

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Miosuil a tionóladh ar an **8ú Bealtaine** 2007 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

I Láthair an tArdmheara, An Comhairleoir Vincent Jackson sa chathaoir.

Comhairleoir:

Maurice Ahern
Chris Andrews
Charlie Ardagh
Paddy Bourke
Tom Brabazon
Gerry Breen
Christy Burke
Catherine Byrne
Eibhlin Byrne
Julia Carmichael
Joan Collins
Michael Conaghan
Ray Corcoran

Apologies

Sean Kenny
Mary Murphy

Oifigigh

John Tierney
Philip Maguire
Matt Twomey
Brendan Kenny
Ciaran Murray
Michael Stubbs

Comhairleoir :

Emer Costello
Lucinda Creighton
Michael Donnelly
Daithi Doolan
Dessie Ellis
Killian Forde
Mary Freehill
John Gallagher
Brian Gillen
Wendy Hederman
Deirdre Heney
Kevin Humphreys
Nicky Kehoe
Liam Kelly

Comhairleoir

Dermot Lacey
Bronwen Maher
Sean Paul Mahon
Ann Marie Martin
Andrew Montague
Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Naoise O'Muirí
Aodhán Ó'Riordáin
Larry O'Toole
Michael Rafferty
Robert Sargent
Tony Smithers
Tom Stafford

Kieran Rose
Ailish Smyth
Hugh Fitzpatrick

Gnó an t-Ardmheara

1. The City Council, at the Lord Mayor's request, agreed to suspend Standing Orders to adopt the following motion without debate "That Dublin City Council congratulate all parties concerned for their steps to create real sustainable peace and the restoration of local democratic accountability and that as capital city of

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the Republic we make every effort to improve relationships between the two largest cities on the island of Ireland”.

2. The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had learned of Councillor Tony Smithers' intention to resign from the City Council, by the end of May and he paid tribute to him and to his service and commitment to the people of Ballyfermot and he wished him and his family the very best for the future.

The Group Leaders and Councillors C. Ardagh and L. Kelly also paid tribute to Councillor Smithers and thanked him for all his hard work. The City Manager also thanked him for the constructive manner in which he had conducted himself on the Council. Councillor Tony Smithers responded by informing the Council that his decision to resign was based solely on personal reasons and he said that he had enjoyed his time on the Council and that he had learned a lot from the experience.

3. The Lord Mayor also wished all the Councillors who were candidates in the forthcoming General Election, the best of luck.

The City Council, at that stage, agreed at the request of the Lord Mayor, to suspend Standing Orders in order to next deal with the disposals listed at Item Nos. 25(I) to (XXVII) on the Agenda Paper.

4. Submitted Report No. 183/2007 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 21 premises. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 183/2007” The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Report No. 193/2007 of the Executive Manager (*Declan Wallace*)– Proposed grant of a lease of Room No. 16 on the first floor at Goldenbridge Integrated Services Complex to Canal Communities Intercultural Centre with necessary rights of way. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 193/2007” The motion was put and carried.
6. Submitted Report No. 194/2007 of the Executive Manager (*Declan Wallace*) – Proposed grant of a lease of Room No. 11 and an additional annexed area on the ground floor at Goldenbridge Integrated Services Complex to St. Michael's Regeneration Board with necessary rights of way. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 194/2007” The motion was put and carried.
7. Submitted Report No. 195/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Railway Avenue, Sutton (former Akzo Nobel site) to Tom Flood and Alec Flood. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 195/2007” The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Report No. 196/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Seven Oaks, Sarsfield Road, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 196/2007” The motion was put and carried.

9. Submitted Report No. 197/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 5 affordable apartments at Prospect Hill, Finglas Road, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 197/2007” The motion was put and carried.
10. Submitted Report No. 198/2007 of the Executive Manager (*Declan Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of plot of ground to the rear of 651, Collins Avenue Extension to Mr. Ciaran Byrne and Mr. Jude Byrne. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 198/2007” The motion was put and carried.
11. Submitted Report No. 199/2007 of the Executive Manager (*Declan Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of Dublin City Council’s interest in a plot of ground at the Beggar’s Bush Barracks Complex to Heritage Properties Ltd. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 199/2007” The motion was put and carried.
12. Submitted Report No. 200/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of Commercial Unit 3, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 to Messrs. Oliver Donohue, Oliver Malone, Sean McGuigan C/O Main St, Belturbet, Co. Cavan. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 200/2007” The motion was put and carried.
13. Submitted Report No. 201/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of Commercial Unit 4, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 to Messrs. Oliver Donohue, Oliver Malone, Sean McGuigan C/O Main St, Belturbet, Co. Cavan. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 201/2007” The motion was put and carried.
14. Submitted Report No. 202/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of Commercial Unit 6, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 to Messrs. Oliver Donohue, Oliver Malone, Sean McGuigan C/O Main St, Belturbet, Co. Cavan. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 202/2007” The motion was put and carried.
15. Submitted Report No. 203/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of Commercial Unit 7, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 to Messrs. Oliver Donohue, Oliver Malone, Sean McGuigan C/O Main St, Belturbet, Co. Cavan. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 203/2007” The motion was put and carried.
16. Submitted Report No. 204/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of a site at the junction of Fenian Street and Holles Street, Dublin 2 to Gem Construction Co.Ltd., Athlone Road, Co. Longford. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 204/2007” The motion was put and carried.

17. Submitted Report No. 205/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Greeg Court, Parnell Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 205/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No. 206/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) With reference to the proposed disposal of land and the granting of a right of way to the Irish Rugby Football Union. At that stage of the meeting, Councillor K. Humphreys informed the Lord Mayor that he had a beneficial interest to declare in relation to that disposal and he withdrew from the Council Chamber while that Item was being dealt with. Councillor D. Lacey in moving Report No. 206/2007 for adoption informed the Council of the protracted debates and meetings over the past few weeks and he thanked Ms. Eileen Brady, Area Manager and Mr. Michael Stubbs, Assistant City Manager, for their role in getting an acceptable deal agreed by the various parties. Following a short debate Councillor D. Lacey moved “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 206/2007 subject to the inclusion of the following text: in part C of that Report, immediately after the sentence ‘Egress in emergencies by the public in relation to attendance at concerts”

“All of the above disposals are subject to the applicants paying a sum of €2.44 million as a fund for householders in the vicinity of the new stadium, to cover inconvenience and disturbance, payable as follows:

The boundary group + one other household		
14 @ €120,000 each	=	€1,680,000
8 @ €32,500 each	=	€ 260,000
Other householders	=	€ 500,000
		€2,440,000
Total		

The above disposals are also subject to the following:

- New swan culvert to be built away from back gardens
- Additional flood defences
- Dodder Walk landscaping
- Old culvert landscaping and disposal if not require by D.C.C.
- Annual payment of €100,000 (index linked) to the Project Monitoring Committee”

The motion, having been seconded by Councillor C. Burke, was then put and carried. (A copy of amended Report No. 206/2007 incorporating the full terms of the amendment was circulated to all Councillors at the start of the meeting).

19. Submitted Report No. 207/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 19 affordable houses at Kilshane Road, Kilshane Drive and Ratoath Avenue, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 207/2007” The motion was put and carried.

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20. Submitted Report No. 208/2007 of the Executive Manager (*Declan Wallace*) – With further reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at 54/55 North Great Charles Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 208/2007” The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 209/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 4 affordable apartments at Pelletstown Manor, Ashtown, Dublin 15. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 209/2007” The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No. 210/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 17 Affordable apartment at Prospect Hill, Finglas Road, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 210/2007” The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 211/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of Apartment 23, Block 7, at Prospect Hill, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 211/2007” The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No. 212/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of an affordable apartment at Prospect Hill, Finglas Road, Dublin 11. The Meetings Administrator, Mr Vincent Norton, informed the Council that this item was being withdrawn and would be re-submitted to the next meeting of the City Council on the 11th June 2007.
25. Submitted Report No. 213/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Prospect Hill, Finglas Road, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 213/2007” The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 214/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Railway Road, Clongriffin, Dublin 13. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 214/2007” The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 215/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of 57, Reuben Street, Dolphin’s Barn, Dublin 8, to Bucholz McEvoy Architects Limited, Mount Pleasant Industrial Estate, Upper Mount Pleasant Avenue, Dublin 6. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 215/2007” The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No. 216/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Michael Stubbs*) – With reference to the compulsory disposal of lands for the LUAS Lines to the Railway Procurement Agency. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 216/2007” The motion was put and carried.

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29. Submitted Report No. 217/2007 of the Executive Manager (*Declan Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the Fee Simple in the premises 110 Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9 to Mary Wong (Wong Kiu Tsang) c/o O’Callaghan Solicitors, 51 Mulgrave Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co, Dublin. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 217/2007” The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No. 221/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in a site at Baldoye Industrial Estate to Eoin McConnon c/o Mackey O’Sullivan Solicitors, 10 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No 221/2007” The motion was put and carried.
31. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 - It was moved by Councillor N. Kehoe and seconded by Councillor D. Heney “That Dublin City Council approves of the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 161 questions lodged for the City Council meeting of the 8th May 2007 were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
32. Submitted Letter dated 20th March 2007 from Naas Town Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their February Meeting calling on their Council to support the efforts of everylifecounts.com in their efforts to have just one day each year, 21st September, World Peace Day, where there won’t be any deaths on television for entertainment purposes. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter” The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Letter dated 21st March 2007 from Fermoy Town Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their March Meeting calling on their Council to express its abhorrence of this Government’s Policy of purchasing carbon credits and insists it stops immediately. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter” The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Letter dated 22nd March 2007 from Micheál Martin, T.D., Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in response to a motion agreed at the January Meeting of the City Council concerning an Employment Task Force for the Coolock area. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter” The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Letter dated 27th March 2007 from Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform in response to a motion agreed at the November 2006 Meeting of City Council regarding social problems caused by alcohol abuse. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter” The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Letter dated 3rd April 2007 from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in response to a motion agreed at the March Meeting of City Council in relation to the Irish Battlefield’s Project. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter” The motion was put and carried.

37. The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 2nd April 2007, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
38. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor R. Sargent "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.
39. Submitted Report No. 176/2007 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Construction of a new single-storey sports changing facility in Eamonn Ceannt Park, Crumlin, Dublin 12. It was moved by Councillor R. Sargent and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 176/2007" The motion was put and carried.
40. Submitted Report No. 185/2007 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Construction of a Waste Management Services Depot at Kylemore Park West, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 185/2007" The motion was put and carried.
41. Submitted Report No. 223/2007 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Construction of 16 Older Persons' Dwellings in three two-storey blocks on the present public open space between Belcamp Green, Belcamp Grove and Belcamp Avenue, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor S.P. Mahon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 223/2007" The motion was put and carried.
42. Submitted Report No. 229/2007 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Construction of 1 no. extra affordable 2 bedroom apartment, to previously approved Part 8 Application for Construction of 30 houses and 107 apartments, a 25 child space community crèche and a 120 sqm community facility. (planning ref/2792/06, City Council approved July 2006). It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor N. Kehoe "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 229/2007" The motion was put and carried.
43. Appointment of two Councillors as Directors to the Board of Dublin Regional Tourism Authority Limited. It was moved by Councillor K. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Councillor Anne Carter be appointed as director to the Board of Dublin Regional Tourism Authority Limited". It was moved by Councillor J. Carmichael and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Councillor Sean Paul Mahon be appointed as director to the Board of Dublin Regional Tourism Authority Limited". Both motions were put and carried.

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44. Appointment of a member to the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Mick Rafferty from that Committee. It was moved by Councillor K. Humphries and seconded by Councillor M. Freehill "That Councillor Michael Conaghan be appointed as a member to the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.
45. Nomination of Councillor to Temple Bar Properties Ltd. (vacancy caused by the resignation of former Councillor Garry Keegan). It was moved by Councillor J. Carmichael and seconded by Councillor K. Humphreys "That Councillor Chris Andrews be nominated to the Board of Temple Bar Properties Ltd.". The motion was put and carried. The change in title from 'Temple Bar Properties Ltd'. to 'Temple Bar Cultural Trust' was noted.
46. Submitted Report No. 157/2007 of the Dublin City Manager – Annual Report and Accounts 2006. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor K. Humphries "That Dublin City Council adopts the "Annual Report and Accounts 2006". The motion was put and carried.
47. Submitted Report No. 179/2007 of the Dublin City Manager – Annual Financial Statement 2006 – Financial Review. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor N. Kehoe "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 179/2007". The motion was put and carried.
48. Submitted Report No. 180/2007 of the Dublin City Manager – With reference to revised Expenditure for 2006 submitted in Accordance with Section 104 Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor B. Maher "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 180/2007 and approves the revised expenditure for 2006 as set out therein". The motion was put and carried.
49. Submitted Report No. 181/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - Addition of the Bank of Ireland Headquarters, Baggot Street, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures. It was moved by Councillor B. Maher and seconded by Councillor J. Carmichael "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 181/2007 and hereby resolves under Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 that the property "Bank of Ireland Headquarters, Baggot Street, Dublin 2 be added to the list of Protected Structures, Dublin City Development Plan 2005 – 2011". The motion was put and carried. Councillor G. Breen requested that his opposition to this motion be recorded in the minutes.
50. Submitted Report No. 192/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*Matt Twomey*) – Water Monitoring Procedure. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor N O'Muirí "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 192/2007". The motion was put and carried.
51. Submitted Report No. 222/2007 of the Executive Manager (*Máire Twomey*) – Progress Report on 2nd Year of Corporate Plan. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor W. Hederman "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 222/2007" The motion was put and carried.
52. Submitted Report No. 228/2007 of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Vincent Jackson – Lord Mayor's Initiative on Ageing and Older People. The Lord Mayor presented the Report to the Council and he thanked Councillors Eibhlin Byrne and Naoise

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O'Muiri for their input. He also thanked the following staff: Mr. B. Kenny, Mr. P. Finnegan, Ms. G. Maguire and Ms. A. Smyth. In a short debate on the report, which was warmly welcomed, the Lord Mayor was praised by his fellow Councillors for his Initiative in this matter. The Lord Mayor then moved the following motion "That Dublin City Council noted Report No. 228/2007 and hereby formally adopts as policy the Report "Ageing and Older People Positive Steps". The motion having been seconded by Councillor Eibhlin Byrne, was put and carried.

53. Submitted Report No. 230/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*B. Kenny*) – "Bowling Together in the Capital – An Action Plan for Social Capital and Active Citizenship in Dublin City". It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 230/2007 and approves the Action Plan for Social Capital and Active Citizenship in Dublin City – Bowling Together in the Capital". The motion was put and carried.
54. Submitted Report No. 184/2007 of the Area Manager (*C. Reilly*) - With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at 92 Philipsburgh Avenue, Fairview, Dublin 3. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way at 92 Philipsburgh Avenue, Fairview, Dublin 3, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 22129f, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993" The motion was put and carried.
55. Submitted Report No. 188/2007 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) - With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over laneway between Nos. 119 and 153 North Circular Road and Nos. 6 and 38 Blackhorse Grove (Known as Altona Lane), Dublin 7. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over laneway between Nos. 119 and 153 North Circular Road and Nos. 6 and 38 Blackhorse Grove (Known as Altona Lane), Dublin 7, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24483, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993" The motion was put and carried.
56. Submitted Report No. 189/2007 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) - With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a section of pathway on O'Connell Avenue, at the junction with Berkeley Road, Dublin 7. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over a section of pathway on O'Connell Avenue, at the junction with Berkeley Road, Dublin 7. as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24497, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993" The motion was put and carried.
57. Submitted Report No. 224/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – Draft Guidelines for Achieving Liveable, Sustainable New Apartment Homes. Mr. M. Stubbs informed the Council that the draft Guidelines had been prepared following joint consultation between the Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs and the Housing, Social and Community Affairs Strategic Policy

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Committees. He said that the draft guidelines were before the City Council that evening, to seek the approval of the Council to initiate the Public Consultation Process in relation to same. Following which they would be brought back to the Joint SPCS and be resubmitted to the City Council in July. Formal City Council approval to the Guidelines would be sought, he said, by way of a Variation to the Development Plan. Following a short debate on the draft guidelines it was moved by Councillor K. Humphries and seconded by Councillor C. Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 224/2007 and approves the initiation of the public consultation phase in relation to the draft Guidelines for Achieving Liveable, Sustainable New Apartment Homes" The motion was put and carried.

58. Submitted Report No. 191/2007 of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee – Breviate of Meeting held on 27th March 2007 – *Councillor Nicky Kehoe, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor N. Kehoe and seconded by Councillor R. Sargent "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 191/2007" The motion was put and carried.
59. Submitted Report No. 227/2007 of the Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee – Breviate of Meeting held on 24th April 2007 – *Councillor Daithí Doolan, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor K. Forde "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 227/2007" The motion was put and carried.
60. Submitted Report No. 226/2007 of the Chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee (*Councillor Michael Conaghan*) held on 26th March 2007. It was moved by Councillor M. Conaghan and seconded by Councillor K. Humphries "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 226/2007" The motion was put and carried.
61. Submitted Report No. 177/2007 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Committee (*Councillor Tom Brabazon*) held on 2nd April 2007. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 177/2007" The motion was put and carried.
62. Submitted Report No. 219/2007 of the South Central Area Joint Policing Committee (*Councillor Robert Sargent*) held on 20th April 2007. It was moved by Councillor R. Sargent and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 219/2007" The motion was put and carried.
63. Submitted Report No. 187/2007 of the North West Area Joint Policing Committee (*Councillor Julia Carmichael*) held on 16th April 2007. It was moved by Councillor J. Carmichael and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 187/2007" The motion was put and carried.
64. Submitted Report No. 186/2007 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2007 – *Councillor Julia Carmichael, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor J. Carmichael and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 186/2007" The motion was put and carried.
65. Submitted Report No. 220/2007 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2007 – *Councillor Paschal Donohoe, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor N. Kehoe "That Dublin City

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Council notes the contents of Report No 220/2007” The motion was put and carried.

66. Submitted Report No. 218/2007 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2007 - *Councillor Charlie Ardagh, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor R. Sargent and seconded by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 218/2007” The motion was put and carried.
67. Submitted Report No. 178/2007 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2007 – *Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor J Carmichael and seconded by Councillor K. Humphries “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 178/2007” The motion was put and carried.
68. Submitted Report No. 190/2007 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2007 – *Councillor Naoise O’Muirí, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor K. Humphries “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 190/2007” The motion was put and carried.
69. Submitted Report No. 225/2007 of the Protocol and Selection Committee – Further Breviate for the month of March 2007 – *Councillor Gerry Breen, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor A. Montague and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 225/2007” The motion was put and carried.
70. The following emergency motion submitted by Councillor D. Lacey was adopted without debate in accordance with the recommendation from the Emergency Motions Vetting Group in that regard:

“Dublin City Council expresses its congratulations to the members of the new Devolved Government in Northern Ireland and wishes all the Members of the Legislative Assembly every success in the task of building Peace and Justice in Northern Ireland and for ongoing and productive relations between all the people on the island of Ireland and between Ireland and Britain. Dublin City Council also expresses its gratitude to all those through whose work this progress has been made”.
71. The following motion was referred from the meeting of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee held on the 26th March 2007: “That Dublin City Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to update the dog control legislation of 1998 so that an outright ban be applied to certain dangerous breeds such as pit-bull terriers”. Having been proposed by Councillor T. Stafford and seconded by Councillor K. Humphreys, the motion was put and carried.
72. The following motion was referred from the April meeting of South Central Area Committee – “That the South Central Area Committee instructs the Planning Department or the relevant Department to release the €20,000 technical aid, agreed at the SCAC of the 21st of Feb 2007, to facilitate the Inchicore Residents Association in drafting up an Independent Traffic Study for the area”. The City Council agreed to defer consideration of the motion pending the outcome of a meeting to be arranged by the Area Manager, with residents and officials from the appropriate Departments.

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73. The following motion was referred from the April meeting of the Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee - "That this Committee:

Notes the purchase by a consortium involving the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA) of the former Irish Glass Bottling site in Ringsend

- Notes that the DDDA is preparing a Master Plan for this location as part of a plan to seek "Section 25" planning designation.
- Expresses concern at the conflict of interest that will then arise in this situation as the DDDA will be the sole planning authority for a site of which it is part-owner with no public recourse to an Bord Pleanála for appeal.
- Seeks that Planning Authority for this location remains with Dublin City Council to ensure that the public interest is protected."

Following a short debate on this motion during which the City Manager informed the Council that he had put in train regular meetings with the Dublin Docklands Development Authority, the City Council decided to note the motion.

74. It was moved by Councillor N. Kehoe and seconded by Councillor E. Costello "That this City Council call on the Minister for Health to employ more Occupational Therapists due to the long waiting list which are up to 12 months for senior citizens who are applying for Disability Grants. The motion was put and carried.

75. In the absence of Councillor P. Donohoe, the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 44 on the Agenda Paper dropped "That Dublin City Council review their policy in relation to dog fouling and initiate a new campaign to deter same by education of dog owners on health effects and consequences of not acting responsibly".

76. In the absence of Councillor C. Byrne, the following motion standing in her name at Item No. 45 on the Agenda Paper dropped "Could the City Manager investigate the possibility of purchasing the site of St. Jude's Church on Inchicore Road for use as an historic monument given its location near to Kilmainham Gaol, Royal Hospital, Bully Acre, etc."

77. The City Council agreed to a request from Councillor K. Forde to allow Councillor K. Humphreys to move the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 62 on the Agenda Paper instead of his motion standing at Item No. 46 which was next on the Agenda Paper "That the City Council fund the community cost of legal representation at An Bord Pleanála hearing into the incinerator on the Poolbeg Peninsula" The motion having been moved by Councillor K. Humphries and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey was put and declared defeated.

78. The City Council agreed to a request by Councillor J. Carmichael that the following motion standing in her name at Item no 47 on the Agenda Paper be deferred to the next monthly meeting of the City Council to be held on 11th June 2007 "That this City Council supports the 7th Amendment to the Constitution Act 1979, which contemplates allowing graduates of all higher educational institutions in Ireland to vote in Seanad Elections, and that this Council asks the Minister for Education to prioritise this amendment."

79. The City Council agreed to a request by Councillor E. Costello that the following motion standing in her name at Item no 48 on the Agenda Paper be deferred to the next monthly meeting of the City Council to be held on 11th June 2007 "Dublin City Council, having regard to its statutory functions –

- as a housing authority and in particular its functions in relation to the provision of adequate and suitable housing accommodation for homeless persons,
- in relation to facilitating greater participation by marginalised groups in the social, economic and cultural life of the local community, and
- as a forum for the democratic representation of local communities and the promotion of their interests,

Hereby determines as the policy of the Council, pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Act 2001, as follows.

1. The Council welcomes private and corporate voluntary initiative in meeting housing need including in particular in meeting the needs of groups who experience social exclusion and whose members cannot provide accommodation for themselves from their own resources.
2. While strongly encouraging and offering all reasonable assistance (including financial assistance within available resources) for such initiatives, the Council and its officers are conscious also of its role in representing and promoting the interests of local communities.
3. The Council strongly believes that such housing projects should be undertaken in a spirit of partnership with local communities. Where there is conflict or a risk of conflict between an accommodation provider and the local community, a policy of non-intervention on the part of the Council is neither reasonable nor responsible.
4. It shall be a function of the Council to aim to promote partnership in such cases through agreed structures for the provision of timely information, direct engagement with community representatives, the acknowledgement and meeting of reasonable community concerns and the satisfactory resolution of disputes.
5. Dublin City Council shall draw up a register of accommodation provided by the voluntary and statutory initiatives to meet housing needs for the purpose of mapping the levels and areas where these services are provided. The Register would contain the following information:
Name & Registered address of the institution/agency
Address of premises where accommodation is being provided
Type of service and number of accommodation units."

80. Mr. Vincent Norton, Meetings Administrator, informed the Council that Councillor M. Murphy had sent her apologies for her absence from the meeting that evening and had requested that her motion be deferred. Accordingly the City Council agreed to defer consideration of the following motion standing in her name at Item No. 49 on the Agenda Paper until the next monthly meeting of the City Council to be held on 11th June 2007 "That the Manager ends the trend of Dublin

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City Council failing to make use of the opportunities presented by International Women's Day to promote women's participation in the political, economic and social life of Dublin City*. Given only one quarter of Councillors are women, as a signal of its commitment to gender equality, the Manager will initiate a programme of annual events which will become embedded in the annual life of the city and contribute towards promoting women's equal participation in governance of the city.

* The City of London, for example, marks the day each year with a Capital Woman event.

81. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor K. Forde "Can the City Manager clear up the situation on the Kidney Living Programme at Beaumont Hospital, as there appears to be a view that this programme has been suspended" The motion was put and carried.
82. The City Council agreed to a request by Councillor C. Ni Dhalaigh that the following motion standing in her name at Item no 51 on the Agenda Paper be withdrawn "That this Council ensures that Section 35 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 amended under Section 9 of the Planning and Development (Strategic infrastructure Act) 2006 be used in any future planning applications from P. Elliott on the basis of their past performances of failure to comply with planning conditions, thus shifting the onus on to the applicant to apply to the High Court for an Order nullifying the decision to refuse permission."
83. In the absence of Councillor C. Andrews, the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 52 on the Agenda Paper dropped "Could the City Manager arrange for a Pay and Display meter to be located on the side of the road opposite to St. Vincent's Hospital, as when people park there, they have to cross road to get to the meter"
84. The City Council agreed to a request by Councillor N. O'Muire that the following motion standing in his name at Item no 53 on the Agenda Paper be deferred to the next monthly meeting of the City Council to be held on 11th June 2007 "That this Council:
 - notes the substantial points of the High Court decision of 9th March 2007 in relation to the case between Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Glenkerrin Homes
 - advocates a change to City planning policy whereby the specifics of the Part V housing provision be included as a Condition of each planning grant.
85. The City Council agreed to a request by the Lord Mayor, Councillor V. Jackson that the following motion standing in his name at Item no 54 on the Agenda Paper be deferred to the next monthly meeting of the City Council to be held on 11th June 2007 "That Dublin City Council seeks from the Department of Environment & Local Government a returnable deposit scheme for all plastic cartons, beer can's particularly soft drinks bottles as a major gesture in reducing the dreadful litter situation generated from such containers. Germany has a very successful scheme as have the Swedish why can Ireland make a bold step to reduce the on-street litter situation by charging a 25 cent deposit returnable when bottle returned to seller this will substantially reduce on-street litter."
86. It was moved by Councillor A. O'Riordan and seconded by Councillor K. Humphreys "That this Council adopts as a matter of policy the three aims of the Deputy Lord Mayor's 'Right to Read Campaign' as outlined in www.righttoread.ie

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- That this Council acknowledges that more extensive opening hours of our libraries will assist in tackling educational disadvantage in Dublin City.
- That this Council will endeavour to create and / or support the establishment of homework clubs to serve the needs of all children in our local authority estates.
- That this Council recognises that the design standards of homes and issues of overcrowding limit the capacity of children to learn at home and that this Council's Housing Department will recognise this in the scheme of letting priorities and points allocation.

That this Council will lobby every other local authority in the state to also adopt the three aims of the 'Right to Read Campaign' as part of a nationwide campaign to begin the total eradication of illiteracy in Ireland” The motion was put and carried.

87. It was moved by Councillor A. Montague and seconded by Councillor K. Humphreys “That the Council review and revise arrangements whereby it is currently only possible to pay rent or mortgage payments to the Council by standing order and not by direct debit making it extremely onerous on Council customers who have to change their standing order every time their payment amount changes; That he set out the cost to the Council of the many late payments by customers arising from this policy; and that he provide an explanation for the inflexibility of the present policy.” The motion was put and carried. Before the motion was put, Mr. B. Kenny, Assistant City Manager informed the Council that it was not possible, at present, to implement the terms of the motion in respect of Council tenants, but that he would examine the matter in that regard.

The meeting concluded at 10pm in accordance with Standing Order No 8.

Correct.

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 TUESDAY, 08TH MAY, 2007.

Q1. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

Will the Manager please agree to send his inspector to investigate and remedy the cause of the dampness that is under the window and the bathroom? As there are two young children aged 3 years and a new baby only 8 months sleeping in this bedroom my constituent is anxious that this problem be resolved as quickly as possible, and will he make a statement on the matter, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has inspected this dwelling. The problems experienced by this tenant are caused by lack of ventilation due to the installation of PVC windows without the required venting. A private contractor has been appointed to carry out the installation of vents in the bathroom and bedrooms to alleviate this problem in a number of properties in the area. This house has been included in this programme and the work will be carried out over the next four to six weeks.

Q2. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

Is the Manager not aware that at least 4 lamp standards are not working at Pim Street/Newport Street Dublin 8 for over 6 weeks now? Is he aware that there are still local residents living here, despite being suffocated by building dust as building projects surrounds them? Will he guarantee that he will address the suffering of the adjoining residents, who are living at night in near total darkness, before this question is answered? And will he make a statement on the matter?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Two new lighting standards were erected on both Pim Street and Newport Street to replace the existing lights on ESB poles. We can confirm that these new lights, which were awaiting ESB connection, are completed and are lighting as of 23/04/07.

An inspection of the building site on Pim Street/Newport St was carried out by an Environmental Health Officer from the Air Monitoring and Noise Control Unit on April 16th 2007. There was no dust nuisance at the time of inspection.

The building contractors gave an undertaking to completely net the entire site to prevent wind blown dust entering onto adjoining properties during the construction phase within a week. This has now been completed.

Q3. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

To ask the City Manager to immediately investigate the structure and safety of the wall, **(details supplied)**, and to carry out all necessary works to make it safe, thereby alleviating the fears of the adjoining residents? Will he guarantee that this wall will be inspected and works completed before this question is answered? And will he make a statement on this issue?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The area inspector has carried out an inspection of the above boundary walls on several occasions and has been in touch with some of the residents whose properties the wall adjoins. It would appear that these boundary walls are defective in places and some sections have already been rebuilt. A section of the boundary wall adjoining Terenure Road West is currently a cause for concern and in this regard the Inspector has been in touch with Mary Woodful of 45A Brookfield Estate, whose property it adjoins, informing her that a dangerous buildings notice is being served on her to have the wall taken down. Dublin City Council is not responsible for boundary walls adjoining residents properties, and where such walls are dangerous, can only instruct the owners to take remedial action where danger is involved. These walls are inspected on a regular basis, and any appropriate action deemed necessary will be taken by City Architects Department in the interest of public safety.

Q4. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

Will the Manager give me a commitment that he will provide sufficient funding to have a children's playground with appropriate equipment installed in Grattan Crescent Park, Inchicore? Will he also agree that appropriate seating for parents and child minders will also be provided? And will he make a statement on the matter?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council recently convened a meeting of representatives of parents and residents groups in the Inchicore area including the Woodfield Project Group, and local area Councillors who had been expressing an interest in the provision of a playground in Grattan Crescent Park. The group were advised that consultants are being engaged to develop design proposals for the park and vicinity, in the context of the Inchicore Urban Design Framework Plan. The groups present at the meeting agreed to form a consultative group to be involved in the design process over the coming months. During this process appropriate facilities for inclusion in the park will be discussed and agreed.

Q5. COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

The Residents Association and Crumlin CDP feel there is a real need for a community meeting hall for Lower Crumlin to facilitate meetings, training courses, senior citizens events, that is wheelchair accessible etc. At the moment the only place to organise in the community is a licensed club. Will the Manager initiate a process for the Community to meet with Dublin City Council to seriously address this issue.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Crumlin Area Office will organise a meeting with the Crumlin CDP to discuss their requirements.

Q6. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he would clarify if Ministerial approval would be required in the event of motion number 34, on the agenda of the April 2007 meeting of the City Council, being adopted prior to the terms of that motion being brought into effect and to further ask the Manager if he could quantify the financial costs to the Council if that motion is carried and implemented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Under the provisions of section 60 of the Roads Act 1993 a Road Authority may revoke a toll scheme for a public road. This requires Ministerial approval. As ownership of the East link bridge will not revert to the City Council until 2013 it would only be possible to exercise this function at this time by buying out the interest of National Toll Roads and Dublin Port. The likely cost of this based on the revenue currently generated by the Toll Bridge would be in the order of €60 million.

Q7. COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

To ask the Manager does the Council have any plans to prune the trees on this road, **(details supplied)**, in this years works programme.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parks & Landscape Services Division has examined roadside trees at this location. The roadside trees on this road are not considered to require pruning during the current year.

Q8. COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

The laneway at the end of, **(details supplied)**, is an anti-social black spot. If the Council is not in a position to close it off, would they consider installing CCTV.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are development proposals for this site, and part of the proposed development includes the provision to close off this laneway, which should eliminate the anti-social behaviour at this location. Given the above, we would not currently give consideration to the installation of CCTV at this location.

Q9. COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Would the Council resurface the footpath at, **(details supplied)**, where it runs alongside, **(details supplied)**, as it has become very uneven and a tripping hazard.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The footpath at, **(details supplied)**, was inspected on 10th April 2007 by the Roads Maintenance Division. It is considered to be in reasonable and safe condition. It does not warrant priority repair in the context of other footpaths in the North Central Area. The footpaths here will be re-examined again next year.

Q10. COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Would the Council consider relocating the pedestrian traffic light at the entrance to, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An investigation of a similar request to move the pedestrian crossing was carried out on 27th Jan 2007, with the following report:

The Councillor requested that we investigate the possibility of moving a pedestrian crossing, as there are difficulties for residents in Grange Abbey Crescent entering and exiting their estate onto the Grange Road.

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Following a site investigation on 17th January 2007, it is not recommended that the crossing is moved as it is felt that this will only partially resolve the problem during the morning peak period and generate the same issues during the evening peak period.

However, during the site visit, it was recognized that left turning traffic leaving the estate is hindered when the pedestrian lights change and it is therefore recommended that the yellow box be extended towards the pedestrian crossing by 4m. This situation will be monitored following the extension of the yellow box.

Q11. COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

To ask the Manager would the Council put a pedestrian crossing at the bus stop on the, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request to examine the issue of providing a pedestrian crossing at the **(details supplied)** will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group, TAG, for investigation and a report issued to the Councillor upon completion.

Q12. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the City Manager to deal with the following issue, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

No commitment has been given to resurface this yard. An application under the Disabled Persons Code was submitted by this tenant. Her own medical report assessed her level of disability at level three which is the lowest on the scale. Dublin City Council will only consider applicants at level one.

The works requested by this tenant have been costed at €30k. This level of expenditure cannot be considered in light of more serious priorities.

Q13. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to make provision for the supply of 'Dog Waste' bins at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request for a 'Dog Waste' bin at Belcamp Park, Clonshaugh is being investigated. The Anti Litter Officer will go to the area and confirm it is a suitable location for the bin to be placed. It will take up to 4-5 weeks.

Q14. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to report on the following, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has no records of any recent planning applications in relation to the vacant Esso service station at the Kilbarrack Shopping Centre. Furthermore, no pre-application discussions or proposals have taken place in relation to this site

This site, together with the overall shopping centre and associated car park, are zoned Objective Z4....

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Any future plans for this site would have to have due regard to the zoning objectives for the area and would also have to have regard to the fact that the service station site is located in a car park which serves the shopping centre.

As this car park has limited capacity it would not be feasible to undertake any development which would have adverse effects upon the parking arrangements for the centre. The amenities of residential properties in the vicinity would also be of importance in any redevelopment of this site.

Q15. COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

Is the City Manager aware of damage being caused- and not repaired- to grass verges at Kincora Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3 by builders and others. Could the City Manager ensure that builders reinstate the verges once building works are completed and could some action be taken to protect the verges from damage of this nature in future.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parks & Landscape Services Division continues to monitor the condition of the grassed margins at Kincora Road. Where there is evidence of specific individuals being directly responsible for damage, the Parks & Landscape Services Division agrees methods of reinstatement with those concerned.

The Parks Division is aware of damage to grass verges at the beginning of Kincora Road as a result of building works. All damage to grass verges will be reinstated by either the builder or the owner of property. Contact is being made with relevant people concerned for the immediate reinstatement of damage.

Where damage arises from continued parking abuse, reinstatement of damaged area takes place where there is a reasonable expectation of establishment and maturing of seeded areas. Where parking abuse continues, the locations of such abuse is communicated to Parking Enforcement Section for examination. This Division is aware of on-going problems with parking abuse at this location.

Q16. COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

Could the City Manager arrange for illuminated bollards and road markings associated with new traffic calming measures on Griffith Avenue repaired and repainted respectively. There is also an argument for placing the bollards further towards the path as their proximity to the traffic at present is dangerous.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I will arrange for a Traffic Inspector to investigate the bollards and road markings on Griffith Avenue and to replace as necessary.

Regarding the placing of the bollards, they were originally installed as part of the safe routes to school project in order to discourage cars parking on the footpath and endangering children. The bollards were positioned in accordance to best practice.

Q17. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to have repairs carried out at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The front garden wall of this dwelling will be re-built within the next three to four weeks. The tenant has been informed of this.

Q18. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager list the planning permissions granted for development on the lands bounded by Grattan Lodge Estate, Clare Hall Avenue, Malahide Road, and the Dublin City Council/Fingal County Council boundary at Balgriffin.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The attached report relates to decisions to grant permission by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanála on appeal. Current applications, applications currently on request for Additional Information and domestic application (house extensions etc) are not included.

Q19. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to comment on recent media reports that gangs were putting dogs down into badger sets in St. Anne's Park; and will he arrange to erect "Badgers Crossing" signs on James Larkin Road from the Blackbanks roundabout to the Mount Prospect junction to prevent badgers being killed by vehicles on this stretch of roadway facing Bull Island.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Historically, there have been reported incidences of dogs being put down the badger setts in St. Anne's Park but the Parks and Landscape Division has not received any reports in the recent past. Badgers have been killed on the roads surrounding the Park, mainly Watermill Road & James Larkin Road. However, the Parks and Landscape Division feels that putting up signs will attract the wrong attention and could cause an increase in the disturbance to the setts, as has the recent media attention. As mentioned previously, the Parks and Landscape Division will closely monitor the area to ensure that no interference is taking place.

Q20. COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

Will the City Manager arrange for the footpath to be repaired outside, **(details supplied)**, as soon as possible.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Roads Maintenance Division is currently working in this area and will have the necessary repairs completed outside **(details supplied)** by the end of next week.

Q21. COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

To ask the City Manager whether the Traffic School in Clontarf is due to be closed down or relocated. If so what plans do the City Council have for the site it currently occupies.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Traffic School in Clontarf has been closed since August 2005 and the area will be redeveloped by the Parks and Landscape Division. The School Safety Programmes are now been delivered in the schools and have been well accepted. The Roads and Traffic Department is currently working on additional cycle safety programmes, which will also be delivered in the schools.

The proposal for the improvements of the Alfie Byrne Road Open Space/Fairview Park Extension for an all weather astro turf type playing pitch includes the area of the current traffic school.

Q22. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council would complete the works and skim the ceiling at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Foreman has called to this dwelling to assess what works are outstanding, but was unable to gain access. Further calls will be made, and contact details for the foreman were left for the tenant.

Q23. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council would replace the boiler as the tenant has no hot water at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The replacement of the undersink water heater in this dwelling has been allocated to a private contractor, who has made a number of calls to this flat but was unable to gain access to carry out the work. A further call will be made this week.

Q24. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council would carry out inspections in, **(details supplied)**, as there is unauthorised parking on a daily basis at this block.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A parking permit system has been in operation in, **(details supplied)**, for approximately 2 years. This system was controlled by Nationwide Controlled Parking Systems Ltd. It has come to our attention that the issuing of "Visitors Parking Permits" has been abused. We have therefore declared that all existing permits will cease to be valid from 31st May 2007.

A new parking permit system shall be introduced and effective from 1st June 2007. All residents have been informed of this and have been advised to apply for a new coloured parking permit, which will be exclusive to, **(details supplied)**. The issuing of these permits shall now be controlled by Dublin City Council.

We are satisfied that this new system shall eradicate the parking problems in the estate.

Q25. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if the applicant at, **(details supplied)**, would be housed in the new Ormand Square Complex.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant, **(details supplied)**, has expressed an interest in being housed in the newly refurbished units in Ormond Square. She has been placed on a list by the Estate Manager of tenants to be considered for these apartments by the allocations section. The allocations section will make decisions regarding these apartments within the next few weeks.

Q26. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BYRNE

To ask the City Manager if he could give an indication when C.C.T.V. will be installed in the following complex, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Discussions have taken place between the Area Housing Manager and the Estate Management Section of Housing and Residential Services in relation to the provision of CCTV in *(details supplied)*. Arrangements have been made to survey this Complex in the coming weeks. On completion and evaluation of this survey it will be possible to agree a specification and costing to facilitate installing a CCTV system in this development. It is intended to progress this matter as soon as funding is in place.

Q27. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BYRNE

To ask the City Manager to have the following location examined for double yellow lines, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The matter concerned has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations of the group when these are available.

Q28. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BYRNE

To ask the City Manager to have the lights repaired, grass cut, and dog poo bin installed and all rubbish removed at the following location, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Anti Litter Office will include *(details supplied)* in the next programme for the installation of dog bins which will be later this year.

The area in question is controlled by Parks and Landscape Services Division. Repairs to the lighting here will be carried out by Public Lighting upon receipt of a request from Parks and Landscape Services Division.

Parks and Landscape Services Division will request Public Lighting Services to carry out repairs to the lights in this area. This open space was cleaned and mowed on Friday 27th April, 2007.

Q29. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BYRNE

To ask the City Manager to have the potholes filled in at the following location, **(details supplied)**, and that all roads be included in the major road re-surfacing work in the budget for 2008.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to fill the potholes on, **(details supplied)**. In general the roads in Ceannt Fort are in good condition and are not in need of resurfacing at this stage. However, the resurfacing of Mount Brown, Kilmainham, will be considered when formulating the 2008 Road Maintenance Services, Major Works Programme.

Q30. COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the City Manager arrange to have the boundary wall at, **(details supplied)**, fixed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This area has been monitored since the wall was taken away and the fence erected. The Building Inspector from our Dangerous Buildings Section inspected the wall on the 24th April 2007 and found that the fence in place is in a secure and safe condition.

The rebuilding of the wall in question is the responsibility of the School on Pinebrook Avenue. The Principal of the School has informed the Inspector that the school will be rebuilding the wall in the near future.

Q31. COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the City Manager can an area at, **(details supplied)**, be cleaned up as there is a lot of litter and broken glass at this location.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This area was cleaned on 18th April 2007.

Q32. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager when will Mary Street (the Jarvis Street to Capel Street section of it at least) be pedestrianised as previously proposed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A design is currently being prepared to pedestrianise Mary Street from Jarvis Street to Wolfe Tone Street.

The Traffic Department have no plans to pedestrianise Mary Street from Capel Street to Wolfe Tone Street at this time

Q33. COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Will Dublin City Council arrange to have the two yellow lines which residents say were mistakenly put down at, **(details supplied)**, removed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I am attending a site meeting on Friday, 4th May to discuss traffic problems in the area and I will also investigate the possibility of removing the double yellow lines at this location.

Q34. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to areas at, (a) & (b), **(details supplied)**, and:

- (1) say what enforcement or other action is being taken to curtail the amount of continuous dumping of household rubbish at (a) & (b), **(details supplied)**,
- (2) say if the Council has identified the culprits who continuously dump at, **(details supplied)**, and if so, what action is being taken to put a stop to same dumping,
- (3) say if he can give details of the situation that pertains at (b) **(details supplied)**, where some (or all) residents find themselves in a situation where they have no wheelie bins as they were set alight leaving residents with no bins; can the manager clarify if this is in fact the case and if not, can he give details of what exactly is the situation and say why no replacement wheelie bins were provided to some (or all) residents at (b) **(details supplied)**,
- (4) say if he will arrange to give the areas at (a) **(details supplied)**, a thorough cleansing a.s.a.p. and give a commitment to cleanse/sweep

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same on a twice weekly or more basis as the situation with dumping and filth is quite severe for pedestrians using these areas,

- (5) Respond to residents complaints as to why the smaller type cleansing van will not remove the dumped refuse bags etc when cleansing the area after bin collection

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (1) These areas are frequently being used for dumping of household waste. The Environmental Liaison Officer has arranged for these walkways to be cleaned on a regular basis. Any bags reported to this office are removed once complaints have been received.
- (2) Dublin City Council has identified some culprits and have issued fines to same.
- (3) Bins have been repossessed due to non payment of bin charges or not having a waiver. These are bins that were not collected and were left out permanently by their owners. Any persons that have requested a replacement bin has had the request sent to the Bin Management Office.
- (4)& (5) These areas are cleaned on a weekly basis (on bin day). If this office is notified of a need to remove rubbish the Rapid Crews or Waste Management staff will remove same.

Q35. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Will the Manager please refer to newly repaired footpath at, **(details supplied)**, which resulted in totally blocking off with concrete, a down-pipe outlet out into the gully and say:

- (1) If he will ensure the necessary work required to undo the poor job that was done at this location will be carried out without delay as residents are very concerned that the water from the down-pipe now has no outlet,
- (2) If he will arrange immediate removal of all the bits of concrete that were left behind by the contractor,
- (3) If he will arrange to have the roadway totally cleansed/swept of dirt & concrete to and if this can be done at an appropriate time, not during the day where parked cars will not allow thorough cleansing but perhaps in the very early morning,
- (4) If he will also ensure all relevant shores/gullies are cleared of concrete.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (1) Drainage Division investigated this matter on the 27th of April 2007 and found that the repair works to the footpath had severed the pipe running through it. This problem will be rectified within two weeks.
- (2) The Roads Maintenance Division inspected the footpath at this location on 30/4/07. All concrete debris has been cleared away.
- (3) Waste Management Services have arranged to have Waverley Avenue cleaned early in the morning on Thursday 3rd May 2007.
- (4) The shore/gullies in the area will be cleared within the next two weeks.

Q36. COUNCILLOR ROBERT SARGENT

To ask the City Manager has there been any consultation with the residents of, **(details supplied)**, regarding any measures to address their roads being used as a "rat-run " to avoid traffic jams at the Kylemore Rd/Old Lucan Rd junction.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The proposal to close the through road between Belgrove and Glenaulin for a trial period of 6 months to prevent through traffic came about as a result of a petition from more than 75% of the residents.

The closure of the road has been postponed due to the amount of complaints received from residents who are not in favour of bollards being installed.

A postal ballot will be carried out in this area in the near future to determine the wishes of the majority of residents on this matter.

Q37. COUNCILLOR ROBERT SARGENT

To ask the City Manager has any consideration been given to allocating parking spaces to residents, or their carers, of, **(details supplied)**, and if not, could the Council address this so that carers etc. can collect relatives or their carers from the complex as they cannot park on the main road; maybe an arrangement for a limited number of short stay spaces could be negotiated with the parish priest on church land.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

No parking spaces exist on the grounds of, **(details supplied)**. Relatives or carers visiting, **(details supplied)**, can avail of free parking in the car park opposite, **(details supplied)**, or pay and display parking adjacent to, **(details supplied)**. The Ballyfermot Area Office has requested the usage of church land to facilitate short stay parking places. However, it was not possible to reach an agreement on this.

Q38. COUNCILLOR ROBERT SARGENT

To ask the City Manager to ask the litter wardens to pay particular attention to the regular dumping at the pitch & putt course in, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Litter Warden has been instructed to investigate reports of dumping at this location and take appropriate action.

The entrance to Lansdowne Valley Park was inspected on a number of occasions over the last two weeks and there was no evidence of dumping. There is some bark mulch currently being stored on the site and this will be spread over the coming weeks.

Q39. COUNCILLOR ROBERT SARGENT

To ask the City Manager to report to this Councillor on the following maintenance issue, **(details supplied)**. The resident moved into this house over 3 years ago and has had problems with stagnate water in the back garden due to blocked shores. There are problems with walls that need replastering as well.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The blocked sewer pipe in the garden of this dwelling will be cleared this week. There is no plastering required.

Q40. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to investigate the problems that exist in, (**details supplied**), with rats and could the voids in this complex be opened up and rat poison put down as residents believe that the problems with rats comes from the voids in the complex.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has organised a number of meetings with the Health Service Executive in relation to this problem. The Health Service has laid poison on two occasions and has placed poison in the chutes and the voids in the complex. Dublin City Council has also notified residents in writing not to leave food waste out into the gardens as this attracts rats and other vermin into the complex. The Health Service Executive has again been requested to lay poison to alleviate the problem. The situation will be monitored.

Q41. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to report to this Councillor on the queries raised in the attached correspondence, (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council can proceed with the taking in charge of a development if:

1. The developer advises that a development has been completed and requests that it be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993,

or

2. The residents may request that their development be taken in charge under Section 180, subject to subsection (3), of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

In relation to the above development, the residents should apply to this department for taking in charge to commence. A formal request should be submitted, containing a list of signatures representing a majority of registered electors who are owners or occupiers of the relevant dwellings. (It may be necessary to hold a plebiscite in this regard).

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

When the services are fully certified as being up to standard, the final procedures for taking in charge will be initiated through the local Area Office at this department's request.

The following outlines these procedures:

1. A report is prepared for the Area Committee;
2. The Area Committee approves;
3. An advertisement is placed in a national newspaper advising of the intention to take the area in charge;
4. The relevant documents in relation to the development to be taken in charge go on public display for 4 weeks;
5. Submissions may be made to the City Council for up to 6 weeks after it has gone on public display;
6. At the end of the 6 weeks a report is prepared for City Council;
7. Following the City Council's decision to take the development in charge, details must be entered in the statutory Schedule and Map. A Manager's Order is prepared with attached map stating that the area defined on the map has been taken in charge and this is recorded in the statutory Schedule and Map, which is available for public inspection.

Q42. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to organise an on site meeting with Dublin City Council and residents committee to discuss issues (issues listed in attached letter) of concern to them regarding the complex, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Regular monthly meetings are held between Dublin City Council officials and, (details supplied), residents representatives in the local estate office. The Dublin City Council Estate Office is located at 2 Robert Emmet Walk which is open four mornings a week for any queries in relation to the surrounding area. The Liberties Area Office is also open to deal with any issues pertaining to this area.

Issues Listed in attached Letter

1. The landscaping of the courtyard is included on the snag list for the contractor.
2. Work commenced on 23rd April 2007 after two weeks builders holidays at Easter.
3. Repairs on the existing CCTV commenced on 23rd April. Sanction has been given to complete the installation of CCTV throughout the complex.
4. This item is also included on the snag list for the contractor.
5. This query was raised with the Traffic Advisory Group which has given approval on 18th April 2007, subject to survey of all residents.
6. This request has been passed to our Maintenance Section and we are awaiting their decision.

7. This item has been forwarded to the Traffic Advisory Group and is on the agenda for the next meeting.
8. Double yellow lines have been requested at this point and is also listed for the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting.
9. The erection of gates was requested by the residents and was under consideration. These gates were not included in the original plans and a number of Health and Safety items arose in relation to their installation. The cost was also prohibitive and work was not included in the Maintenance Estimates.
10. This issue was referred to a traffic engineer on 7th January 2007 by Estate Manager and is under investigation.

Q43. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to provide this Councillor with a copy of the construction Development Plan for, **(details supplied)**, and is he aware of the daily violations of planning conditions at this site. The developer at this site has started work at 4am until late into the night without permission from Dublin City Council and has refused to meet with residents and when the local area office organised a meeting he himself did not turn up but sent some one else in his place. Local residents feel helpless as they have reported the violations to planning enforcement but nothing seems to have been done. Can work at this site be stopped until the developer gives a guarantee that he will adhere to his planning condition working hours.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Four meetings have been held between the local Area Office, local area Councillors and the developer since the commencement of this development. Meetings have ceased for the time being as they do not seem to assist in resolving the ongoing concerns of the residents. All complaints received continue to be referred to the relevant Enforcement Department, as we have done since the development began.

A Legal Notice has been served on Davis Street Developments under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 in relation to limitation of nuisance noise from activities on the construction site.

Planning Permission was granted for an apartment development on lands fronting Thomas Davis Street with Saint Michael's Estate to the east, Sisters of Mercy residential development to the west at Inchicore, Dublin 8, by An Bord Pleanála under Reference No. PL 29S.210707 on the 1st of July 2005.

An Bord Pleanála did not impose any hours of work restriction in respect of this development in their conditions attached to their decision to grant permission.

On the 2nd February 2007 the developer applied for amendments to the previously approved permission under Planning Permission Register Reference No. 1450/07. The amendments were solely in respect of Block E of the development. Dublin City Council granted permission for these amendments subject to inter alia Condition 7:

Condition 7 states “.

(a) The site and building works required to implement the development shall only be carried out between the hours of
Mondays to Fridays - 7.00am to 6.00pm
Saturday - 8.00 a.m. to 2.00pm
Sundays and Public Holidays - No activity on site.

(b) Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from Dublin City Council. Such approval may be given subject to conditions pertaining to the particular circumstances being set by Dublin City Council”.

The Planning Enforcement Section will issue a Warning Letter to the developer under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requiring full compliance with Condition 7 attached to Planning Permission Register Reference No. 1450/07.

The Planning Enforcement Officer will carry out inspections to ensure compliance with the hours of work condition attached to the permission.

Q44. COUNCILLOR TONY SMITHERS

To ask the City Manager to fix the gates at, **(details supplied)**, as soon as possible. Residents are eager that they be repaired as since they broke and could not be closed the block is being used as a drinking den and children have to make their way through broken glass and cans to get to the playground and could the runners that are hanging up at the entrance to this complex be removed.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

The electronic gates located at the front block in, (details supplied), have been vandalised repeatedly since their installation under the precinct improvements. Dublin City Council is of the opinion that, to prevent this continuous cycle of repair and vandalism, that the extension of the present CCTV system to monitor the gates might reduce the instances of vandalism and to this end we are preparing quotes to update the present system and extend it to cover the entrances and Basin Lane.

Q45. COUNCILLOR TONY SMITHERS

To ask the City Manager could he report on the following, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

The repairs to the roof of this address have been carried out. New kitchen units have been ordered and will be fitted when available. The Area Maintenance Officer will contact the tenant in relation to re-decoration of the bathroom and sitting room.

There is no record of a claim for damages from this tenant.

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the Transfer List with a medical priority for suitable accommodation in Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemount, Dolphin's Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe, Maryland, York Street, Ushers Quay). Dublin City Council is aware of the applicant's current accommodation requirements and her request to transfer to ground floor accommodation. Currently there are no two bedroom ground floor units available in Area L. I would advise the applicant, **(details supplied)**, to maintain contact with the Housing Allocations Section, Block 2, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, regarding her transfer request and her application will be given every consideration when a suitable vacancy arises.

Q46. COUNCILLOR TONY SMITHERS

To ask the City Manager why a Cul de Sac sign was refused to the residents of, **(details supplied)**, and could he reconsider this decision and erect a sign as motorists turn in here thinking it's a through route and could he also give this councillor an update report on the request of residents of, **(details supplied)**, for gate to be erected at their small complex to deter the ongoing anti-social behaviour that occurs there.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Traffic Section has no record of any refusal or request for a cul de sac sign at the entrance to, **(details supplied A)**. The location will be inspected and a cul de sac sign recommended if appropriate.

The installation of a gate at the entrance to the, **(details supplied B)**, complex was discussed with the residents and Dublin City Council representatives. There is a very small entrance to this complex which also comprises of a number of tiled steps. Furthermore, the entrance is located on the corner of the building with an on street frontage. The advice we received from our Maintenance Section, Health and Safety Section and the Dublin Fire Brigade led us to the decision that the erection of a gate in such a position and in such close proximity to the existing door would be against regulations and furthermore could lead to serious consequences for the residents. Recently a new Residents Association has been formed for this area with representatives from the, **(details supplied B)**, complex and we would advise all incidents of anti-social behaviour be reported immediately to Dublin City Council.

Q47. COUNCILLOR TONY SMITHERS

To ask the City Manager to look at installing a yellow box at the entrance to, **(details supplied)**, in order to allow parents and staff to exit and cross the road which is extremely difficult during the morning and afternoons especially.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The matter concerned has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations of the group when these are available.

Q48. COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager ensure that the green on Dromard Road in Drimnagh is regularly visited by the Parks Department and cleaned as required, especially after the weekends. There appears to be a lot of dumping on this ground. To assist the general appearance of the green will the Manager ensure dog waste disposal units are placed around the green.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Anti Litter Officer will include the green area in the Dog Bin Programme 2007. The dog bin will be installed late 2007.

This area is visited by Parks and Landscape Services Division staff three times weekly and the area cleaned and litter picked. On a recent inspection the area was found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition. Parks and Landscape Services Division will request that the Cleansing Department provide dog disposal unit at this location.

It is proposed to remove the existing concrete kerb surrounding the open space over the coming weeks and have it replaced with a new kerb. It is anticipated that this work will commence over the next 4-6 weeks.

Q49. COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager confirm if DCC services the waste collection and cleaning of the "Steeple" and the "Cederbrook" complexes in Dublin 8? If DCC does not, can the Manager supply the waste company who does.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services provide the waste collection service to the "Steeple" and the "Cederbrook" apartments complexes. The grounds of these apartments are not in charge of Dublin City Council and the cleaning of these areas would be a matter for the respective management companies there.

Q50. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he has yet had communication from the €1,000 per day paid Chairman Designate of the proposed Dublin Transport Authority on his intentions in relation to transport policy in Dublin and /or if the Chairperson Designate has indicated when he will meet with the elected members of the City Council to discuss these matters.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There have been initial contacts at senior official level with the new chairman of the proposed Dublin Transport Authority. There has been no request at this stage for a meeting with the elected members of the City Council.

It is understood that the Minister is currently in the process of finalising the legislation to establish the Dublin Transport Authority on a statutory basis.

Q51. COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Parks Superintendent give an update on the removal of the two trees in the garden of, **(details supplied)**. Recognising that trees have an environmental and amenity value to the community, unfortunately, the main amenity for these trees is that they are used as toilets for both humans and animals and environmentally they have caused damage to the pathways that has already caused accidents and will in the future. Will the Manager provide the Inspectors report referred to in Q98 of Council meeting 02/04/2007 that confirms that the damage to the pathways are not a health a safety hazard?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The pruning of trees is normally carried out in October. However, the Area Maintenance Officer will make arrangements to have the two trees in the garden outside No. 29 pruned within the next few weeks.

Please find attached a picture from the Inspector's report of the tree outside, **(details supplied)**. There is slight mounding around the tree itself but no trip hazards on the pavement itself. Under these circumstances Parks and Landscape Services Division would not remove the tree.

Q52. COUNCILLOR NICKY KEHOE

To ask the City Manager that the water pressure be checked at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A water flow test needs to be conducted at the above houses. The Inspector has left contact details at both houses but has not yet been contacted by the householders.

If the householders could contact the Area Depot on 8385800 arrangements can be made to carry out the test

Q53. COUNCILLOR NICKY KEHOE

To ask the City Manager due to complaints about water pressure at, **(details supplied)**, that a report be given on what state the system that feeds it is in.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A water flow test needs to be conducted at the above houses. The Inspector has left contact details at both houses but has not yet been contacted by the householders.

If the householders could contact the Area Depot on 8385800 arrangements can be made to carry out the test

Q54. COUNCILLOR LUCINDA CREIGHTON

Will the Manager ensure comprehensive and routine cleansing of the Merrion Road (East side) between the Ailesbury Road junction and Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, with special attention paid to the road side vegetation area between Merrion Rd and the Merrion Court apartments boundary fence/wall, and the Bus Stop area near Our Lady Queen of Peace Church?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the Merrion Road (East side) between the Ailesbury Road junction and Our Lady Queen of Peace Church cleaned on Thursday 3rd May 2007. This location will be cleaned every Thursday with special attention being paid to the road side vegetation area between Merrion Road and the Merrion Court apartments boundary fence/wall and the bus stop area near Our Lady Queen of Peace church. We will monitor this area and have some extra cleaning done there if necessary.

Q55. COUNCILLOR NICKY KEHOE

To ask the City Manager could the hole in the road at, **(details supplied)**, be repaired as it is in a bad state of repair.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The road at, **(details supplied)**, was inspected and no significant pothole was found. Some works to the road have been recently carried out and other areas that show signs of deterioration will be considered for inclusion when drawing up the 2008 works programme.

Q56. COUNCILLOR PASCHAL DONOHOE

What financial support does the council provide for the Music Network of Ireland. How much money is providing to the musical arts as part of the Council Arts strategy and how can a group make an application for use of this money in 2007.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council, in October each year, invites applications in respect of arts projects and programmes being planned for the following year. Applications are considered by the Arts Grants Advisory Panel, which consists of City Councillors, City Arts Officer and independent arts professionals. The recommendations of this Panel are then considered and funding decisions made by the City Council early each year. The January meeting of the City Council allocated all the arts grant funding for 2007.

Music Network did not apply for arts funding in 2007 but grants were allocated to a wide range of music groups, organisations and projects. These included chamber, traditional, classical, organ and choral and jazz music. Music was an element of other projects and programmes funded. The amount of music grant assistance is estimated at over € 68,000 or 13% of the overall grant budget of € 526,000.

It should be noted that music is also supported by the City Council through various other means such as the Sunday at Noon concerts in The City Gallery The Hugh Lane, Music in The Parks and the Opera in the Open series as well as through a range of projects and programmes in city communities as part of our arts development strategy. The City Council also awards an annual € 4,000 Music Bursary for studies in music or other development of a music career.

Q57. COUNCILLOR PASCHAL DONOHOE

To ask the City Manager will the Council produce a report on whether Fontenoy Street, Phibsborough would be suitable for the planting of trees, if so what trees could be provided and when?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Fontenoy Street is unsuitable for street tree planting due to:

- the narrow width of the footpaths is less than the required 1.8m width.
- the houses are single storey with small areas of garden frontage and numerous overhead utility services at roof level.

Q58. COUNCILLOR PASCHAL DONOHOE

To ask the City Manager will the Council provide an update on the housing status of, **(details supplied)**, her points status and when she will be provided with a housing unit.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

No application for housing has been received from, **(details supplied)**, to date.

If, **(details supplied)**, would like to contact Jimmy Lynch in the Cabra Office he will give her assistance in making her application.

Q59. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the City Manager for a yellow box to be placed at the junction of Hastings Street and South Lotts Road. Residents cannot enter or exit Hastings Street due to back up of traffic.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is available.

Q60. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the City Manager to give the following details in relation to the proposed Incinerator on the Poolbeg Peninsula:

1. map indicating location of intake and outfall for water,
2. will there be a need for further CPO's for land to facilitate the development and if so location of such land,
3. what provisional costs were provided for to cover the appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. Map attached as requested. It should be noted that the outfall is located on Dublin City Council property and the intake is located on third party property.
2. According to legal advice received by Dublin City Council, a further CPO will not be necessary as the Council has statutory powers to lay pipes through third party lands.
3. The estimated costs for the making of the planning application including the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement is €5.2million. The E.I.S. is also required for the Waste Licence application and the application to the Commissioner for Energy Regulation and also includes estimated costs for oral hearings, consultants fees, witness costs and expenses.

Q61. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the City Manager as a matter of urgency to bring forward proposals to improve and provide additional pedestrian crossings at Rathmines Bridge, Leonard's Corner, Kelly's Corner and Harold's Cross Bridge.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This request has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is available.

Q62. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the City Manager to instigate procedure to change Macken Street, Cardiff Lane, Sir John Rogerson Quay and Hanover Quay to permit parking to allow residents who have not got a parking space with their apartments in Grand Canal Dock area to have a Residential Parking Disc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Residents' permit parking is dealt with in Part III of the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2005. Bye-Law 22 (5) (e) states:

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“except as provided in Bye-Law 23 (*dealing with converted houses*), 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.”

A heavy demand zone is defined by Bye-Law 16 (c), which states (inter alia):

“ ‘heavy demand zone’ means a residential parking permit zone where either the number of residents’ parking permits that have been issued for the zone exceeds 65% of the total number of on-road residential parking places in the zone or where that number is less than or equal to 65% of the total number of on-road road residential parking places in the zone and a proposed extension in eligibility for permits will result in 85% of the total number of on-road residential parking places in the zone being breached”

Residents of large multi-occupancy buildings will generally not be eligible for residents’ parking permits, regardless of their location, as the granting of such permits would in nearly all cases result in the area being classified as a “heavy demand zone”, thereby rendering the residents ineligible in accordance with Bye-Law 22 (5) (e).

It is not proposed to alter the current provisions, the purpose of which is to prevent situations arising where the number of residents’ permits issued in respect of particular streets would be in excess of the numbers of on-road parking spaces available, thus leading to severe parking congestion.

Q63. COUNCILLOR EIBHLIN BYRNE

Will the Manager arrange to remove the dampness from, (**details supplied**). Will the Manager please provide a report on when the both issues will be dealt with.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

1. The Area Maintenance Officer has inspected this flat and reports that there is no evidence of dampness. The problems being experienced by the tenant are due to condensation. Advice on preventing further condensation has been given to the tenant. However the ceiling in the hall has been damaged due to this condensation and will be re-painted.
2. The Area Maintenance Officer has inspected this flat and reports that there is no evidence of dampness. There is however evidence of condensation which is caused by clothes drying in the bathroom. Extra ventilation will be installed in this flat to avoid further difficulties for the tenant.

Q64. COUNCILLOR EIBHLIN BYRNE

Will the Manager please advise when, (**details supplied**), will commence.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

Carriageway reconstruction on, (**details supplied**), is due to start within the next 8 weeks.

Repairs will be carried out at a number of locations between Broombridge Road and Carnlough Road, including the junctions with Killala Road and Dunmanus Road, in front of the church, and in front of the shops.

Q65. COUNCILLOR EIBHLIN BYRNE

Will the Manager please arrange for removal of the public bin located to the side and rear of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the litter bin located to the side and rear of, **(details supplied)**, removed on the 3rd May 2007.

Q66. COUNCILLOR EIBHLIN BYRNE

Will the Manager please arrange to have the ornate lampposts on, **(details supplied)**, painted to bring them up to the standard of the new Dorset Street/Drumcondra Road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

All of the lampposts in the Central Area are currently being assessed for inclusion in a future painting programme.

(Details supplied), will be examined in the next few weeks and considered for inclusion in the 2008 works programme subject to the necessary finances being made available.

Q67. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please arrange to have the wires connected to the base of the lamppost outside, **(details supplied)**, secured to the lamppost because currently they are sticking out and causing people to trip.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The light standard outside, **(details supplied)**, has been examined and it is believed that the problem here is for the ESB. There is an earth cable running down the side of the ESB pole, which has pulled away from the pole near ground level.

Public Lighting have contacted the ESB to inform them of the problem and have asked them to rectify it.

Q68. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please arrange for the Environmental Officer to make contact with the owners of the properties to the rear of, **(details supplied)**, and advise them on how to eliminate rats from the laneway.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The control of rats is not in the remit of Dublin City Council. Where particular areas are identified householders should contact the Health Services Executive's Rodent Control Division.

Q69. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please provide a detailed report on, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The water pressure in the watermain network in the above areas exceeds the minimum pressure requirements. The problem with supplies in this locality relates to individual houses which are supplied by old lead supplies and/or supplied by a 'dual' supply i.e. one supply feeding 2 no. houses.

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When these supplies are renewed by our Maintenance Section on the public side **and** by the householder within the house/garden, it will result in a much improved supply to the house.

Individuals suffering with poor water pressure should contact the North City Maintenance Depot on 8385800 to have their supply pipe inspected.

Q70. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please arrange to have the following issues, **(details supplied)**, attended to and advise by when.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- a. The Parks & Landscaped Services Division state that the signage was initially requested by the residents, but can be removed if they are all in agreement.
- b. The Parks & Landscaped Services Division are available to meet with representatives of the Estate Committee to discuss the tarmacadam area.
- c. Arrangements have been made for anti-dog fouling signs to be erected.
- d. Speeds are considered appropriate within the estate and it is not recommended to lower the speed limit at this time.
- e. Waste Management Division have made arrangements to investigate this matter.
- f. Dublin City Council does not permit the erection of temporary signage for private organisations around the city in order to avoid unacceptable street clutter and intrusion.
- g. Priority controls at the junction of Claremont Court and Claremont Crescent will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Central Area Committee.
- h. The roads and paths within the Claremont Estate have been sprayed for weeds recently. It can take two weeks for the spray to take effect, and the weeds to die off.
- i. Waste Management Division have made arrangements to investigate this matter.
- j. Mr. John Houlihan, the Senior Community Officer will contact the Association directly to discuss the availability of grants.

Q71. COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tree has been inspected by the Parks and Landscape Services Division. There is some minor cracking to the footpath, which is considered not to warrant repair at this time. The garden wall shows damage, which may not specifically be associated with the roadside tree. The Division will continue to monitor tree root growth at this location.

Q72. COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

Can the Manager arrange for the pruning of roadside trees outside, (**details supplied**), as they are overgrown and obscuring light.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The trees at this location are 2 small specimen of Maple (*Acer spp*), which are considered to be in reasonable condition and not in conflict with public lighting. Pruning of these trees is therefore not being considered at this time.

Q73. COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

Could the Manager investigate the possibility of taking away the big roundabout at, (**details supplied**), and replacing it with a signalled junction. There has been a huge increase in the volume of motor traffic as well as pedestrians at this location and there is a distinct danger of fatalities as cars speed through.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

As an interim measure, it is proposed to provide pedestrian facilities at or near this roundabout. Furthermore, it is anticipated that a full signalised junction design will be commissioned shortly.

Q74. COUNCILLOR BRIAN GILLEN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In 2006 we received representations from Public Representatives in relation to the above on behalf of residents, and following our own investigations noted that the Apartments, had not been officially named.

Subsequently, we contacted the Developer Alburn Ltd and received an application for naming, and following recommendations and discussions Apartments are now officially named as Grange View Apartments and named as such from March 2006.

All service providers were notified in 2006.

Q75. COUNCILLOR BRIAN GILLEN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

a. Oxigen have confirmed that Green Bins will be delivered to, (**details supplied**), and surrounding areas within the next 10 days. The routes are being finalised at present and calendars will be circulated to residents to advise them of their future collection dates.

b. Regarding the possibility of installing ramps on, **(details supplied)**, this was investigated in 2004 and did not meet the warrant. We are currently investigating this road again. Unfortunately it appears that the 85percentile speed is less than 50kph. However, I will arrange for the full report to be forwarded to the councillor upon completion.

Q76. COUNCILLOR BRIAN GILLEN

Can the Manager please repair the streetlight outside, **(details supplied)**, as it is broken. Can the Manager arrange to have it fixed and can he say when it will be done.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The light on pole no. 2 outside, **(details supplied)**, was out due to a dead ESB service. The connection was repaired 27/04/07 and the lamp is now relighting.

Q77. COUNCILLOR BRIAN GILLEN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request to examine the issue of providing a footpath on the opposite side of the road to the houses will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group, TAG, for investigation and a report issued to the councillor upon completion.

A Traffic Engineer will investigate the issue of cars illegally using the footpath between, **(details supplied 2)**, and a report will be forwarded to the Councillor upon completion.

Q78. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager for a report on the results to date of any consultation with residents, sporting clubs etc., on the re-instatement of Fairview Park following the Port Tunnel works. Also can the Manager report on any new plans for the park, including recreational features, playgrounds, and sports facilities.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A brief for landscape improvements of Fairview Park is currently being finalised and it is anticipated that this will be circulated to landscape consultants off the existing panel in June 2007. Formal consultation will form part of the brief and therefore any consultation to date with stakeholders in Fairview Park has been informal and has been based on general improvement proposals only. While the specific proposals are being prepared, it is proposed to carry out basic landscaping reinstatement and grassing on the area still currently occupied by the Port Tunnel Project, when returned to the Parks & Landscape Services Division. The features which were put in temporarily at the commencement of the Dublin Port Tunnel Project will be retained until the details of the park improvement are finalised. The Parks & Landscape Services Division is aware of a number of works proposed associated with utilities (Water and Drainage Projects) which will impact on significant areas on Fairview Park, in the medium term and may impact when portions of the improvement proposals can be implemented.

Q79. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager for an update on the study in relation to the future role of Dublin bay and Dublin port area. When will CDM have completed the initial study phase and when is the expected reporting date. Has the Manager a date for presenting the results of the consultation to Councillors. Also can the Manager arrange to circulate the slide presentations made by CDM to stakeholders who attended the 6 February and 25 April meetings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Consultants appointed by Dublin City Council to carry out a study of Dublin bay and port area, are to report to the city council by the end of June 2007. When completed the report will be submitted to the members. The study is in progress and the results of the consultations together with the presentations (to which all the elected members were invited) will be incorporated into the final report.

Q80. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager to establish an agreement between Dublin City Council and Iarnród Éireann on the cleansing of the footpath on the bridge at Killester DART station. I have had correspondence from Iarnród Éireann which states that they are not responsible for keeping this path clean while Dublin City Council maintain that Iarnród Éireann are responsible for sweeping this area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The area was inspected on 3rd May 2007 and found to be in good condition. The footpath is swept by Waste Management Division Monday to Friday.

Q81. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager to investigate possible parking restrictions on St. Bridget's Road at the green at St. Bridget's Crescent, Artane.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request to examine the issue of introducing parking restrictions on St Bridget's Road at the green opposite St Bridget's Crescent will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group, TAG, for investigation and a report issued to the councillor upon completion.

Q82. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the repainting of yellow box at, **(details supplied)**, and also provision of yellow box at other entrance / exit.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The repainting of the yellow box at the exit to, **(details supplied)**, has been completed. The request for a yellow box at other entrance/exit will be submitted to TAG for consideration and recommendation.

Q83. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager as to whether it is possible for the path outside, **(details supplied)**, to be dipped to allow access to drive in for family help to a woman on invalidity pension and is it possible to wave the cost in such circumstances.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The dishing of a footpath **does not** in itself require planning permission.

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However, should the dishing be required to facilitate the creation or widening of a vehicular access, **the creation or widening would require planning permission**. Whether or not planning permission is required in this case is a matter for Planning Dept.

Once planning permission has been granted, or the householder is given a letter by Planning Dept. stating that planning permission is not required in this case, the householder should contact Roads Maintenance. The inspector for the area will then measure up the area required for a dishing, and calculate the cost. Once payment for this amount has been made to DCC, Roads Maintenance will construct the dishing when a crew is next in the area.

There is a minimum charge of €420, which applies to all householders, to have a dishing constructed. This is already a reduced rate, partly subsidised by DCC, and does not represent the full economic cost of carrying out the works. There is no waiver scheme for dishing of footpaths to facilitate vehicular access to private driveways.

Q84. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the removal or replacement of tree outside, **(details supplied)**, and if that's not possible to trim it. Also electric cables are also running through it and are in danger of being hindered.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This location is included in current pruning schedule. Arrangements will be put in place to have the work carried out within the next 3 months.

Q85. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to outline as to when wall will be placed across gap at end of, **(details supplied)**, which has been promised for a long time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council proposed to remove the existing railings and replace it with a 2.1 metre high wall in 2001. This proposal was strongly opposed by some local residents who were of the opinion that serious anti-social behaviour would take place behind the new wall. The railings were repaired and left in situ.

Q86. COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the reinstatement of the bus shelters at, **(details supplied)**, and at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The matter has been referred to Dublin Bus. The Councillor will be informed when a response has been received.

Q87. COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to once again arrange for public lighting on, **(details supplied)**, to be switched on as numerous requests have now been ignored.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The lights out on, **(details supplied)**, are currently awaiting ESB connection. The ESB supply originally required, could not be accessed, and an alternative ESB connection has since been examined. We have been in contact with Rusland Construction who are going to excavate for ducting of the altered ESB connection and we anticipate that the service connection will be completed in the next two weeks.

Q88. COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the removal of garden roots and clean up of back garden at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made with the tenant to carry out this work.

Q89. COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to see if its possible to provide ramps along, **(details supplied)**, as residents are worried about speeding in the area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request to examine the issue of providing ramps along, **(details supplied)**, will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group, for investigation and recommendation, a report will be issued to the Councillor upon completion.

Q90. COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager to indicate the planning implications for the open space at Griffith Avenue surrounding the site of the proposed Metro Station; if it is likely to facilitate the future development of the open space and lead to an intensification of building in the immediate area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The location of metro stations proposed as part of the delivery of Metro North, are indicative at this time. The precise location of metro stations will be decided in a strategic fashion as the project progresses. The strategic issues regarding density will be informed in part by the intensification study currently under preparation by DCC and the availability of suitable sites. This is also a work in progress.

Q91. COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager to report urgently on the Electoral Register for Dublin Central area in which addresses at flat complexes demolished some time ago remain – example: Poplar Row/Courtney Place, St. Jude's Gardens, Mountainview Court etc and to state the reason information available in the rent section of Dublin City Council could not be utilised to properly update the Register.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Franchise Section continues to update the electoral register on an ongoing basis. However, in circumstances of area regeneration there is considerable movement of tenants. In many cases such as the refurbishment of Poplar Row individuals are rehoused on a temporary basis and have since returned. They are entitled to remain on the register at their original address so long as they are not registered elsewhere.

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Where flat complexes have been demolished we are reluctant to remove people from the register until such times that they are registered at their new address. To do so would be to disenfranchise hundreds of Dublin City Council tenants.

Due to the Data Protection Act the Franchise Section is restricted in the access it has to records held by other departments on Dublin City Council tenants. Furthermore, as voter registration is voluntary there are serious implications in putting individuals on the electoral register without their consent.

Q92. COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the Manager report on progress on taking in charge or other solution to the condition of private landings outside neighbouring shopping centres, if City Council has been jointly sued in respect of personal injuries in any such case, if Derelict Sites legislation, Dangerous Buildings or H.S.A have been used in any such cases, if so to report progress and what can be done to protect our elderly citizens from bad falls at locations, **(details supplied)**, and others.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In the past Claims Section has had claims regarding injuries suffered on private landings. These claims were repudiated by the City Council to the property owners successfully. In relation to the location identified in the question, currently the City Council is enjoined in a claim that is before the Courts. The City Council's position remains the same i.e. we are not the landowners and consequently we have no liability in the matter and that is the City Council's defence. Given the case is before the Courts no further comment can be made as the matter is sub-judice.

Q93. COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the Manager please inspect site/green area, **(details supplied)**, and:

- (1) say if currently cut/landscaped by contractors or direct labour,
- (2) if a fence or railing can be erected in front of bushes to secure property, prevent anti-social behaviour etc.
- (3) if ESB can be consulted to see if they have concerns re: teenagers messing with/at sub-station,
- (4) why planning permission was not given to No. 40 which could have conditioned in some of the above measures and a permanent solution.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (1) This area is maintained by contractor.
- (2) It is not practical or desirable to erect railings at this location. Bushes will be pruned in the autumn.
- (3) The matter has been referred. The Councillor will be informed when a response is received.
- (4) Dublin City Councils Housing Department will arrange to investigate and review the issue raised here and report back to the Councillor.

Q94. COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the Manager please inspect condition of footpath dug up by waterworks and not reinstated, and have it repaired without delay as it is exceptionally dangerous so close to senior citizens, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

These openings will be immediately made safe, and permanently reinstated within the next 8-10 weeks.

Q95. COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the Manager please refer to previous requests in relation to road and green, **(details supplied)**, and:

- (1) say what was outcome of previous request by residents for ramps on this stretch of road and if it can be examined again,
- (2) what is position with suggestion of crèche on green, is it being pursued, what is current zoning, where stands idea now or if it has been dropped because of opposition,
- (3) if disk parking can be considered.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (1) The request to examine the issue of providing ramps along Finglas Road at this location will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group, TAG, for investigation and a report issued to the councillor upon completion.
- (2). Dublin City Council approved at a meeting on 21st June 2004 of the disposal of this site at Finglas Road to Finglas Childcare Centre Ltd following application from them to construct a Childcare Facility at this location. (Report No. 170/2004 dated 24th May 2004 refers). This area is currently zoned Z9 i.e. to preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity and open space.

A proposal to extinguish a public right of way at this location was commenced in November 2005 so as to enable Finglas Childcare Centre Ltd. to proceed with applying for planning permission. A request for an Oral Hearing was requested by residents. Geraldine Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, of Dublin City Councils newly established Pilot Business Support Unit for Community Childcare Facilities in Finglas had a meeting with members of Finglas Childcare Centre Ltd. on 14th March 2007. Following on from this meeting Finglas Childcare Centre Ltd., have undertaken to consult further with the local residents prior to the holding of the Oral Hearing.

Finglas Childcare Centre Ltd., have informed the Business Support Unit this week that they have been successful in securing a grant of €1.5 million from the National Childcare Investment Programme towards the capital costs of this new Childcare Facility.

- (3) Towards the end of 2006, we investigated the possibility of introducing a disk parking scheme and it was found that parking conditions do not meet the criteria for the introduction of permit parking / Pay & Display i.e. 80% of available on street parking was not occupied during business hours. Therefore the introduction of permit parking is not recommended.

Q96. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Will the Manager please refer to planning approval, **(details supplied)**, and say:

- (1) if there is any record of submission from any residents in nearest estate,
- (2) if their property, gardens etc. were even considered by Planner,
- (3) if Enforcement Officer can inspect site as residents say their walls, paths, buildings etc. are cracking from vibration,
- (4) if Dangerous Buildings or H.S.A can be asked to inspect,
- (5) if damage and disappearance of gardens down the cliff can be inspected,
- (6) if City Council stream has been diverted,
- (7) can cease work order be put in place.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Housing and Planning Departments will investigate and review the issues raised in this question and a report will be forwarded to the Councillor.

Q97. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Will the Manager please inspect green, **(details supplied)**, and:

- (1) say who has contract for maintenance,
- (2) if more substantial landscaping can be arranged,
- (3) if proper concrete surround can be placed fully around it,
- (4) if nearby dangerous re-instatement at No. 43 can be urgently done.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (1) This green is maintained by the Parks Department.
- (2) Additional trees will be planted at this location during the next tree planting season.
- (3) The issue of the missing kerb will be examined and a report will be issued to the Councillor.
- (4) The waterworks opening at no.43 will be immediately made safe, and permanently reinstated within the next 8-10 weeks.

Q98. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the issues contained in the letter submitted with this question in relation to 16 Moore Street, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There has been no commitment under the Dublin City Development Plan to acquire ownership of No. 16 Moore Street.

Policy ACT 9 of Dublin City Development Plan provides as follows:

It is the policy of Dublin City Council to seek the conversion of NO.16 Moore St. into a museum, which will be owned run and administered by Dublin City Council. This museum will serve both a commemorative and educational role.

The above is a policy of the Council and not an objective and it does not impose an obligation on the Council to purchase No. 16 Moore St. The policy is to set up a museum for the benefit of the public at large which will be owned and operated by the City Council. The fact that the museum is to be owned and operated by the Council does not necessarily mean that the Council has to purchase the premises.

Any disposals of property either in this area or anywhere else in Dublin City's functional area are subject to the consent of the City Councillors in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Q99. COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

In noting the dressing rooms in Herbert Park are unsuitable for current use will Dublin City Council commit to upgrading these dressing rooms as soon as possible.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is estimated that monies of the order of Euro 400,000 will be required to refurbish the dressing rooms at Herbert Park, and no provision has been included in the 2007 estimates to cover same.

The Parks Division applied for a Sports Capital Grant for this work in 2007 but this proved unsuccessful. It is planned to apply again in 2008 as part of a larger pitch improvement programme for Herbert Park.

Q100. COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

In noting the benches in Ringsend Park have been removed, will City Council consider providing storage for benches to be used during the day and stored at night.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Four steel picnic tables were installed in Ringsend Park Playground as part of recent upgrading works. At the request of local Councillors these were removed to limit anti social activities at night time.

However due to public demand from parents using the facility during the daytime, two of the picnic tables have been re-installed on a trial basis. While it is not considered practical to install and remove the seating on a daily basis we will continue to monitor the situation to see how the permanent picnic tables are utilised.

Q101. COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

Will Dublin City Council consider the following traffic matters:

- Ramps for South Cumberland Street. Traffic calming is needed for the pupils accessing CBS Westland Row.
- Extend Yellow Lines to the left & right of no. 2 Ramleh Villas, in order to provide access for the resident.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is available.

Q102. COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

In noting that the poor lighting & low level bridge make South Cumberland Street a safety risk to pupils and staff of CBS, Westland Row, will Dublin City Council commit itself to upgrading the street and improving the lighting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The provision of upgraded lighting under the bridge on South Cumberland Street will be considered in the programme of improvements for 2008 depending on the finances available. The lighting on the remainder of the street is considered satisfactory.

Q103. COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager if the provision of a safety rail on the stairs for the elderly tenant at 66 Wolfe Tone Close, Dublin 1 can be expedited to allow her access to her kitchen.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tenant of this address applied in March 2007 for level access shower, stairlift and rails in bathroom. The application is currently under inspection and assessment for the above as to suitability. However the area maintenance depot will make contact with this tenant with a view to installing rails on the stairs as a matter of urgency.

Q104. COUNCILLOR WENDY HEDERMAN

At the time of the introduction of the City's HGV strategy earlier in 2007, I asked for traffic counts to be conducted to monitor the impact the strategy would have on traffic movements both during the hours of operation of the ban and outside of those hours. Because of closing the "gap in the cordon" which as originally proposed would have allowed HGVs access the Port Area along Beach Road and Sean Moore, there has been significant improvement in the residential amenity of Sandymount and Irishtown. However, there is anecdotal evidence of an increase in heavy goods vehicles using these routes in the hour before and after the operation of the ban.

I now ask the Manager to provide the traffic figures showing the number of HGVs on the roads in this area between 5am and 7am and between 7pm and 9pm, as well as for all other hours of the day.

Further, when will the review of the HGV strategy, including the possible extension of the hours of operation, and the extension to 4 axle vehicles be conducted?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Between the hours of 5.00am to 7.00am there is now a total of 287 five axle HGVs using Sean Moore Road, compared to 291 prior to the ban.

Between the hours of 7.00pm to 9.00pm there is now a total of 69 five axle HGVs using Sean Moore Road, compared to 125 prior to the ban.

In total, over 24 hours there is now a total of 896 five axle trucks using this route compared to 2564 prior to the ban, a reduction of 65%.

During the cordon hours 352 five axle vehicles use Sean Moore Road compared to 1968 prior to the ban, reduction of 82%.

A table showing hourly breakdown is attached.

A review of the HGV strategy will be conducted in August/September 2007.

Q105. COUNCILLOR WENDY HEDERMAN

In relation to the proposed incinerator / "thermal treatment plant" proposed by Council management, could the manager please confirm:

(i) the total amount spent and/or budgeted to be spent by the Council (or by the 4 Dublin Councils as the case may be) on the oral hearing currently before An Bord Plenala, including all consultants fees, witness costs and expenses;

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(ii) the brief fee(s) agreed between the Council(s) and Bill Shipsey, S.C, and between the Council(s) and other legal counsel;
(iii) the total amount spent by the Council (or by the 4 Dublin Councils) on promoting and advertising the Poolbeg incinerator project to date.
It is submitted that none of this information should be withheld or refused, as none of it is or should be considered confidential, there would be no loss of competitive advantage for this information to be in the public domain, and there should be no secret as to what public monies are being spent on public projects.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (i) The estimated costs of the Statutory Processes which includes the preparation of the necessary documentation, the oral hearing (including the waste licence process) and fees and expenses is €5.2million.
- (ii) No Brief Fee applies in this case.
- (iii) €1.4million approximately.

Q106. COUNCILLOR WENDY HEDERMAN

Please provide an update on the identification and designation of historic villages in Dublin as set out in section 10.3.3 and Policy Objective H21 of the City's Development Plan, and confirm that the treatment of historic villages will be separate to and distinct from any policies pursued in relation to Architectural Conservation Areas under sections 10.2.2 - 10.2.5 of the Development Plan.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The identification and consideration of Dublin's Historic Villages will be carried out in conjunction with the programme for architectural conservation areas (ACA).

There is a commitment to the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011 to designate at least 8 new ACA's during the lifetime of the plan. Several urban villages have been identified as suitable for consideration as ACA's however further research may indicate that a 'Village Design Statement' would be more appropriate in some instances and these will be carried out in response to Policy H21 of the Development Plan.

It is the intention of the Planning Department to examine five villages by July 2008 through this process, which will identify a set of policies and objectives to protect their heritage value.

Q107. COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the City Manager organize a circular to the residents of Mount Drummond Square/Avenue telling them to not leave their bins out until after 6pm on a Thursday and to ensure they take them in again on a Friday morning after collection, as otherwise they present a safety hazard.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will arrange to have a circular issued to the residents of Mount Drummond Square and Mount Drummond Avenue advising them of the correct time for the presentation of their wheelie bins for the Friday morning collection.

The circular will also remind residents of the need to ensure the bins are presented for collection in a manner that ensures that they are not a safety hazard.

Q108. COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the City Manager tarmac the lane to the rear of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This laneway is not in Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance Services charge.

Q109. COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the City manager have the flat repainted at, **(details supplied)**, as the tenant is over 80 and unable to carry out this work.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The painting and decoration of the interior of dwellings is the responsibility of the individual tenant. However due to this tenants age, the Area Maintenance Officer will call to assess what painting is required, and arrange to have it carried out.

Q110. COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the City manager indicate who owns the land to the rear of, **(details supplied)**, as there is ongoing dumping and will the City Manager send out a Litter Warden.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Anti-Litter Officer will arrange for a Litter Warden to investigate the dumping at rear of Mount Pleasant Terrace.

The Property and Research Title Section are investigating the ownership of the land and the Councillor will be informed once the information becomes available.

Q111. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager for an update on the redevelopment of the following flat complexes, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied A)

An architectural feasibility study was completed by consultant architects in relation to the proposed redevelopment of this complex. The feasibility study has been presented to the Residents Committee. We are currently engaged in meetings with the Committee to prepare a Community Charter. Presentations and consultation with the wider community shall take place in the near future.

A housing estate office is open in the complex on Wednesday mornings to deal with any issues residents may have.

(Details supplied B)

We have been actively engaged in a series of meeting with the Residents Committee of this complex in relation to a feasibility study on the proposed redevelopment of, (details supplied B). The Committee have raised a number of valid and reasonable issues in relation to the study and these are currently being addressed. I shall report further to the area Committee when agreement with the residents has been reached.

A housing estate office is open in the complex on Tuesday mornings to deal with any issues residents may have.

(Details supplied C)

This matter is being investigated and a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor.

Q112. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager as to provide this Councillor with an update in relation to the proposed, **(details supplied)**, and as to the reasons for the delay in the implementation of the scheme.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Minister of Environment, Heritage and Local Government has announced that a scheme for the sale of flats will be introduced in the coming months but the detail of the scheme is not yet known by the City Council.

Q113. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager to investigate the following, **(details supplied)**, and to identify a possible solution to the problem.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter will be investigated by the Area Traffic Engineer and a report issued directly to the Councillor.

Any carrying out of business on the public roadways should be referred to An Garda Síochana

Q114. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager what plans are in place for improved public lighting in, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The plans that are in place for improved public lighting on Clonliffe Road are to replace the existing lanterns with new Cosmopolis Lanterns that were recently launched by Philips.

An order is about to be placed for these lanterns and we anticipate that the upgrade will be completed before the end of this year.

Q115. COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Would the Manager note the complaints by residents who use Mellows Park that the pathway they used to use the Park was never reinstated after work in the park was completed. Can the Manager arrange to reinstate the pathway immediately so that local residents can again enjoy the amenity.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is intended that the pathway through this park will be fully reinstated over the coming months so as to facilitate residents and locals with proper access to and through the park.

Q116. COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Can the Manager arrange for the reinstatement of the small corner of the green at either end of McKee Road. DCC removed the sections to facilitate cars turning into the slip road off McKee Road. Motor bikes can get on to the green causing damage to the amenity.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The issue of the missing kerb will be examined and a report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q117. COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Would the Manager arrange for the installation of electric gates and CCTV as requested by residents of the senior citizens units at Griffith Crescent.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is no evidence of any anti-social behaviour in Griffith Crescent at present. There are no proposals to install CCTV or electric gates at the complex.

Q118. COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

To ask the Manager to arrange for the installation of ramps on, **(details supplied)**, as requested to this Councillor by many local residents

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request to examine the issue of providing ramps along, **(details supplied)**, will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group, for investigation and recommendation, a report will be issued to the councillor upon completion.

Q119. COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager update me on the progress on my application for double yellow lines for Carndonagh Park and St. Donagh's Road, specifically has TAG surveyed the area as of yet as the parking is dreadful at both locations and needs to be remedied immediately.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The parking situation on Carndonagh Park was investigated on the 26 April 2007 with the following report:

It is recommended to extend the double yellow lines on Carndonagh Park at junction with Donaghmede Road, to 20meters from the junction with Donaghmede Road, along both side of Carndonagh Park, to ease entry/exit to Carndonagh Park. However, it is not recommended to provide double yellow lines on other areas of Carndonagh Park, as parking on the road was not impeding traffic flow.

Regarding St. Donagh's Road, I will refer this issue to the Traffic Advisory Group, TAG, for investigation and a report issued to the councillor upon completion.

Q120. COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager arrange for the newly constructed wall and railing between Greenwood Estate and Whyteleaf Grove to be uniformly finished. The top of half of the wall is different looking than the bottom half and it looks quite unsightly.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The wall at the above location has been examined and is considered to be in reasonable condition. The uniformity of finish of the wall at the above location is not seen as a requirement and resources which would be required to make changes are not available currently.

Q121. COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager arrange to have the laneway/walkway between 25 Newgrove Ave and Grange Community School in Donaghmede closed as it is a source of anti-social behaviour.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The lanes within the above estate are being looked at with a view to securing them in a more definite/permanent way.

Contact has been made and very recent correspondence has been forwarded to a resident enquiring on possibilities.

As the status of the lanes is private, it will be difficult to secure some lanes due to the physical layout. We will be looking at options in conjunction with residents and referring to the historical situation, which existed when this estate was part of Fingal County Council.

Q122. COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager arrange for traffic lights to be placed at the junction of Grangemore Road and the Grange Road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The need for traffic lights for the junction of Grangemore Road and Grange Road was investigated in May 2005 and not recommended, however as two years have passed and traffic conditions may have altered, I will refer this request to the Traffic Advisory Group, TAG, to be re-examined.

Q123. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager deal with the following, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Re: (Details supplied)

- 1 I hereby confirm that security to the value of €39,107.93 was lodged by the developer in December 2002, in compliance with condition number 12 of An Bord Pleanála's grant of permission for the development, dated 2nd August 2001 (Ref. PL 29N.123022). This security is still in place. There has been no request for return of security from the developer to date.
- 2 Condition number 12 of the grant of permission for the development required the lodgement of security for the provision and satisfactory completion and maintenance of services until taken in charge. It also

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incorporates “*an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion or maintenance of any part of the development*”. Thereby, Dublin City Council can use the security to complete works if deemed appropriate.

- 3 Service inspections have been previously carried out at the estate.
 - To date, only the Drainage Division have reported that works have been completed to the required standard.
 - The developer was informed of outstanding snag items in July 2006, following inspections by the Water and Public Lighting Service Divisions.
 - The Road Maintenance Division reported that they were not in a position to report on the estate in August 2004, as it had not been completed at that point.
 - The Parks & Landscape Division have yet to report on the development.

Further inspections have been requested as a matter of priority today, in order to ascertain what outstanding works remain, and the related costs involved.

- 4 The taking in charge procedure may be instigated in the following ways:
 - The developer advises that a development has been completed and requests that it be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.
 - The residents may request that their development be taken in charge under Section 180, subject to subsection (3), of the Planning and Development Act 2000– the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

For the development at, **(details supplied)**, the residents should apply to this department for taking in charge to commence. A formal request should be submitted, containing a list of signatures representing a majority of registered electors who are owners or occupiers of the relevant dwellings. (It may be necessary for Dublin City Council to hold a plebiscite in that regard).

On receipt of a request, notices are sent from this department to the relevant service divisions of Dublin City Council, requesting that inspections be carried out in order to ascertain the current status of the development. The services involved are water, drainage, road maintenance, public lighting and parks & landscapes.

The service division reports indicate if the development is up to the standards required for taking in charge and detail any outstanding works to be completed by Dublin City Council, and related costs to be borne by the Council, if the estate is deemed not to be up to standard.

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In the case of **(details supplied)**, reports have been requested today and the security deposit may be used towards completion of works.

When the services are fully certified as being up to standard, the final procedures for taking in charge will be initiated through the local Area Office at this department's request. The following outlines these procedures.

A report is prepared for the Area Committee.

The Area Committee approves.

An advertisement is placed in a national newspaper advising of the intention to take the area in charge.

The relevant documents in relation to the development to be taken in charge go on public display for 4 weeks.

Submissions may be made to the City Council for up to 6 weeks after it has gone on public display.

At the end of the 6 weeks a report is prepared for City Council.

Following the City Council's decision to take the development in charge, details must be entered in the statutory Schedule and Map. A Manager's Order is prepared with attached map stating that the area defined on the map has been taken in charge and this is recorded in the statutory Schedule and Map, which is available for public inspection.

Q124. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager deal with the following housing related queries, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(a) There is no record at this office of an application received under the Essential Repairs Grant Scheme for (details supplied). An information brochure and application form have been posted to him on 1st May 2007 and on its receipt it will be dealt with promptly.

(b) The Housing Maintenance Section is currently carrying out an evaluation of all overcrowding applications, and it is expected that this examination will be completed by mid May. Those applications meriting an extension will be given to building contractors, for construction, in lots of up to ten. Extensions will be built based on the date of application and the overcrowding need of the family. It is expected that up to fifty to sixty extensions will commence in 2007. This process will continue in 2008, until the waiting list is reduced to a reasonable period for all eligible and approved applicants.

An application from this tenant on grounds of overcrowding has been received, and is included in this assessment. A timeframe for commencement of construction will not be available until this assessment is complete.

Q125. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager deal with the following traffic-related items, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

a. A meeting will be held on 21st May 2007 with the Port Company and this item will be included on the Agenda. Further information will be available following this meeting.

b. Regarding speeding on, **(details supplied)**, this was last investigated in September 2005 where the 85percentile speed was 40kph and traffic calming was not recommended. However, as it is two years later and traffic conditions may have changed, I will refer this request to the Traffic Advisory Group, TAG, to be re-examined.

c. A Traffic Engineer has recently investigated the entrance to this cul-de-sac and we will be recommending alterations at this location including a small island to identify the junction with a new cul-de-sac sign located within the island, all of which will be subject to TAG approval.

Q126. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

In relation to Numbers 1-18 The Cloisters, Grace Park Road can the Manager:

- confirm the situation regarding the 'taking-in-charge' of the immediate area surrounding these houses,
- provide any information regarding the ownership of the green area in front of these houses and if this area was in any way associated with the original planning grant conditions.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The "Taking in Charge" procedure for the Cloisters had been submitted in preparation for the City Council Meeting of 4th December '06 for final approval. However, information was received on the Friday 1st Dec '06 preceding the meeting that the Developer had sold the site to a second Developer thereby transferring title to them.

Transfer of title should have issued to Dublin City Council's Parks and Landscape Division, and this rendered the "Taking in Charge" procedure as invalid, and it was not possible to have the procedure finally approved. Consequently, the procedure is on hold, until this matter can be resolved.

The Planning Enforcement Department has been made aware of the above situation.

With regard to the Green Space, while there are informal indications as to who has purchased it, nothing has been confirmed in writing. From information sourced to date, Condition No 2 of planning permission (0596/95) for the Cloisters required the reserving for open space purposes of 15% of the overall land area.

Given the above very unsatisfactory situation, advice is being sought from the Dublin City Council Law Agent in this regard.

Q127. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

In relation to Roads, will the Manager arrange the following:

1. Concrete over the small strip of grass between, **(details supplied 1)**, and,
2. The footpaths outside, **(details supplied 2)**, to be repaired and improved as the grass margins are badly damaged, there are broken bits of concrete

and there is temporary tarmac that needs to be concreted.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- 1) The footpath at, **(details supplied 1)**, is in good condition, and wide enough to allow an individual to step out of a car. Roads Maintenance do not propose to carry out works at this location.
- 2) The grass margins at, **(details supplied 2)**, are damaged by residents parking. This matter will be referred to the parking enforcement Contractor to enforce the parking bye laws at this location.
The waterworks opening at this location will be permanently reinstated within the next 8-10 weeks.

Q128. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager ensure that the green bin collection at, **(details supplied)**, is made each and every time as the householder reports very irregular collections since a claim was made against the waste company last November for damage to a car; will he outline what checks are in place to ensure that green bins collections are made in full.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services took this matter up with Oxigen who investigated this issue. There was an issue some months ago in relation to access to this Road, hence the problem with missed collections. As a result, this road was put on a different collection day. It seems that every householder was not adequately informed of this change of collection day. Oxigen has issued a new collection calendar to all the houses on, **(details supplied)**. We have been in contact with the residents of details supplied and explained the position to him. We also gave him a telephone number for Oxigen as a contact should any further issues arise.

Q129. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Further to earlier questions, will the Manager arrange for additional vents from the old central heating system at this address, **(details supplied)**, to be blocked up as they are creating drafts in the house; and will he also arrange for the gutters to be replaced.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to block up the old vents, within 4 weeks. New gutters will be ordered and fitted.

Q130. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager take urgent action to secure a house, **(details supplied)**; will he take steps to eliminate the problem of dumping that is happening on this area and will he arrange the site to be treated for rat infestation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is assumed that the Councillor is referring to No. 15 and the former side garden of No. 15. These sites are derelict and are entered on the Derelict Sites Register with an annual levy chargeable of 3% of the market value of the property.

Notices under Section 11 of the Act i.e. a notice requiring a schedule of works to be carried out were served on the owners but were not complied with. They were pursued through the Courts and the defendants did not attend and were fined €1000 plus costs of €350.

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As both sites continue to be derelict acquisition proceedings are now being initiated under Section 14 and 15 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

With regard to the rodent infestation I have referred this matter to the North Area Health Board, Pest Control Section.

Q131. COUNCILLOR MARY MURPHY

To ask the Manager if he will provided reinforced fencing at, **(details supplied)**, in light of recent anti-social behaviour; will he also indicate what action is being taken to curb the problem of youths drinking and riding around on motor cycles at night.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The boundary fence in question is the property of the Apartments and its maintenance is a matter for the Johnstown House Management Co. With regards to the upgrading Parks Division will consider a contribution to the upgrading of this boundary.

Regarding anti-social behaviour after normal closing hours, this activity tends to be sporadic in nature and a concerted effort by the Gardai usually improves the situation. Accordingly the Gardai have been asked to take appropriate action in this case.

Q132. COUNCILLOR MARY MURPHY

To ask the Manager to carry out necessary works at, **(details supplied)**, and explain why in the circumstances outlined residents are being refused work that was promised

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This tenant at, **(details supplied)**, applied for the provision of additions/alterations for a disabled person. The tenant's own medical practitioner's report which accompanied the application defines the applicant as having "a moderate level of need".

All applications under the disabled persons code, for both standard and traveller specific tenancies, are only addressed where there is a medically confirmed "high level of need".

As this application does not constitute a "high level of need" the works requested will not be carried out.

The doors supplied in this site are standard and are considered suitable.

Q133. COUNCILLOR MARY MURPHY

Will the Manager examine the following correspondence, **(details supplied)**, and in respect of question 6 indicate if Dublin City Council owns the land in question, if a map could be provided detailing the extent of Council ownership and if the land is not in Council ownership, when, to whom, for what reasons and at what price was it ceded/sold to another party; and in respect of question 5, will he outline the rules for submitting an Environmental Impact study and if these rules were complied with in respect of the planning application in question; and if the planner has satisfied herself, in consideration of the planning application, if all of the site in question is in the ownership of DCU.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An application for 29 apartments was made by DCU on a 2.37ha. site at St. Canice's Road, Glasnevin (plan 4232-06). A decision is due on this application on 8th May 2007.

In relation to ownership, a letter has been submitted from a solicitor stating that DCU are the beneficial owner of the lands and that the rectification of the folio to reflect this is only a technical matter.

In relation to an Environmental Impact Study, the site size is below the threshold size and there are no grounds for seeking an EIS. The requirement to submit an Environmental Impact Statement is set out in Schedule 5, Part 2.10. (iv) of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001.

*(Urban development which would involve an area greater than 2 hectares in the case of a business district, **10 hectares in the case of other parts of a built-up area** and 20 hectares elsewhere).*

Dublin City Council has no property interest in the land subject of the planning application nor any property interest in the land between No. 70 St Canice's Road and the subject site.

Q134. COUNCILLOR MARY MURPHY

Will the Manager report on the new pocket park which has been created at, **(details supplied)**, and which is turning out to be a source of much anti-social activity and will he say what it is proposed will be done with this area in order to eliminate this problem

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The safe play area at, **(details supplied)**, was included in the plan at the insistence of the Residents Group for the area.

Work is now in progress on landscaping this area. It is proposed to monitor this area over the next 3 months and then to consult with local residents regarding its future use.

Q135. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to outline the current status of proposals for the regeneration of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied A):

The Housing and Residential Services is in the process of conducting a feasibility study in relation to the site.

(Details supplied B):

Meetings took place in March between DCC and Circle Voluntary Housing Association to discuss final drawings. Final Drawings are still to be decided upon and Planning Permission is to be applied for. It is hoped that this process will be completed before the end of the year.

(Details supplied C):

A public meeting took place in Aughrim Sports Centre with the Projects Section to discuss the possibility of a regeneration of the estate. A further meeting is to be arranged to discuss this matter in more detail and it was

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decided by the residents to seek independent advice from community groups and professionals such as architects in the interim.

Q136. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to give an undertaking that the all maintenance works at, **(details supplied)**, will continue to be carried out during the proposed regeneration, if he will set up a regeneration board to manager the redevelopment and if he will report on the status and timescale of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:
(Details supplied A)

We have been actively engaged in a series of meeting with the Residents Committee of this complex in relation to a feasibility study on the proposed redevelopment of, (details supplied A). The Committee have raised a number of valid and reasonable issues in relation to the study and these are currently being addressed. I shall report further to the area Committee when agreement with the residents has been reached.

A housing estate office is open in the complex on Tuesday mornings to deal with any issues residents may have.

(Details supplied B)

In accordance with EU procurement guidelines, the City Council has initiated competitive dialogue with four applicants. It is not possible to give a time frame for the conclusion of this process.

Q137. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to request a report from Dublin Bus in relation to the refurbishment and subsequent removal of a bus stop at, **(details supplied)**, and to request that it be reinstated as it new location is causing serious hardship to people from the, **(details supplied)**, area

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Manager has written to Bus Eireann with the Councillor's request. The Councillor will be contacted when a reply is received.

Q138. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to hold a ballot to extend the hours of pay and display at, **(details supplied)**, and to report on the application for a disabled parking bay for, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Extension of permit parking hours on, (details supplied A), will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Central Area Committee.

A request for a disabled parking bay outside No. 114, **(details supplied B)**, was received in January, 2007, from the resident. A letter was sent to the resident on 1st February, 2007, setting out the criteria required to consider the request and a reply is awaited.

Q139. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager if the land at, **(details supplied)**, is in the ownership of the Dublin City Council

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

According to the Property Register this land is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

Q140. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager to put a stone slab to indicate the entrance at the entrance to, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not erect such structures.

If residents wish to place a rock at the entrance themselves, they should contact the Cabra Area Office to discuss the matter. The erecting of these stones may be permitted subject to the consent of the Roads & Traffic Department and Parks & Landscape Services Division.

Q141. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager to clean out the lane at, **(details supplied)**, and to remove the tree at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have this laneway cleaned on a regular basis and it was inspected on the 1st May 2007 and found to be in a clean condition.

The Parks Division is unsure as to the actual location referred to. Ashington Rise connects to both Ashington Park and Ashington Heath. If Councillor Carr contacts the Parks Division with the location details they will respond directly.

Q142. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager to put ramps on, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Provision of traffic calming on Nephin Road between its junctions with Navan Road and Ratoath Road will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Central Area Committee.

Q143. LORD MAYOR, COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That Dublin City Council roll out a city wide programme of street furniture i.e. seating in both suburbs & the City Centre particularly high visibility streets like Grafton Street, O'Connell Street & Henry Street it is a disgraceful sight to see the elderly not having a seat / bench to sit on & it is an issue which come up all the time when I am out & about in City wide communities.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This specific issue is currently being addressed as part of the action plan for older people currently being developed by the City Council.

Q144. LORD MAYOR, COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That Dublin City Council takes on board to provide lamp-standard brackets & flagpoles in every suburb of the City to re-enforce civic pride and that signage for City Events Notices be positioned on these lamp stand brackets similar to say the recent project for One City One Book initiative.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The number of lamp standards used for the purpose of banner placement has been increased on a phased basis. This process commenced and is continuing in the city centre area. Some suburbs have a small number of flag poles placed in strategic suitable locations that are used periodically for this purpose. The Events Unit will liaise with the Parks and Landscape Services Division and the Public Lighting Division to examine the feasibility of the extension of this use as requested.

Q145. LORD MAYOR, COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager to ensure that a full report on the huge parking of vehicles, containers etc all along the Killeen Road side of Park-West is investigated to ascertain if Thornton's who use this land need planning permission for storage on this scale the fact is noise, odours etc come from this parking / storage of facilities along Killeen Road & neighbours who live along Le Fanu Road, Le Fanu Drive, Cloverhill Road & Kylemore Drive have to live with the issues raised.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Temporary parking of large vehicles on Killeen Road while waiting to load or unload is not illegal. We will keep it under review.

Dublin City Council is carrying out a land transfer with Thornton's which will ultimately lead to an alternative parking location away from Killeen Road.

Q146 LORD MAYOR, COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager that a litter warden team be sent to Ballyfermot some time during May to see at first hand issues relating to generation of street waste & that recommendation be made to try & improve the situation. I have asked for years that one full-time litter warden be left in the Ballyfermot Area to enable effective responses be developed but whilst expenditure has increased to employ more wardens still we can't seem to get ongoing support to tackle the litter crisis in our Communities & City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

At this time there are two Litter Wardens attached to South Central Area. These Wardens are largely engaged in responding to specific incidents and as such cannot be assigned to patrol any one street on an ongoing basis. There was previously a Litter Warden (now retired) assigned to Ballyfermot and while he did issue fines on an ongoing basis there was little impact on the amount of litter on the street.

The fact remains that Ballyfermot is an extremely busy urban village. The draft Area Based Cleaning Plan recognises this and it is proposed to assign a street cleaner on a permanent 5 day per week basis to Ballyfermot. This measure will directly address litter on the main street.

Q147. COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

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Will the City Manager carry out an urgent review of the longstanding commuter parking problem at Rathmore Estate, Raheny, Dublin 5 and come forward with a positive suggestion to be placed before the residents to resolve this issue once and for all, given the residents continued efforts to enhance their estate over the years (there are double yellow lines around the green open space, but commuters continue to park)?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The commuter-parking problem in Rathmore Park was last investigated on the 21st March 2006, with the following report:

I refer to Mr. Sweeney's request to install a pay and display / permit parking scheme at Rathmore Park, Raheny, Dublin 5. The results of a survey for pay and display parking at Rathmore Park, dated 16/02/06 indicates that the majority of residents have rejected the pay and display parking scheme at Rathmore Park, therefore it is not recommended to install a pay and display / permit parking scheme at Rathmore Park.

However, since commuters are also parking on double yellow lines, I will forward this issue to the Parking Enforcement Section for action.

Q148. COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager ensure that the graffiti is removed from the following locations:

- (a) Boundary wall at the green open space opposite houses 11-22 Ashcroft Estate, Raheny, Dublin 5
- (b) Boundary wall of Greenwood Estate, Ayrfield, Dublin 13 (within the Ayrfield United Football Pitch)
- (c) Changing rooms of St. Monica's Football Club, Edenmore, Dublin 5
- (d) Boundary wall of the new bridge at Grange Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13
- (e) Railway bridge at Kilbarrack Road, Dublin 5
- (f) Laneway at Lough Derg estate, Raheny Dublin 5 (leading to Raheny Dart Station)
- (g) Boundary wall at Blunden Drive, Dublin 13 (Malahide Road end)
- (h) Nameplate at Newbrook Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(a) The graffiti at this location has been removed.

(b) – (h) The graffiti at these locations has been forwarded to the Contractor and will be removed within one week.

Q149. COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager give a full report on the excavation work presently been carried out at the southern end of Newtown Court, Dublin 17?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The excavation works were carried out to provide additional drainage to facilitate landscaping works.

Q150. COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager (a) give a firm indication as to when the filter light will be installed to the traffic lights at the junction of Tonleagee Road and Millbrook Road, Dublin 13 (I was given assurance that this work would be carried out in May) and (b) when the correct road sign will be erected at the junction of Blunden Drive and Malahide Road, Dublin 13 and finally (c) The road sign for

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Millbrook Road, Dublin 13 has been removed from the facade of No. 8 Millbrook Road, does the Manager know who removed it and when it will be erected again (c) give an update report on the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway opening at the front of Clonrosse Park between the side end of nos. 15 and 16A Elton Court, Ard-Na-Greine, Dublin 13?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(a) The installation of the Filter light at the junction of Tonlegee Road and Millbrook Road is currently being organised by a Traffic Officer for completion before the end of the month.

(b) The Roads Maintenance Division ordered this nameplate over two weeks ago. It will be erected in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

(c) The Roads Maintenance Division removed this nameplate and has ordered a new nameplate. This will be erected as soon as it is received at the depot. It takes 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

(d) The Roads Maintenance Division replied to the North Central Area office on 12/3/07 stating that they had no objections to the extinguishment of this public right of way.

The recommendation for closure of the laneway at the above location, is being brought forward for consideration to the North Central Area Committee meeting of 21st May 2007.

Q151. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager to elucidate the basis and circumstances surrounding, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A charge for the service of, and replacement parts of gas central heating has been in operation since the programme to install gas central heating in Dublin City Council dwellings was introduced in 1997. The current weekly charge is €2, and has been applied since 2001 with no increase to date. This charge covers all parts and service for the year.

Older persons complexes with individual meters are exempt from this charge. All flat complexes with communal heating pay a charge for this heating, which is included in their rent.

Q152. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager if given the historic problems about neither South Dublin County Council nor Dublin City Council taking effective responsibility for the carrying out of important works to rectify problems in connection with road and footpath maintenance, water supply, bin collection and road cleaning, sewerage and surface water, pedestrian crossings and traffic control, and trees on [details supplied] and the unanimity of the residents affected that given their repeated experience that when problems concerning those services arise each local authority states that it is the other's responsibility they would like only one local authority to take charge of remedying such problems he is prepared to begin a process leading to a workable agreement between SDCC and DCC that when problems arise concerning each service one particular local authority will take complete responsibility for their remediation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The centre of Kimmage Road West is the boundary line between South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council. However the following

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agreement exists between Councils: Kimmage Road West from Lorcan O'Toole Park to Kimmage Rd Lower is maintained by Dublin City Council. Kimmage Road West between St Agnes Road and Lorcan O'Toole Park is maintained by South Dublin County Council.

Dublin City Council clean their side of Kimmage Road West every Tuesday after the refuse collection has taken place there. Residents of Kimmage Road West are aware that whichever Local Authority collects their refuse, is responsible for cleaning their side of the road. However, there is a practical side to the cleaning of this area and our cleaners wouldn't leave some rubbish on the road just because it was in South Dublin County Council's area.

In relation to Park issues there is an agreement in place with regard to the boundaries between Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council. In particular it makes sense to plant/prune/maintain street trees on both sides of the road at the same time. To facilitate this it was agreed with both Parks Departments that the trees along the section of the boundary along Cromwellsfort and Kimmage Road West would be under the responsibility of South Dublin County Council, whereas the boundary along Fortfield Road and Walkinstown Avenue would be under the responsibility of Dublin City Council.

Drainage Division is not aware of any significant difficulties at this location. Drainage Division is willing to meet with representatives of South Dublin County Council to clarify the exact extent of drainage responsibilities.

Water Services Division would be willing to take part in any review of current service provision arrangements at Kimmage Rd. West insofar as they relate to water supply issues. We mainly look after water supply to the properties on the north side of the road with South Dublin dealing with the South side.

It has been agreed to set up a Joint Inter Authority Area Committee Meeting to provide a forum at which issues affecting communities straddling the Dublin Local Authority boundaries may be discussed. It is hoped to hold the inaugural meeting of the Committee which includes members of the South Central and South East Area Committees of Dublin City Council and the relevant Area Committees of South Dublin County Council in the next 6 - 8 weeks.

Q153. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager why in light of correspondence along the lines of, **(details supplied)**, on a variety of dates including 7/3/2006 and 20/2/2006; as well as the response to my question of the Area Committee (Question 35 Feb 15 2006), now still the problems of the overflow of sewerage as a result of the grease build-up from restaurants in the vicinity are occurring again with quite as much frequency as they have always occurred; what steps has he taken and what steps will he take to remedy this quite unacceptable situation that has persisted long after it ought to have.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In January 2006, all four restaurants in Malpas Court were licensed under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 and 1990 and granted a period of time to comply with all conditions in the licences. All four restaurants were compliant with the terms of their licenses by the end of April 2007.

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As part of the conditions of the trade effluent licence, both the licensees and the Sanitary Authority take regular samples of trade effluent and these are analysed to ascertain compliance with the terms of the licence. All four licensees in Malpas Court are not only bound by their trade effluent discharge licences but also have a contract with a Consultant in FOG management who organises their sampling regime. The Consultant is independent of these restaurants and samples are taken at random.

Since the granting of the licences, only the first samples indicated non-compliance with the terms of the licences. Since then, there have been no further breaches in the conditions of the trade effluent discharge licence. The photographs attached to Mr. Gallagher's letter were taken, according to him, in February and March of 2006. Therefore, they are no longer representatives of the situation on site. Since these photographs were taken, a new connection was provided at Malpas Court to take the effluent from the restaurants only. Furthermore, it is the understanding of Drainage Division that at least one of these restaurants is not a Dublin City Council tenant and possibly none of them are tenants of Dublin City Council.

Q154. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager for a status update on the local area and framework plans for the following areas, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A meeting was held on 21st November 2006 with the Area Manager and representatives from the KWCD Partnership and the Drimnagh Network. It was agreed at the meeting to form a steering group to oversee the preparation and publication of the Drimnagh Integrated Area Plan. The Steering Group is made up of representatives from Dublin City Council Executive, the KWCD Partnership and the Drimnagh Network. The first meeting of the Steering Group was held on 12th December 2006. A Project Team has also been formed to prepare a Draft Brief, procure a Consultant and prepare and assist in a community consultation process. It is expected that an information newsletter will be delivered to all households in the Drimnagh area in May and that a Consultant will be appointed in the Summer.

There are no plans at present for a Crumlin Area Plan.

The Rialto Draft Area Action Framework Plan was prepared in 2004 to provide a framework and management strategy for actions to deliver sustainable environmental area improvements based on a consensus approach to its delivery. The plan was costed in 2004 but no specific funding stream was identified.

A temporary Steering Committee, consisting of those people who put forward their names at the "Rialto is Changing" meetings held early in 2006 and people who have been involved in the preparation of the draft plan, was established in December 2006. The Committee met a number of times and have organised a public meeting on the 1st May 2007 in St. Andrews Community Centre.

At this meeting it is intended to establish a Steering Committee who will devise a strategy to put in place a consultation process and to identify sources of funding to deliver the plan.

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An initial meeting has been held (13th March, 2007) with representatives of the Bluebell Framework Group and other local organisations at which the structures and process for developing a new plan for Bluebell, agreed by the South Central Area Committee in December 2006, was presented. The community requested time to consider this and are to revert to the City Council with their preferred structure/process before any further progress is made on the development of a plan.

Q155. COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager if the Irish translation of Walshe Road, Dublin 9 as on the nameplates Bothar Breathnach will be used in the Electoral Register and not any other version – as requested by local residents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Electoral Register contains the Irish translation of Walsh Road in the form of Bothar an Bhreatnaigh. This translation was taken from the official list of Irish street names drawn up by Dublin City Council's Irish Development Unit. During the last year the Franchise section received 75 voter registration applications from households on Walsh Road. Of that number only one household requested that their details be entered on the register in Irish, which was duly facilitated. Dublin City Council is one of the few Registration Authority's that has a policy of using full Irish street names when requested.

Q156. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the Manager to consider providing suitable accommodation for, **(details supplied)**, in the York Street/Whitefriar Street area of the city in light of his service medical conditions and the need for him to be close to his mother who resides in the York Street district.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the Housing List with a total of 78 points for Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemont, Dolphin's Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe, Maryland, York Street, Ushers Quay) and 73 points for Areas H (Ballybough, Dorset Street, Dominick Street, East Wall, North Strand, Phibsborough, Sheriff Street, Summerhill) and P (North King Street, Church Street, Ormond Quay, Chancery Street). The applicant's interest in the York Street/Whitefriar Street area has been noted. However, at present his points are not high enough to secure an offer of accommodation in this area. If the applicant wishes to be considered for other complexes within Area L, I would advise him to maintain contact with the Housing Allocations Section, Block 2, Ground Floor, Civic Offices regarding his housing application.

Q157. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the Manager to investigate circumstances of the termination of tenancy of, **(details supplied)**, by her landlord. The expectant mother has no other attractive accommodation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the Housing List with a total of 82 points for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore) and 77 points for Area M (City Quay, Donnybrook, Mount Street, Pearse Street, Ringsend, Irishtown). These points are low. Unfortunately, therefore it may be some time yet before the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is reached with an offer of accommodation.

As the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently living in private rented accommodation, any issues regarding her tenancy would be a matter for discussion with her landlord.

Q158. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the Manager the likely date of the commencement of the Scheme to regularise the usage of the laneway to the rear of the sewers in the Colepark area of Ballyfermot and to say what the main elements of this scheme are. Also to ask what fresh measures are being considered to prevent vehicles turning left into Colepark from the mall shopping area in Ballyfermot.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This laneway provides access to the rear of a number of shops. At night and at weekends when not used by the shop owners it is a source of annoyance to residents living nearby. The laneway is used for anti social behaviour and for dumping. These problems have been ongoing for years.

As a result of a meeting held in March in the Ballyfermot Area Office, it became clear that a plan could be devised which would have the support of all the stakeholders and deal with the problems occurring in the lane. This plan would involve the City Council undertaking the following works:

1. The erection of gates at each end of the lane. The gates would be left open during the day to facilitate parking and access to the shops and closed at night. Traders and residents would operate the gates;
2. The narrowing of the footpath, which runs along the lane. This would allow for the introduction of 37/38 pay and display parking spaces, the income from which could meet the cost of carrying out the various works;
3. The introduction of a one way traffic system in the lane;
4. The provision of a number of loading bays.

The proposals as outlined above are being considered by the Roads and Traffic Department. No other measures are currently being examined.

Q159. COUNCILLOR LUCINDA CREIGHTON

Will the Manager take action to place traffic lights on the Milltown Road at junction with Prospect Lane to allow the increasing number of residents exiting Prospect Lane at this junction to do so safely.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is available.

Q160. COUNCILLOR LUCINDA CREIGHTON

Will the Manager outline details on the current storage of e-voting machines, including where they're stored and how much storage is costing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Dublin City and County Sheriffs were responsible for the storage of e-voting machines up until February 2007. The e-voting machines are now

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being stored at Gormanstown by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Consequently responsibility has never rested with Dublin City Council in that regard.

Q161. COUNCILLOR LUCINDA CREIGHTON

Will the Manager initiate measures to place a pedestrian crossing, or a walk over, to allow for people to safely cross Clanbrasil St. between Lombard St and St. Kevin's Parade? Furthermore, will the manager ensure that moves are taken to make traffic aware of the speed limit on this stretch of road, and for this limit to be enforced? Currently vehicles treat this main Dublin traffic route as a motorway just because it is a dual carriageway, placing local residents in danger.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request for additional pedestrian facilities across Clanbrasil Street will be examined by the Traffic Area Engineer.

The gardaí will be contacted in relation to speeding on Clanbrasil Street.

LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

24th February 2007 to 30th March 2007

Balance	Debit		45,882,550
Payments during period		155,044,278	
Receipts during period		129,850,812	
Difference	Debit		25,193,466
Balance	Debit		<u>71,076,016</u>
Revenue Account Balance	Debit		65,572,591
Capital Account Balance	Debit		5,503,425
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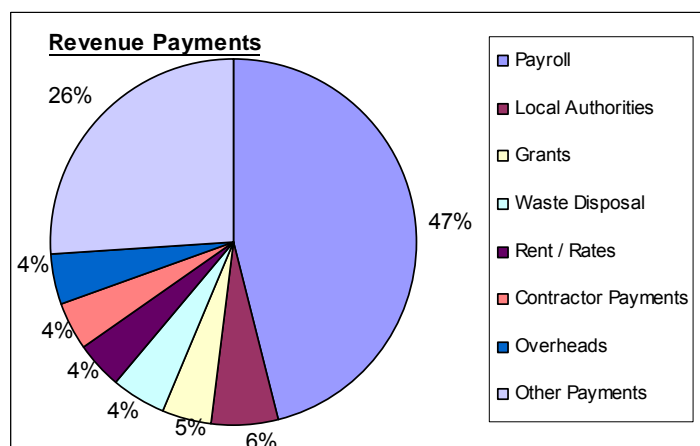
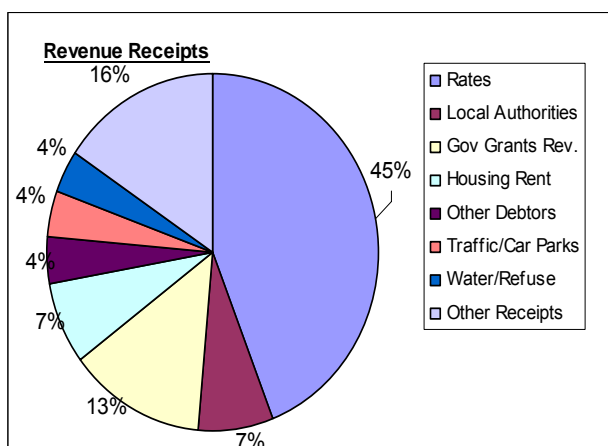
Analysis of Revenue Receipts & Payments March 2007

Receipts	%	This period	Cumulative to 30/03/07	Payments	%	This period	Cumulative to 30/03/07
Rates	44.13%	36,743,929	60,319,712	Payroll	46.16%	45,980,352	107,903,211
Housing Rent	7.42%	6,182,561	16,303,458	Contractor Payments	4.20%	4,187,830	5,359,029
Shared Ownership	2.41%	2,003,526	5,725,957	Local Authorities	5.80%	5,774,418	12,350,897
Other Housing Receipts	2.75%	2,293,585	4,461,976	Grants	4.55%	4,528,598	10,909,731
Gov Grants Rev.	13.32%	11,092,242	17,148,851	Rent/Rates	4.27%	4,254,901	5,464,780
Water/Refuse	3.92%	3,267,876	7,873,840	Fees Payable	3.82%	3,806,040	8,051,084
Local Gov Fund	0.00%	0	25,077,634	Overheads	4.30%	4,278,320	14,307,621
Traffic/Car Parks	4.17%	3,475,561	10,771,904	Computer Purch/Maint	1.24%	1,239,660	2,721,769
Local Authorities	7.36%	6,130,366	19,317,729	Contributions	2.23%	2,217,258	12,184,356
Superannuation	0.87%	722,974	1,637,815	Utilities	3.61%	3,595,925	8,721,093
Other Debtors	4.18%	3,479,412	12,101,726	Vehicle Equipment Hire	1.93%	1,918,814	7,333,468
Planning Fees	0.41%	343,344	1,002,895	Equipment Vehicle/Materials	3.40%	3,388,405	8,325,073
City Estate Rental	1.28%	1,063,374	1,624,832	Waste Disposal	4.49%	4,473,436	13,339,467
Administration	7.77%	6,470,541	12,307,644	Stores	1.40%	1,391,277	4,930,194
Total Receipts	100.00%	83,269,290	195,675,972	Personal/Property Awards	2.19%	2,177,530	6,301,199
				Site Clearance	0.53%	525,974	1,840,251
				Installations	0.78%	775,310	3,799,947
				Relocation of Utilities	0.12%	119,963	404,689
				Insurance	0.12%	116,419	4,483,718
				Clamping	0.66%	661,308	2,061,145
				Administration	4.22%	4,198,707	14,817,229
				Total Payments	100.00%	99,610,445	255,609,951

The above analysis sets out the movement between payments and receipts over the period 24th February 2007 to 30th March 2007. Total receipts amounted to € 129.9m with payments of €155m, leaving a net Payments difference of € 25.1m

Revenue receipts for the period amounted to €83.3m with Revenue Payments of €99.6m. Included in Revenue receipts are Government Grants of € 11.1m; this amount includes €4.1m from the Department of Education for the VEC recoupment and Higher Education Grants and €4.5m for Homeless Policy. Local Authorities receipts include €2.7m for Sewers, €1.4m for Fire Brigade and €1.9m for Water. Traffic receipts include €2.1m from Parking Meter Fees and €0.5m for Traffic enforcement.

Included in the Revenue Payments is €46m for Payroll.

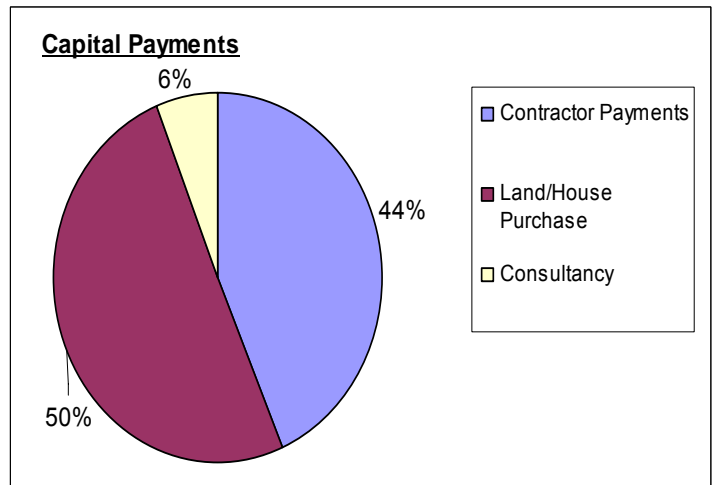
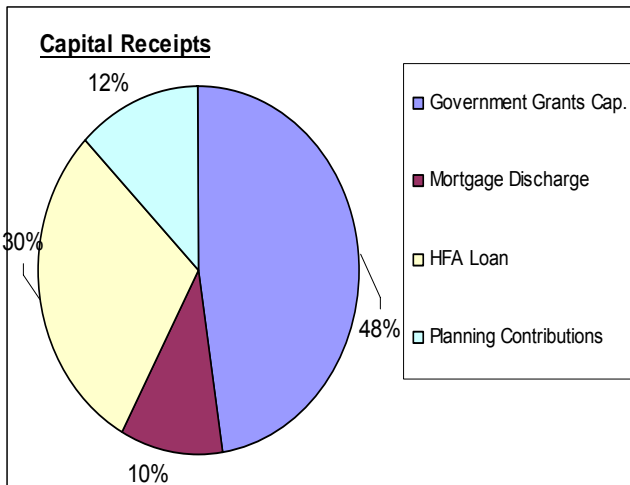


Analysis of Capital Receipts & Payments March 2007

Receipts	%	This period	Cumulative to 30/03/07	Payments	%	This period	Cumulative to 30/03/07
Mortgage Discharge	9.49%	4,419,241	12,704,498	Contractor Payments	43.69%	24,219,864	84,830,048
Government Grants Cap.	44.10%	20,540,811	51,609,770	Land/House Purchase	50.02%	27,726,498	67,351,748
Planning Contributions	11.52%	5,366,882	12,524,005	Consultancy	6.24%	3,461,372	12,008,279
HFA Loan	27.47%	12,795,499	64,462,274	Loan Charges/Redemptions	0.05%	26,099	40,077,563
Sale of Sites/Apartments	7.43%	3,459,089	5,959,615				
Total Receipts	100.00%	46,581,522	147,260,162	Total Payments	100.00%	55,433,833	204,267,638

Capital receipts for the period amounted to €46.6m with capital payments of €55.4m. Capital Grants received were €20.5m, just over €14.8m was for Housing Construction and €3.9m was for the Affordable and Voluntary Housing Sections. HFA loans were €12.8 of which €8.6m was for Shared Ownership with the balance of €4.2m for Affordable Housing

Capital payments to contractors totalled €24.2m; €9.3m is if for Voluntary and Affordable Housing and €6.5m is for Ballymun Regenerations. Land / House Purchase is €27.7m, €16m is for Housing Construction and €9m if for Affordable Housing.



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