue Road and Terenure Road West; allowing for the fact that the Council has no plans to carry out any further review of traffic issues in the area (Council Question 26, November 2007) what is the view of the City Manager in relation to alleviating the traffic problems in the area; if he has any plans to discuss the issue with Dublin Bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A review of the traffic arrangements in Terenure, Kimmage, Templeogue, Rathfarnham, Rathgar and Rathmines areas was carried out by MVA consultants on behalf of the City Council in 2005. All the main recommendations of their report were rejected by residents and elected representatives alike. The existing traffic arrangements in Terenure give priority to public transport in the form of the Rathfarnham and Tallaght Quality Bus Corridors (QBCs) which pass through the area. The Quality Bus Network (QBN) Project Office is developing proposals to upgrade the quality bus corridors in this area to provide an improved alternative to car use.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager what plans are in place for Canon Troy Court , as it is now proposed to vacate the apartments there; if it is proposed to develop the site for new Senior Citizen apartments; if there area any plans to develop the main house on the campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Canon Troy Court is currently undergoing the detenancing process. The majority of residents have opted to move to Claddagh Court Senor Citizens Scheme in Ballyfermot, where new dwellings will be available shortly. On completion of detenancing, the apartments at Canon Troy Court will be demolished making way for a new senior citizen housing scheme to be developed at this location. The original plan was to convert Canon Troy House (a listed building) to provide residential accommodation. However, following representations by local Councillors the future use of the premises is under further consideration.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager if the City Council will review its position regarding the basis for deciding that disc parking should be approved in an area (**details supplied**) where excessive parking at weekends seems to be discounted as a reason for approving disc parking; and if he will make a statement on the matter

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The requirement for pay and display and permit parking is that more than 80% of available parking space should be normally occupied during business hours. This requirement has been agreed with the Transportation and Traffic S.P.C. since 2003.

Any change to this requirement would first have to be presented to the S.P.C., as it would have major implications for all users of parks and recreational facilities on summer evenings and at weekends.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager if he will instruct the Planning Department to address each point raised in a valid planning submission; his view on whether this would help to make the process more transparent and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is the best practice that the report of a planning officer on a planning application contain an assessment of any valid planning submission lodged. If the items in a submission do not relate to planning matters, e.g. civil disputes, it is not appropriate for the planning officer to comment.

The validation process is governed by strict regulations and the Planning Department enclose a detailed comprehensive checklist with every planning application form (copy attached). The information is also available online.

The checklist is customer friendly.

The staff validating applications only invalidate when it is the only option (incorrect notices) phone calls etc. are used in order to get the applicants to validate and complete the application process.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Council please examine the footpath at an address **(details supplied)** with a view to making it accessible for a wheelchair user.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has made contact with the resident and will construct this dishing on footpath as soon as the appropriate fee is paid.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Council please place the following person **(details supplied)** on a house transfer list.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

As **(details supplied 1)** is not a tenant of D.C.C. (Private Purchaser) she cannot be placed on our Housing Transfer List. The incident referred to at above occurred in August 2006 and was reported to us on 11th September 2006 and subsequently investigated by both ourselves and the Gardai in Coolock.

The Gardai advised both parties to avoid each other. The second resident mentioned above is a private resident. These allegations were put to **(details supplied 2)** and she in turn made counter complaints against **(details supplied 1)**. Mediation was offered to both parties and while **(details supplied 2)** was agreeable, **(details supplied 1)** refused. No other complaints have been received against **(details supplied 2)** from any other neighbour to date. However when **(details supplied 1)** was contacted on 24/12/07 by this office in response to the above she stated that there were no further incidents since February 2007 and agreed to see our Welfare Officer in the New Year. This appointment will take place next Tuesday 8th.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Council provide an update on the provision of a Sports Grant to the following Club **(Details Supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

To date the Sports Capital Grant has not been issued to **(details supplied)**. The Department of Arts, Sport & Tourism issue this grant, not Dublin City Council.

A Deed of Covenant and Charge has been drafted and is currently with the Law Dept of DCC. When this is completed, it will be sent to the Chief State Solicitor's Office. Once they approve the documentation, they will advise the Department of Arts, Sport & Tourism to release the grant.

We cannot say how long this will take but DCC is expediting the Deed of Covenant as quickly as possible.

The Culture, Recreation & Amenity Department has been in contact **(details supplied)** and they are fully aware of the current situation.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Council provide ramps at the following location **(Details Supplied)** Ramps are required on the ***** Road due to motorists speeding.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request for speed ramps on *** Road has been examined. A speed survey was carried out at this location on 26th Nov 2007 The 85th percentile speed was 39km/h (23mph). Consequently, speed ramps are not recommended on Holywell Road because traffic speeds do not meet the warrant for the installation of speed ramps.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager supply me with the minutes for any pre-planning consultations that occurred in relation to planning app 6413/07 - 59/60 Clontarf Road?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Attached are copies of pre-application consultation minutes.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

In relation to Blackheath Avenue, can the Manager:
- organise to have the shores unblocked/cleared
- can the Manager repair/replace the damaged street-signs for the Avenue

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Drainage Divisions gully cleaning crew visited **(details supplied)** on the 10th of September 2007 and cleaned 7 of 7 gullies along the road. Consequently our scheduled cleaning programme is not due back in this area until the latter half of 2008. However, if there any gullies in need of particular attention, we will be more than happy to assist, especially if we can be provided with an accurate location.

Road Maintenance has ordered two new nameplate signs. These will be erected as soon as they are delivered. (Expected delivery 6-8 weeks).

Q.107 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager take steps to determine the owner of the standalone garage at the rear of 42 Calderwood Road; it is currently a source of anti-social behaviour and needs to be secured as a matter of urgency.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Staff from the Derelict Sites Section of Dublin City Council have inspected this property and have requested that the Law Department carry out a search with a view to ascertaining ownership. A report will issue directly to Councillor O'Muirí in due course.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager give me an update on the application by the 66th Scout Group for funding assistance to rebuild the fire-damaged Scouts Den in Conquer Hill, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Community Officers based in North Central Area Office, Kilbarrack, have been in contact with Scout Group personnel in connection with Grant Assistance under the category of a "Small Repairs Grant". While the Club have submitted quotations and other information we are waiting receipt of the main application form in connection with the above. If Scout personnel would like to contact the North Central Area Office in Kilbarrack, the processing of the grant in connection with the above can be facilitated as soon as possible.

LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

27 October to 30 November 2007

Revised Opening Balance	Debit		80,647,729
Payments during period		170,176,617	
Receipts during period		173,850,142	
Difference	Credit		3,673,525
Balance	Debit		<u>76,974,204</u>

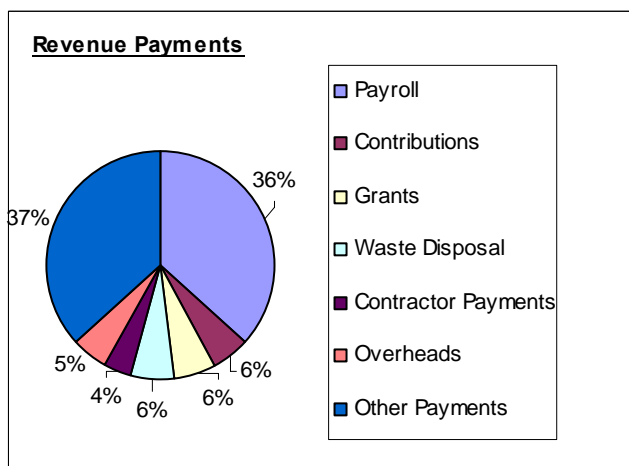
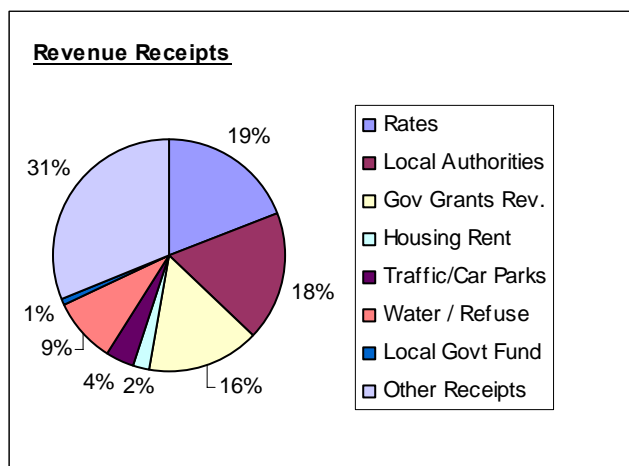
The above analysis sets out the movement between payments and receipts over the period 27th October 2007 to 30th November 2007. Total receipts amounted to € 173.8m with payments of €170.1m, leaving a net Receipts difference of €3.7m.

Analysis of Revenue Receipts & Payments November 2007

Receipts	%	This period	30/11/2007	Payments	%	This period	30/11/2007
Rates	19.24%	15,691,231	265,457,237	Payroll	36.54%	37,891,397	401,126,391
Housing Rent	2.40%	1,954,932	38,879,556	Contractor Payments	3.93%	4,073,852	33,271,604
Shared Ownership	2.31%	1,885,914	24,391,911	Local Authorities	5.25%	5,446,232	39,592,578
Other Housing Receipts	7.97%	6,499,067	35,777,154	Grants	5.83%	6,048,401	31,753,026
Gov Grants Rev.	15.69%	12,794,571	95,494,791	Rent/Rates	0.21%	214,077	15,692,710
Water/Refuse	9.06%	7,388,597	35,098,254	Fees Payable	0.51%	526,257	12,603,438
Local Gov Fund	0.85%	690,202	108,626,283	Overheads	5.43%	5,626,036	56,599,959
Traffic/Car Parks	3.82%	3,111,637	34,253,622	Computer Purch/Maint	0.82%	854,024	11,008,797
Clamping	0.50%	410,677	4,045,522				
Local Authorities	17.78%	14,498,727	104,915,703	Contributions	5.63%	5,838,239	44,947,802
Superannuation	1.53%	1,246,796	10,430,710	Utilities	2.20%	2,280,863	22,483,459
Other Debtors	15.78%	12,870,096	47,594,012	Vehicle Equipment Hire	1.98%	2,048,581	21,333,839
Planning Fees	0.50%	405,413	4,477,859	Equipment Vehicle/Materials	2.68%	2,777,836	27,910,632
City Estate Rental	0.76%	622,901	5,284,864	Waste Disposal	6.08%	6,307,438	47,224,380
Administration	1.80%	1,465,986	44,238,384	Stores	1.80%	1,866,175	17,015,145
Total Receipts	100.00%	81,536,748	858,965,862	Personal/Property Awards	14.44%	14,976,482	33,447,316
				Site Clearance	1.41%	1,458,236	7,516,393
				Installations	1.44%	1,494,637	15,991,172
				Relocation of Utilities	0.02%	16,522	4,038,551
				Insurance	-0.06%	-62,867	5,845,589
				Clamping	0.68%	701,247	6,998,552
				Administration	3.20%	3,316,964	34,567,256
				Total Payments	100.00%	103,700,630	890,968,590

Revenue receipts for the period amounted to €81.5m with Revenue Payments of €103.7m. Included in Revenue receipts are Government Grants of €12.8m including Homeless Policy €3.5m and Dept of Education re VEC Recoupment €4.6m.. Local Authority receipts of €14.5m relate to Fire Brigade Services €5.4m, Water Accounts €2.6m , Cleansing €4.1m and Sewers €2.2m.

Included in the Revenue Payments is €37.9 for Payroll .Personal/Property Awards of €15m include compensation payment of €11.7m paid re the Dublin Bay Project.

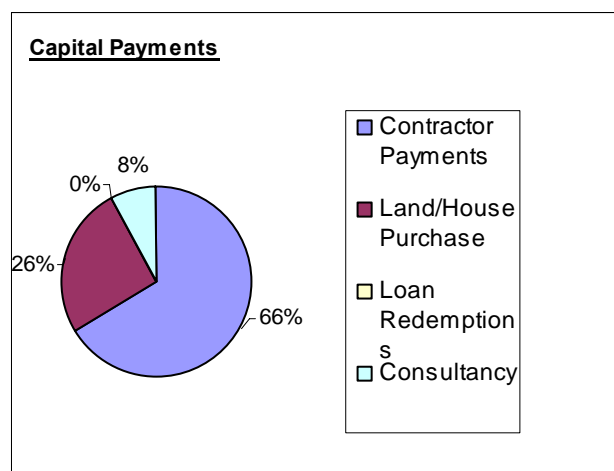
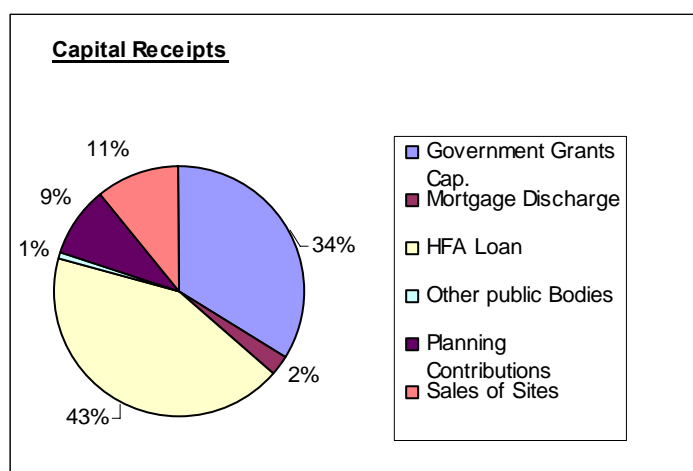


Analysis of Capital Receipts & Payments November 2007

Receipts	%	This period	Cumulative to 30/11/2007	Payments	%	This period	30/11/2007
Mortgage Discharge	2.49%	2,297,062	55,895,868	Contractor Payments	66.11%	43,949,931	292,462,668
Government Grants Cap.	33.82%	31,221,275	256,312,244	Land/House Purchase	26.07%	17,327,840	258,194,828
Other Public Bodies	0.75%	690,202	17,311,255				
Planning Contributions	9.01%	8,318,508	48,337,167	Consultancy	7.82%	5,198,216	45,701,888
HFA Loan	43.00%	39,698,261	310,447,331	Loan Charges/Redemptions	0.00%	-	137,344,666
Sale of Sites/Apartments	10.93%	10,088,087	48,120,689				
Total Receipts	100.00%	92,313,395	736,424,553	Total Payments	100.00%	66,475,987	733,704,050

Capital receipts for the period amounted to €92.3m with capital payments of €66.5m. Capital Grants received were €31.2m, of which €21.2m related to grants under Housing Schemes and €4m related to Merrywell Recycling Plant .

Capital payments to contractors totalled €43.9m. €30 relates to housing while €11m relates to new treatment works Ringsend.



Kathy Quinn

Head of Finance