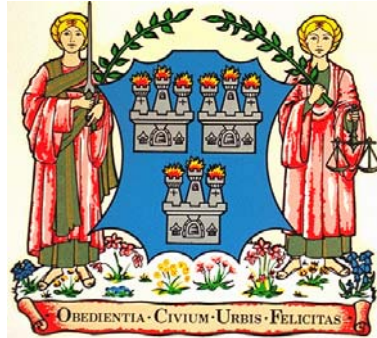


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Miosuil a tionóladh ar an **1 Deirdeadh Fomhair 2007** i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

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

Comhairleoir:

Maurice Ahern
Charlie Ardagh
Tom Brabazon
Gerry Breen
Christy Burke
Clare Byrne
Eibhlin Byrne
Julia Carmichael
Anne Carter
Joan Collins
Michael Conaghan
Ray Corcoran
Emer Costello
Michael Donnelly
Daithi Doolan
Dessie Ellis

Comhairleoir :

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

Comhairleoir

Anne Marie Martin
Paddy McCartan
Louise Minihan
Andrew Montague
Mary Murphy
Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Naoise O'Muirí
Aodhán Ó'Riordáin
Mary O'Shea
Larry O'Toole
Oisín Quinn
Mick Rafferty
Robert Sargent
Tom Stafford
Bill Tormey
Edie Wynne

Apologies

Eric Byrne
Brendan Carr

Oifigigh

John Tierney
Philip Maguire
Martin Kavanagh
Ciaran Murray
Michael Stubbs
Ciaran McNamara

Matt Twomey
Vincent Norton
Frank Kelly
Kathy Quinn
Seamus Lea
Tim O'Sullivan

Terence O'Keeffe
Hugh Fitzpatrick
Oliver Douglas
Catherine Darmody

Gnó an t-Ardmheara

1. (A) The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had sent a letter of condolence, on their behalf to the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council and to the Chairperson of Bray Town Council on the tragic death of the two firefighters in Bray last week.

(B) He also informed them that he had sent a letter of sympathy to the Garda Commissioner in relation to the shooting of a member of An Garda Síochána in the North Strand area of Dublin last week and that he had asked that the Council's best wishes for a speedy and full recovery be extended to the Garda in question.

(C) The Lord Mayor also reminded his fellow Councillors of the Civic Reception for the King & Queen of Belgium in City Hall on the 9th October 2007 and he urged all Councillors to attend, if at all possible.
2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor D. Heney "That Dublin City Council approves of the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged". The motion was put and carried and written answers to 111 questions lodged for the City Council meeting of the 1st October 2007 were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Submitted Letter dated 17th September 2007 from Clare County Council with regard to the decision by Aer Lingus to discontinue Shannon-Heathrow Air Service (Summary and Business Plan referred to in their letter are enclosed separately). 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.
4. The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the City Council held on 3rd September 2007, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
5. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor L. O'Toole and seconded by Councillor L. Minihan "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.
6. Submitted Report No. 396/2007 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001, informing the Council of works which are about to commence, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Road realignment Balbutcher Lane North. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor V. Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 396/2007". The motion was put and carried.
7. Submitted Report No. 380/2007 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001, informing the Council of works which are about to commence, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 Part 8: Public space at Kilmainham. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor V. Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the

contents of Report No. 380/2007". The motion was put and carried. Mr. M. Stubbs, Assistant City Manager promised to respond to Councillor M. Conaghan in relation to a number of issues raised by him in respect of the proposal (e.g. lighting of Richmond Tower, possible holding of a craft fair once a month, car parking within the Royal Hospital, etc.)

8. To appoint a suitable person to be a member of the City Council to replace former Councillor Paschal Donohoe, following his election to Seanad Eireann and the appointment of a member to each of the following boards/committees:

- Board of Dublin City Gallery, The Hugh Lane
- Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (from Cabra/Glasnevin Local Electoral Area)
- Eastern River Basin District Advisory Council
- Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee
- Grangegorman Development Agency Consultative Group

Tributes were paid to former Councillor P. Donohoe by Councillors G. Breen, V. Jackson, C. Burke, M. Fitzpatrick, K. Humphreys, J. Carmichael, E. Costello, B. Maher, M. Ahern, T. Stafford and the Lord Mayor, particularly in relation to his role as Chairperson of the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee and the Central Area Committee and also his enormous contribution to Dublin City Council over the last three years. The City Manager also paid tribute to him and said that he would be a huge loss to the Council.

Councillor G. Breen then proposed the following motion "That Ms. Mary O'Shea be co-opted as a member of Dublin City Council and also that she be appointed to (a) the Board of Dublin City Gallery, the Hugh Lane (b) Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (c) Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee (d) Grangegorman Development Agency Consultative Group". The motion, having been seconded by Councillor B. Tormey, was put and carried. The City Council decided to defer the appointment of a member to the Eastern River Basin District Advisory Group until the November meeting.

9. To appoint a suitable person to be a member of the City Council to replace former Councillor Wendy Hederman, following her resignation and the appointment of a member to each of the following boards/committees:

- Board of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street
- Dublin Regional Authority
- Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee

It was moved by Councillor K. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor M. Freehill "That Mr. John Kenny be co-opted as a member of Dublin City Council and also that he be appointed to the following (a) the Board of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street (b) Dublin Regional Authority (c) Economic Development, Planning & European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee". The motion was put and carried.

10. To appoint a suitable person to be a member of the City Council to replace former Councillor Brian Gillen, following his resignation and the appointment of a member to each of the following boards/committees:

- Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee
- Rathmines Partnership
- Protocol and Selection Committee

Before nominating the co-optee for former Councillor B. Gillen, Councillor G. Breen informed the Council that he had resigned as a member of the

Economic Development, Planning & European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee. Councillor G. Breen then proposed the following motion “That Ms. Edie Wynne be co-opted as a member of Dublin City Council and also that she be appointed to (a) Rathmines Partnership (b) Protocol & Selection Committee and that Councillor G. Breen be appointed as a member of the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee”. The motion having been seconded by Councillor M. Freehill was put and carried. Tributes were paid to former Councillor B. Gillen by Councillors M. Donnelly, N. O’Muirí, J. Carmichael, N. Kehoe, O. Quinn, A.M Martin and the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor and Group Leaders also welcomed the three new co-optees onto the Council. The City Manager thanked the three outgoing Councillors whom he described as three very capable people and he also welcomed Councillors O’Shea, Kenny and Wynne onto the City Council.

11. To appoint a suitable person to be a member of the City Council to replace former Councillor Niamh Cosgrave, who is deemed to have resigned from membership of the City Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 18 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 2001 and the appointment of a member to each of the following boards/committees:

- Board of the Ringsend Bridge Limited
- Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee
- LAMA (Local Authorities Members Association)
- Protocol and Selection Committee

The City Council agreed to a request from Councillor G. Breen to defer consideration of this item until the November Council meeting.

12. To appoint a member of Dublin City Council as Chairperson of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee. It was moved by Councillor A.M. Martin and seconded by Councillor B. Tormey “That Councillor G. Breen be appointed as Chairperson of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee” The motion was put and carried.
13. Submitted Report No. 433/2007 of the Executive Manager (*V. Norton*) - Appointments of Oireachtas Members to Area Joint Policing Sub-Committees. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor V. Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 433/2007 and approves the appointment of the Oireachtas Members to the Joint Policing Sub-Committee as set out and recommended therein”. The motion was put and carried.
14. Submitted Report No. 400/2007 of the Dublin City Manager - Statutory Audit Report to the Lord Mayor and Members on the Accounts of Dublin City Council for year ended 31st December 2006. It was moved by Councillor M. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor M. Fitzpatrick “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 400/2007 together with the statutory audit report on the accounts of Dublin City Council for year ended 31st December 2006, from the Principal Local Government Auditor”. The motion was put and carried.
15. Submitted Report No. 401/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - Proposed Draft Variation (No. 20) Dublin City Development Plan 2005 -2011 – Road improvement scheme along Richmond Road, from Luke Kelly Bridge to the East, to Drumcondra Road Upper to the West. It was moved by Councillor M. Rafferty and seconded by Councillor M. Fitzpatrick “That Dublin

City Council notes the contents of Report No. 401/2007 and hereby approves Variation (No. 20) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011 – road improvement scheme along Richmond Road from Luke Kelly Bridge to the East, to Drumcondra Road Upper to the West”. The motion was put and carried.

16. Submitted Report No. 421/2007 of the Dublin City Manager - Audit Committees. Councillor M. Donnelly in presenting the Report informed the Council that the proposal for Audit committees were being put forward by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006. The terms of reference were fine, he said, as they were very much in line with what the Audit Efficiency Group was already doing. However the main changes, he said, would relate to the Chairpersons which under the suggested proposals would be from the external members and the external members would also number 4 as against 3 Councillors. After a short debate on this matter it was moved by Councillor M. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor V. Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 421/2007 and requests the City Manager to write to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to request that the following amendments be made to their proposal (a) That the Chairpersons of Audit Committees should be confined to Councillor members and that the majority of the members on the Committees should also be Councillor members and (c) that the Audit Committee should be established in such a way so as not to bestow automatic rights of attendance, at Audit Committees meetings, to the public and media.” The motions was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No. 423/2007 of the Executive Manager (*C. Reilly*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over laneway between 49-51 Primrose Grove, Darndale, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “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 49-51 Primrose Grove, Darndale, Dublin 17, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24508, 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.
18. Submitted Report No. 424/2007 of the Executive Manager (*C. Reilly*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 101-163 Collins Park, 30-32 Celtic Park Road and 135-145 Celtic Park Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 101-163 Collins Park, 30-32 Celtic Park Road and 135-145 Celtic Park Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24017A, 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.
19. Submitted Report No. 429/2007 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over laneway at 1-17 (Odd numbers) Park Road, Dublin 7. It was moved by

Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “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 at 1-17 (Odd numbers) Park Road, Dublin 7, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24723, 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.

20. Submitted Report No. 430/2007 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a section of pathway outside No. 105 Capel Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “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 outside No. 105 Capel Street, Dublin 1, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24436, 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.
21. Submitted Report No. 431/2007 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the steps leading to East Road (Johnny Cullen’s Hill), Dublin 3. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “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 the steps leading to East Road (Johnny Cullen’s Hill), Dublin 3, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24715, 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.
22. Submitted Report No. 432/2007 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the side of No. 34 and rear of No.s 28-34 O’Sullivan Avenue, Dublin 3. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “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 the laneway to the side of No. 34 and rear of No.s 28-34 O’Sullivan Avenue, Dublin 3, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24711, 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.
23. Submitted Report No. 436/2007 of the Area Manager (*D. Drumm*) - Proposal to extinguish the public right of way at lane linking Church Street to Wellmount Road, Finglas. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “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 lane linking Church Street to Wellmount Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24458, 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.

24. Submitted Report No. 397/2007 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 81 premises. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 397/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No. 402/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 7 Affordable apartments at Prospect Hill, Finglas Road, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 402/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 403/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of an affordable house at No. 31 Griffith Heights, Finglas East, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 403/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 404/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable house at Kilshane Drive, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor t. Stafford “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 404/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No. 405/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Castleforbes Square, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 405/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No. 406/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Orchard Way, Greenwood Walk, Dublin 13. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 406/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No. 407/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Castleforbes Square, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor t. Stafford “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 407/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No. 408/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Ivy Exchange, Parnell Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 408/2007”. The motion was put and carried. Under this Item Councillor V. Jackson objected to Dublin 12 being used by Developers in relation to properties, which were quite clearly located in Dublin 10. Mr. M. Stubbs, Assistant City Manager agreed to examine the matter.
32. Submitted Report No. 409/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Park West Pointe, Park West, Dublin 12. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by

Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 409/2007". The motion was put and carried.

33. Submitted Report No. 410/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at The Village, Rathborne, Ashtown, Dublin 15. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 410/2007". The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No. 411/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Ivy Exchange, Parnell Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 411/2007". The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No. 412/2007 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of premises at 30/31 Lower Liffey Street, Dublin 1 to Talbot Ventures Limited, 77A Talbot Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 412/2007". The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No. 413/2007 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of land at the rear of No. 32 Casino Road, Dublin 3 to Winifred Una O'Connor. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 413/2007". The motion was put and carried.
37. Submitted Report No. 414/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of the City Council's interest in lands at basement level in Clarendon Row, Dublin 2 to Mr. Joseph O'Reilly. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 414/2007". The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No. 415/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of Commercial Unit 9, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 to Gary Ryan and Sheena Barrett c/o 5 Skelligscourt, Waterville, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor t. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 415/2007". The motion was put and carried.
39. Submitted Report No. 416/2007 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed grant of licence of a site at Dunne Street, Dublin 1 to Costello Construction. It was moved by Councillor K. Forde and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "That Dublin City Council defers consideration of Report No. 416/2007 until such time as a dispute over a right of way in the Donaghmede area is resolved." The motion was put and carried.
40. Submitted Report No. 417/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of Commercial Unit 3, Liberty Corner, James Joyce St Dublin 1 to Cormac Smith and Brendan O'Connor C/O 28 North Lotts, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by

Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 417/2007". The motion was put and carried.

41. Submitted Report No. 418/2007 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of one apartment to include attic space at Horton Court, Terenure Road West, Dublin 6W. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 418/2007". The motion was put and carried.
42. Submitted Report No. 419/2007 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the disposal of a site adjoining 31 Croftwood Grove, Croftwood Drive, Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 to Habitat for Humanity Ireland. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 419/2007". The motion was put and carried.
43. Submitted Report No. 420/2007 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – Re: With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Cork Street / Donore Avenue, Dublin 8 to The Iveagh Trust. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 420/2007". The motion was put and carried.
44. Submitted Report No. 422/2007 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in the premises No. 47 Main Street, Donnybrook to Peter Molloy Limited c/o Anderson & Gallagher Solicitors, 29 Westmoreland Street, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 422/2007". The motion was put and carried.
45. Presentation on the City Development Board: Mr. M. Kavanagh, Executive Manager, outlined the objectives for which the City Development Board was first established and he informed the Council that there was a feeling of isolation among the members of the City Development Board. The linkages between the City Development Board and the Strategic Policy Committees must be strengthened and he said that policies need to come from the Strategic Policy Committees to the City Development Board for input/endorsement and vice versa. He informed them that the Community Forum was being reviewed at present. Councillor S. Kenny paid tribute to Mr. Kavanagh and his staff, for their efforts to refocus the City Development Board and he called on the Chairs of the Strategic Policy Committees to fully support the CDB. The following Councillors also contributed to the debate Councillors Eibhlin Byrne, N. Kehoe, N. O'Muiri, G. Breen, B. Maher and K. Forde and the following were some of the points made.
 - That the CDB at times seemed to be on a parallel run to Dublin City Council.
 - That there was a lot of duplication between CDB and DCC.
 - CDB should concentrate on a small number of achievable targets.
 - The need for a different method to the Community Forum, of capturing the views of the public.

46. Submitted Report No. 427/2007 of the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of meeting held on 13th September 2007 – *Chairperson, Councillor Sean Kenny*. It was moved by Councillor L. Kelly and seconded by Councillor D. Heney “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 427/2007”. The motion was put and carried. Under this Item Councillor L. O’Toole referred to an incident which he had personally witnessed where people at a taxi rank refused to take a taxi because of the colour of the taxi driver’s skin and he asked that this practice, as it was not an isolated incident, be brought to the attention of the Taxi Drivers Unions in an effort to eliminate it.

47. Emergency Motions.

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that two emergency motions had been submitted and vetted by the vetting Group who had recommended that Standing Orders be suspended in order for the following emergency motion in the name of Cllr. D. Lacey to be put to the Council “without debate” “Recognising the serious situation emerging in Burma, Acknowledging the special relationship between Dublin and the Leader of the Pro.Democracy Movement in Burma, Aung San Suu Kyi through her inclusion on the roll of the Freedom of Dublin, Salutes the Leadership given by Aung San Suu Kyi and the peaceful protesters for democracy , Welcomes the actions to date of the Minister for Foreign Affairs on this matter and calls on the Government to intensify its actions through the European Union and the United Nations to secure a peaceful and democratic resolution to the conflict in Burma” The City Council decided to suspend Standing orders to agree the motion without debate.

At this stage of the meeting Cllr. M. Freehill objected to the fact that the other emergency motion submitted by her was not being put to the Council. The Lord Mayor informed the Council that it was the Council’s prerogative to decide to suspend Standing Orders to consider an emergency motion and he proposed putting a motion to that effect to the City Council. Cllr. T. Stafford objected to this proposal and said that to do so would totally undermine the workings of the Vetting Group which was representative of all Parties on the Council and he said that he would resign from the Vetting Group if the Lord Mayor proceeded with the proposal. Cllr. L. O’Toole, who was also a member of the Vetting Group also objected and said that he would have to seriously consider whether or not to remain on the Vetting Group if Councillor Freehill’s motion was put to the Council. However the Lord Mayor insisted that under Standing Orders the Council had the ultimate right to decide to suspend Standing Orders or not, to consider an emergency motion and he asked the Council to indicate whether or not they were prepared to Suspend Standing Orders to propose the following emergency motion in the name of Cllr. M. Freehill without debate. The following motion was then formally proposed by Councillor M. Freehill and seconded by the Lord Mayor “that Dublin City Council decides to suspend Standing Orders to move the following motion without debate: Dublin City Council calls for the restoration of democracy in Burma, Dublin like many other cities conferred the “Freedom of the City “ on Aung San Suu Kyi in 2000. We stand in solidarity and renew our demand for her freedom along with the release of members of parliament held in prison among the 1550 political prisoners. We call on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to use his influence to implement EU sanctions against Burma until a democratic system has been restored” The motion was put and carried.

48. Submitted Report No. 435/2007 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2007 – *Councillor Ray Corcoran, Chairperson*. It

was moved by Councillor R. Corcoran and seconded by Councillor N. Kehoe "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 435/2007". The motion was put and carried.

49. Submitted Report No. 434/2007 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2007 – *Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor A. Carter "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 434/2007". The motion was put and carried.
50. Submitted Report No. 428/2007 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2007 – *Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor S. Ardagh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 428/2007". The motion was put and carried.
51. The City Council agreed to take the following two Items next and together - Submitted Report No. 399/2007 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2007 – *Councillor Mary Freehill, Chairperson* and the following motion from the South East Area Committee standing at Item No. 36 on the Agenda Paper "Recognizing the overwhelming desire expressed by many of the different stakeholders for a Ballsbridge Local Area Plan, in principle, during the debate surrounding the rejection by the Area Committee and the City Council of the previous Draft Plan.

Noting the fact that the area is presently subject to an intensity of planning applications and acknowledging the need for real local involvement and consultation on the preparation of any Local Area Plan and the substantial work engaged in by the local community in preparing a new submission on this issue the South East Area Committee hereby adopts the principles contained in the document "Terms of Reference Local Area Plan for Ballsbridge" and submitted with this motion.

Further the Committee requests the Manager to take all necessary steps to incorporate these principles into a new Local Area Plan and to have regard to them in determining planning applications for the area.

Finally the South East Area Committee requests the City Council to endorse the terms of this motion.

It was moved by Councillor M. Freehill and seconded by Councillor D. Heney "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 399/2007 and adopts the motion from the South East Area in relation to Ballsbridge Local Area Plan". The motion was put and carried.

52. Submitted Report No. 425/2007 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2007 – *Councillor Bronwen Maher, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor B. Maher and seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 425/2007". The motion was put and carried. Under this Item Councillor Eibhlin Byrne objected very strongly to a document, which had been circulated in relation to the elderly and she also objected to the fact that a key official who had been centrally involved with the "Lord Mayor's Initiative on the Elderly" had been transferred to an other Section. Her complaints were supported by Cllrs. V. Jackson, B. Maher, J. Carmichael, M. Freehill and the

Lord Mayor. The City Manager responded by saying that he had already apologised for the wording of the document but that he did not accept that any of his staff would have anything other than the highest respect for the integrity of the “older person”.

53. Submitted Report No. 395/2007 of the Special Meeting of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of August 2007 – *Councillor Bronwen Maher, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor B. Maher and seconded by Councillor G. Breen “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 395/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
54. Submitted Report No. 426/2007 of the Protocol and Selection Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2007 – *Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson*. It was moved by Councillor D. Heney and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford “That Dublin City Council adopts the contents of Report No. 426/2007”. The motion was put and carried.
55. The City Council decided to take the following motion, standing in the name of Councillor Eric Byrne at Item No. 43 on the Agenda Paper, next “This Council supports the proposal to vary the Waste Management Plan so as to ensure that an integrated waste management service is available to all Dublin households including door to door collections, recycling centres, bring banks, glass banks, green waste reception centres, environmental awareness services, a clean up service for dumped waste and a bulky household collection service.

This variation will ensure that the 70,000 low-income households in the region that are on waivers continue to receive a collection service. The current free for all in the market leads to cherry picking by the private sector by excluding households who are not in a position to pay charges, from a collection, resulting in serious social and environmental drawbacks.

These include traffic congestion, noise, and air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. The increase in greenhouse gas emissions from refuse trucks where 2 or 3 operators are serving individual streets and estates is not acceptable from a climate change or carbon footprint point of view and therefore this Councils applauds this progressive variation.” The motion having been proposed on behalf of Councillor Eric Byrne, by Cllr. G. Breen (with the Council’s consent) and seconded by Cllr. D.Lacey, was put and carried.

56. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor D. Ellis in relation to the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 45 on the Agenda Paper “That this Council calls for the return of paintings on the walls of the G.P.O. which were removed a long time ago and not returned.” It was also agreed that a copy of the Report be sent to Councillor D. Lacey.
56. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor G. Breen in relation to the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 50 on the Agenda Paper “That Dublin City Council revisit the assessment study of future water demands for the greater Dublin area without the plan to take water from the Shannon river.
57. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor N. O. Muiri in relation to the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 56 on the

Agenda Paper "That the Manager provide me with a full report on the latest state of the "Technology Age No Barriers" initiative for installing PC's and providing training in senior citizen complexes around the city highlight the owner of this initiative and timeframe to completion.

58. The City Council agreed that a Report be sent to Councillor B. Carr in relation to the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 58 on the Agenda Paper "That the Manager take steps to initiate a Local Area Plan for the Navan Road Area as promised some years ago" The motion was moved for a report, on behalf of Councillor B. Carr, by Councillor E. Costello.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m. 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 MONDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 2007

Q1. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager that issue relating to the new Community Facility for the Blue Bell area be addressed without delay. Particularly the issue with Waterways Ireland. The Blue Bell area has been waiting for this facility for a number of years and any outstanding delay needs to be sorted out so as to allow the project to commence for the people of Blue Bell.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The necessary approvals to allow Waterways Ireland proceed with the disposal of the strip of land at the Canal were secured in August 2007, having first been requested by the City Council in September 2006. The solicitors acting for Waterways Ireland contacted the City Council's Law Department in early September 2007 and the matter of transfer of land is now progressing.

All tender documentation has been prepared and 8 shortlisted developers/builders have been selected. A new timescale for completion of the tendering process and construction phase is currently being drafted. A report will issue to the Councillor when this timescale has been agreed.

Q2. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manger if Dublin City Council Traffic Dept. would provide a traffic calming measure at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The provision of traffic calming at the junction will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a reply will be prepared for the Central Area Committee.

Q3. COUNCILLOR NICKY KEHOE

To ask the City Manager that a detailed examination take place of the drainage system on Dingle Road between no's 40 and 56 due to ongoing flooding there, with heavy rainfall on the road carriage. Could measures be put in place to remedy the situation?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The gullies on Dingle Road need to be cleaned by a machine so we can jet all the connections and ensure that the pipelines are in good working order.

There are currently access problems on Dingle Road as it is very hard to use the trucks here with traffic problems and the narrowness of the road. The

Drainage Division is currently working to resolve this problem and will update the Councillor as soon as possible.

Q4. COUNCILLOR NICKY KEHOE

To ask the City Manager when an upgrade will take place on pathway at Martin Savage Park?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This Division is currently undertaking upgrading works at Martin Savage Park. The work involves drainage to an area of the park west of the proposed all weather pitch and when finished will provide play areas for two GAA pitches and one soccer pitch. The proposed all weather pitch is subject to the relevant funding being made available.

The land east of the proposed all weather pitch is currently in use as a GAA pitch and it's current lay out and size effects the installation of the proposed footpath from Glendu Road to Martin Savage Park Housing Estate.

When the area of land that is currently being drained becomes ready for play (approx. six to eight months – weather permitting) then the existing GAA pitch can be relocated to this area, and soccer pitch relocated to where the GAA pitch was originally, thus freeing up land for the instillation of the proposed three metre wide pedestrian footpath.

Q5. COUNCILLOR NICKY KEHOE

To ask the City Manager that the upgrading of the entrance to Ashington Ave. and Ashington Grove into Kinvara off the two entrances off the Navan Road be examined and take place.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An inspection was carried out by the Cabra Area office at the locations requested. The main entrance from Kinvara Avenue/Ashington Avenue to Ashington Grove/Ashington Crescent is in satisfactory condition. The pedestrian laneway from Kinvara Avenue to Ashington Crescent is secured by means of double bollards at each end and is also in a satisfactory condition. There are no proposals to carry out any remedial works on this basis.

Q6. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council would provide a stop sign at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

On both approaches to Seville Place, stop signage already exists on **(details supplied)** is clearly visible. As part of the traffic management works due to commence on **(details supplied)** in the coming weeks, build outs are proposed at the junction which will improve junction conspicuity and clearly highlight priority at the junction.

Q7. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council could clean (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have (**details supplied**) cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday, in order to cope with the litter problem in this area. The area was last cleaned on Monday 1st October 2007. We also have larger dumped items such as fridges, furniture etc removed from this street when necessary.

Q8. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager when Dublin City Council will allocate the vacant flats at (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The vacant flats in the Rory O'Connor and Dermot O'Dwyer complexes are currently undergoing repairs by Housing Maintenance before re-letting. Some of these flats require extensive works and will take a longer period of time to repair. The Estate Manager endeavours to re-let these vacant flats once all repairs are completed.

Q9. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the Manager if a feasibility study has ever been carried out by Dublin City Council into building a bicycle lane along one side of the royal canal which would allow safe and pleasant cycling from Maynooth/Liffey Valley, etc. into the City Centre.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has not carried out a feasibility study into building a bicycle lane along one side of the royal canal. It should be noted that the Canal Bank is in charge of Waterways Ireland.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

Can the Manager arrange to erect a map at the old Motor Tax Office at River house showing the location of the new Motor Tax office in Smithfield and install a number of directional signs to it in the area and along the quays.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A map has been on display at the front door of River House since the office moved, together with directions to Smithfield. A "finger post" sign has recently been erected at the LUAS stop pointing up towards Smithfield

Square and also signs at either end of Blackhall Walk (one in the square and one on Queen Street).

Four directional signs have been provided by the Traffic Division in recent weeks, to direct people to the new Motor Tax Office.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

Can the Manager instruct the Vehicle Clamping Company to use their discretion in relation to clamping in the vicinity of court houses in the city in particular where the public using court houses have no way of knowing how long their cases might take, where judges might decide to sit through lunch time and where there might be difficulty in getting change and can he investigate the provision of machines that accept credit/debit card payments, cash notes as well as coins?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Council operates a clamping and tow-away service to enforce parking regulations in the City of Dublin.

The Council's parking enforcement function operates by active enforcement (clamping and/or relocation, as appropriate) by the Council's parking enforcement contractor, which creates a general environment of deterrence of illegal parking. It is necessary to take enforcement action against all illegally parked vehicles which come to the attention of the Council in order to maintain a credible level of deterrence of such activity. It is not possible for the enforcement staff to differentiate between illegally parked vehicles based on location.

As part of the parking management service for the city, the Council operates a two-stage process for persons wishing to appeal clamping and other parking related enforcement decisions. It is open to any person whose vehicle was clamped or relocated to make use of this appeal procedure if he or she is dissatisfied with the enforcement action taken.

Motorists parking in the city centre area have the option of parking in multi-storey off-street car parks where the fee is payable at the end of the parking session. A multi-storey car park is located on the south side of the Liffey within easy walking distance of the Four Courts complex.

The Council has issued a Request for Information for a cashless on-street parking payment system to complement the existing coin payment system and it is anticipated that this tender process will be completed in the new-year, with the new facility available for use by motorists in March/April 2008.

In the meantime, M-park, a mobile phone based cashless system for payment for on-street parking, is available at the Council's 104 Hectronic (grey coloured) ticket dispensing machines which are sited at various locations in the city centre.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the City Manager if he will ask the Planning and Community Departments to examine the possibility of designing a prototype Community

Noticeboard that could be erected at appropriate locations in the many villages and community meeting areas throughout the City. Such a board could be sponsored by local business or community interests in each area thus defraying the costs

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Community and Enterprise section will examine the matter and a report will be forwarded to the Councillor.

The Planning Department has no objection in principle to well-designed community noticeboards erected at appropriate locations. However, the nature, scale and location of any such noticeboards will determine whether there will be a requirement for planning permission or a licence from the City Council in the case of lands in public ownership.

It will be necessary to give further consideration to the design and location of such noticeboards in the interest of the quality of the public domain, to avoid obstruction to pedestrians and to minimise visual clutter. Consideration will also have to be given to the long-term maintenance and management of such structures.

This issue will be examined by the South East Area office in conjunction with the relevant departments and the Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the City Manager if he will ask the relevant section of the Council to investigate the possibility and indeed appropriateness of erecting Memorial walls (following cremation) in some or all of the many closed Cemeteries throughout the City as a way of easing the difficulty of insufficient grave space and allowing the deceased be suitably commemorated in their own local areas and to report to this Councillor and the appropriate SPC

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council is responsible for a number of old cemeteries, which have occasional burials such as St Canices's, Finglas, Bluebell Cemetery, Clontarf Cemetery (Near Tara Towers Hotel).

I will arrange to have the feasibility of Cllr Lacey's request examined so that the issues associated with memorial walls can be fully investigated. Most of the above named cemeteries are quite small in size and there would simply be not adequate space to locate a suitable designed memorial wall.

Our initial observation is that the proposal certainly has merits and a full proposal will issue in due course.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

We are asking that people use public transport and bicycles. The Council should facilitate this by adopting a more strategic approach to gully cleaning in the summer. Flooded gutters make life rough on cyclists who are a hardy

breed but if there are puddles by bus stops it ensures that bus passengers, who, when they get drenched then swear to use their cars in future.

Will the Manager now agree to a targeted campaign of blocked gully cleaning with the following priorities?

- 1 Bus lanes especially on either side of a bus stop.
- 2 Major junctions.
- 3 Cycle lanes.
- 4 gullies on bus / cycle lanes?

And will he make a statement on this request.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The number of gullies within the Dublin City area is approximately 51,500. The average number of gullies cleaned each week is 1100 and the frequency of cleaning is at least once per year but certain areas are prioritised and cleaned 2/3 times per year. These areas include the city centre, roads prone to flooding and the routes referred to by Cllr Byrne such as bus lanes, cycle lanes etc. Crews commence at 4am, two mornings each week to clean gullies on heavily trafficked routes which include bus lanes and cycle lanes. It is estimated that there is a total of 160 Km of bus lanes and cycle lanes within Dublin City and the number of gullies along these routes is estimated at 5000. In addition to the planned cleaning programme, the Drainage Division carries out gully cleaning where there are instances of road / footpath flooding reported after heavy rain.

In general, regarding gully cleaning, it is impossible and always will be so, to achieve 100% performance. Our records show that some 12% of gullies cannot be cleaned as programmed due to vehicles parked on gully grids, gullies damaged and crews unable to open grid to clean and connection between gully and sewer damaged etc.

In addition while up to 90% of gullies are clean and functional immediately after crews have worked in an area, this may not be the case when they return for the next cleaning as after a prolonged period of heavy rain, gullies that were recently cleaned may have gathered large amounts of debris, silt etc. This is particularly the case in Autumn when leaves are falling and form a barrier over otherwise clean functional gullies.

However, despite the above, the number of complaints received by the Drainage Division regarding blocked gullies is minimal and there has been a vast improvement in the gully cleaning operation since 2004 when a specific gully cleaning unit was established.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to have a traffic study carried out **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Orbital QBC is currently being constructed along Oscar Traynor Road and it would be preferable to monitor the impact this project has on traffic flows on (details supplied) before recommending any alternations.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to have the following house repairs carried out **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer will inspect the front doors at **(details supplied)** and any necessary repairs will be carried out.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

No application has been received to date for the installation of a shower at this dwelling. An application form has been issued to the tenant and the application will be examined when returned with a view to the installation of a shower.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR DEIRDE HENEY

To ask the Manager to examine wall as per details attached which has been broken/demolished by residents on opposite side and say

- (i) what enforcement can be carried out by DCC from a planning point of view or other or
- (ii) who the owner of the wall is

What other possible remedy is available to my constituent

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has recently organised to have the wall repaired. Following this work being completed Councillor Heney was contacted and the up-to-date situation outlined to her.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please give a record of planning applications/permissions/appeals for dwelling(s) at **(details supplied)** attached and include a summary of the entire planning file, including breaches of planning regulations and any enforcement issues currently being processed by the Planning Dept.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An Enforcement Notice under S154 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 was issued on the 3rd July, 2007 in relation to unauthorised development at this address, namely:

1. Non-compliance with Condition No. 10 of Planning Permission Register Reference 2476/06 in that an extension has been built to the rear of 81 (details supplied). Condition No. 10 states: "This permission excludes any extensions to the rear of the existing and proposed houses, together with conservatories, garden sheds, boiler houses or other such structures which would normally constitute exempted development within the meaning of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, unless such structures or extensions are authorised by a separate grant of planning permission. REASON: To prevent overdevelopment of the site, having regard to the limited area available within the rear gardens."
2. An unauthorised dormer window has been inserted in the side roof slope of 81 (details supplied) in the absence of planning permission.

The enforcement notice required the following: the removal of the unauthorised extension and the removal of the unauthorised dormer window in the side roof slope which had been built to the rear of 81 (details supplied). The compliance date for this notice was Wednesday 15th August, 2007. A further Enforcement Notice issued on the 27th August, 2007 in relation to an extension under construction to the rear of 81A (details supplied). This notice required the removal of the unauthorised extension from the rear of 81A (details supplied) and the compliance date was Monday 10th September 2007.

The Planning Enforcement Officer attempted to inspect both properties on the 14th and 24th September but was unable to gain access. A Statutory Notice is in the process of being served to facilitate early inspections at this address.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to examine previous requests and commitments given by DCC to provide/make arrangements for the provision of a bus parking bay at **(details supplied)** and say

1. what commitments were given by Dublin Bus in this regard and can a report be given on same
2. why commitment given by DCC three years ago has not yet been carried out
3. when the necessary parking bay will be installed

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Traffic Dept has discussed the proposal with the Parks Dept and we should be in a position to comply with their conditions. The Traffic Dept. is corresponding with Dublin Bus and will report to the Councillor once

agreement has been reached. Hopefully, this work can be included in the next works programme subject to available funding.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to location at **(details supplied A)** attached and give an up-date on previous requests from concerned/annoyed residents that

- (1) Dublin City Council provide parking within **(details supplied B)** as the increase in public activity has led to a sizable increase in on-street parking causing a hazard for pedestrians, motorists and the emergency services
- (2) Tree planting be carried out at **(details supplied A)** to screen houses from the effect of flood-lighting
- (3) Dublin city council desist from any further removal of trees

And can the Manager please give an up-date on what actions/proposals have been or will be put in place to ease the burden being placed on residents as a result of additional public activity, car-parking etc and say

- (i) when will graffiti be removed from **(details supplied C)**
- (ii) if consideration can be given to relocating **(details supplied C)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(1) The expansion of the car park in the **(details supplied)** complex is being investigated at present, as are other locations along **(details supplied A)**. **Details supplied A** has no pedestrian or vehicular entrances into the Park and as such there should be no conflict with Park usage & traffic.

(2) The type of lighting used is directed such that it has very little spillage and is in accordance with that indicated in the planning application. The trees at present located to the east of the pitches provide reasonable screening. South of the pitches there are mature Evergreen Oak trees and as **(details supplied A)** is over 600metres from the nearest lights, with mature & semi mature trees between there is no possibility of interference.

(3) There have been 2 young trees removed during the development of these pitches, necessary for access to the drainage system. This route was chosen to cause the least loss of vegetation & replacement trees will be planted after the reinstatement.

(i). This graffiti has been listed to the contractors for the Department of Justice Scheme for Graffiti Removal. This graffiti will be removed from the dressing rooms in **(details supplied)** before the middle of October 2007.

(ii). Parks and Landscape Services Division is not considering the relocation of the playing pavilion at **(details supplied A)**. The facility has and will continue to be used by teams with lettings on the playing pitches in this part of **(details supplied)**.

The 'all weather' pitches are still in the construction/ growing in phase and are not in use at present.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager arrange for the significant "trip" on the pavement between No 59-61 Carndonagh Road to be levelled out.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance will repair this path in the next two days.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager arrange for the pieces of concrete, dead trees and shrubs, clothes and other assorted rubbish left at the corner of Donaghmede Park, behind 123a Carndonagh Park, to be removed as they have been there for some considerable number of months.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is a private lane with gates at the rear of 123a Carndonagh Park. Waste Management Services do not include private property in our cleaning schedules.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager request Fingal County Council to urgently resurface the ramp access path off the Kilbarrack Road, pass the pigeon club up to Howth Junction and Donaghmede Train Station which is in a dreadful state and will be the cause of an accident to someone soon.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The maintenance of the ramp access path to the Howth Junction/Donaghmede train station is not the responsibility of Dublin City Council Road Maintenance. This is a matter for Iarnród Eiréann, and Dublin City Council will pursue the issue with them.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

In August of this year Fingal County Council granted a three year waste licence to Barnmore Ltd to extend its operations in Baldoyle Industrial estate. This is despite endless complaints from residents of Carndonagh and Grange Abbey in relation to the noise and dirt that comes from Barnmore operations. Given that the Barnmore facility borders DCC administrative area and that only residents of DCC are affected can the Manager clarify whether there is any legislative action that DCC can take to rescind the granting of the waste licence.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Barnmore construction and demolition waste recycling facility at Baldoyle Industrial Estate is located within the functional area of Fingal County Council

and is operating under a waste permit issued by Fingal. We have asked Fingal to report on the complaints raised in the Council Question and they have informed us that extensive auditing has been carried out by their enforcement staff and that no significant breaches of permit conditions have been found.

The City Council's regional enforcement team separately carried out a number of inspections, including weekend inspections, but they have not found any significant breaches of the permit conditions.

Since the facility is outside the City Council functional area and the waste permit has been issued by Fingal County Council, any review of the permit would be a matter for Fingal.

The City Council carried out preliminary assessment of noise and dust complaints at Carndonagh Road earlier this year and, while there were some elevated levels of dust above the norm, these are not considered to be a risk to public health. The situation will be kept under review.

It should be noted that a proposal by Barnmore to extend their activities to include Unit 24 Baldoyle Industrial Estate has been refused planning permission by both Fingal and An Bord Pleanala on appeal.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Would the council contact Mrs O'Reilly of **(details supplied)**, to see if Dublin City Council would cut down the tree in her back garden, her husband use to do this but he is very ill and unable to do this, it is up at her back door and is over grown..

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Contact has been made with the resident and arrangements will be made to have the tree stump removed within the next 3 weeks.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the Manager advise me of the situation regarding Crouch End, Bungalow on Mc Kee Avenue, This building seems vacant and has it been declared as derelict building. Residents are reporting trouble with gangs hanging around here and could the Manager advise what action if any can be taken to reduce this problem.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The local area office received complaints regarding the condition of the house and of gangs gathering. Arrangements were made to have the house secured and the garden cleaned. The Gardai have advised that gangs are no longer using the site to gather.

The site at 'Crouch End House' McKee Avenue, Finglas, Dublin 11, was inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and it is in a neglected state. I have requested the Title and Research Section of the Law Department to carry out

a reference of ownership and when received appropriate action will be taken under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the Manager advise me of the status of a petition regarding the laneway between **(details supplied)** said she gave the Council a petition earlier this year to have this closed, due to the trouble they are having with gangs in this lane.

Could the Manager further advise me of what timeframe that exist for action with regard to same.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The right of way over the lane way between **(details supplied)** was extinguished in May 2005. Fencing was erected to close off the lane pending its inclusion in phase four of the Drive Way Extension programme when it will be incorporated into the adjacent gardens. Phase four is expected to commence at the end of 2008. There is no record of a recent petition.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the Manager advise me of the outcome of the inspection of front and rear flat roofs in Scribblestown Park. Could he further advise me of which house, if any require repairs and what the timeframe for necessary repairs is?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council carried out a detailed inspection of all roofs on the Affordable houses in question in Scribblestown Park.

The Inspectors Report is currently being assessed by the Executive Manager, Housing & Residential Services who will draw up a programme of repairs for all defective roofs.

A copy of the programme of repairs will be forwarded directly to the Councillor as soon as prepared.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

Could the City Manager please respond to the following issues **(details supplied)** contained in a letter submitted by a constituent:

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. The new lamp standards on Kenilworth Sq East have been checked and all lamps are lighting. Arrangements are being put in place to have the ESB supply to the old poles disconnected after which the old poles will be removed.

2. We have no record of any alteration to the lighting layout at Kenilworth Square West. We will however review the lighting on this road with a view to establishing what improvements can be made.

3. This matter will be referred to our Parks Section with a view to having the branches of the trees pruned where possible.
4. A new lighting scheme is being designed for the College St / College Green area and installation is due to begin in the new year.
5. It is intended to replace this column within the next 6 weeks. The work will involve the ESB in transferring the electrical supply from the old column to the replacement column.
6. There are two twin floodlights from the original lighting scheme still in operation. It is intended to switch these off in the next week. The new lighting scheme in O'Connell Street was designed to the highest approved standards and subsequent measurements confirm that the performance levels have been met.
7. This matter will be referred to our Parks Section with a view to having the branches of the trees pruned where possible
8. We are unable to investigate this item as the name of the correspondent is unknown. However all lights in the city are checked at night at two week intervals and repairs carried out promptly. At present we consistently maintain 99% of the lights working at all times. Reports from the public are dealt with promptly unless the repair is a matter for a third party.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

Could the City Manager please respond to **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Potholes and other types of distress in road develop at points of stress and may be associated with road openings by utilities or areas where breaking or accelerating of heavy vehicles occur. Bus stops are such stress points particularly at a busy location where the buses are full. In the case of major traffic routes the road carriageways and bus bays will be constructed to a high standard suitable for heavy loading. There is however a particular concern associated with the repair or patching of the limited area of a bus stop because small areas do not lend themselves to working with the heavy plant that is most suitable for high standard work.

We are not aware however that there is a widespread problem and repairs to any damaged areas are carried out in the vulnerable area in tandem with regular maintenance and improvement work.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager if measures can taken to secure the area at the rear of **(details supplied)** which has become a virtual no mans land and haven for drug users, dumped cars, etc. It is a serious concern and security risk for local residents who are mainly elderly.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) is used as a training pitch and is floodlit. The rear wall of the terrace of houses allows access to the rear of the premises. There is rock armour across the lower portion and we propose to move it to the end of the wall (details supplied). This will restrict fly tipping and overnight parking of vans, which contributes to instances of anti-social behaviour.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager to place on the 2008 Works Programme the resurfacing of the remainder of the road and footpaths at Coledon Road, East Wall, Dublin 3, and to say if and remedial works can be carried out at present.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The footpaths/roads along Caledon Road were inspected on 24th September and the following works will be carried out as part of the 2008 works programme.

- 1) Eliminate all trips in the footpath caused by tree roots.
- 2) Repair carriageway openings at house nos.33; 59; 62; 92A; and 106.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager if an architect has been appointed for a Precinct Improvement Proposal for the front of Sean O'Casey Avenue, Summerhill, Dublin 1, and if this can be given urgent attention.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A Consultant Architect is to be appointed over the next two months to carry out a Feasibility Study at this location in conjunction with the Area office

Q.35 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please deal with the following question (Details supplied)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council (details supplied) operates to the highest standards. The pool water is tested hourly and the chemical levels are maintained in accordance with the recommendations of the Institute of Leisure Amenity Management (ILAM) Ireland and the Pool Water Treatment Advisory Group (PWTAG). Environmental health officers carry out regular checks on our pool water.

The following levels are maintained in the City Council (details supplied).

Free residual chlorine	1.5 to 2.0 mg/l
PH	7.2 to 7.4
Total Alkalinity	75 to 200 mg/l
Calcium Hardness	75 to 150 mg/l

Sulphates below 360mg/l
TDS below 1000 mg/l

Q.36 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please deal with the following question (**Details supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Planning Enforcement has issued a warning letter to the property owner regarding the hoarding, which has been erected in the public laneway and in relation to the proximity of hoarding, highlighting the mandatory distance which should be maintained in relation to all site structures and the sewer, which exists in this lane. More recently Legal advice has been sought from the Law Dept in relation to establishing what legal action can be taken in respect of encroachment by the Developer on the lane at this location. The full advisory information on what action can be taken should be available very shortly.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please liaise with the Dublin Port Company concerning the condition of the planks on the wooden bridge onto the Bull Island? Residents complain of the noise of loose planks when cars drive over the bridge.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin Port plan to carry out a complete replacement of decking on the wooden bridge in 2008. The expected start date is the end of January 2008 and will span over approximately a 10-week period. With reference to immediate concerns on loose planks, the decking will be replaced as the need requires, and a number of repairs have been carried out over the last two months. This is the latest up to date position following contact/liaison with Dublin Port on 27/9/07.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please deal with the following question (**Details supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Water Division Services has carried out an inspection at (**details supplied**) and will arrange to carry out the necessary repairs within the week commencing 01-10-07.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR ANNE MARIE MARTIN

Can the Manager please deal with the following question (**Details supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There were 15,000 square metres approximately of resurfacing carried out in **(details supplied)**, park pathway system during 2007. It is estimated that weeds have established on approximately 1 sq.m area of the resurfaced area. Necessary controls have been put in place to minimise the impact of this weed establishment.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR ANNE MARIE MARTIN

Can the Manager please deal with the following question **(Details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

No meetings have been held between Dublin City Council and **(details supplied)**

It should be noted that **(details supplied)** is zoned Z9 in the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011. The objective of this zoning is "to preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity and open space". As such, generally the only new development allowed in areas within this zoning, other than amenity/recreational uses themselves, are those associated within open space use.

Any change in zoning would require a variation of the Development Plan and any disposal of the site would require approval of the City Council.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR ANNE MARIE MARTIN

Can the Manager please deal with the following question **(Details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council agreed to pay the (details supplied, henceforth referred to as the Centre) the sum of €750,000.00. In return the Centre agreed to permit members of the public use the facility for a minimum period of twenty eight hours each week. The Centre is providing a total of 29 lessons and classes per week. The Centre will be responsible for the running and maintenance of the facility and the staffing of same and the Council in paying the sum under this Agreement is doing so merely to provide for members of the public a facility within the area which the Council itself is not in a position to provide presently. The term of this agreement is for seven years.

The Centre shall permit the Council's Pools Section to monitor Chlorination levels within the facility from time to time to ensure that it meets the standards required in Dublin City Council's pools elsewhere in the City.

If for any reason the Centre fail to provide the facility for use by members of the public in accordance with this Agreement then they shall be liable to repay the Council an amount equivalent to the sum paid hereunder apportioned on a yearly basis or part thereof during which the facility is not available for use by members of the public for the Public Hours or the hours provided for swimming lessons. The said amount shall be calculated by the City Council

and be notified to the Centre in writing and shall be payable by the Centre to the Council within 30 days of receipt of the written demand.

A copy of the timetable with regard to the hours when the facility is open for public use will be forwarded to the Councillor.

**CENTRAL REMEDIAL CLINIC
SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

Telephone: 8542245 / 8339458

PLEASE NOTE HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

MONDAY	9.00 - 10.00AM	ADULTS ONLY
	2.00 - 3.00 PM	ADULTS ONLY
	7.00 - 8.00PM	LADIES AEROBICS
TUESDAY	9.00 - 10.00AM	ADULTS ONLY
	10.00 - 11.00 AM	PARENT & TODDLER
	11.00 - 12.00 PM	LADIES SWIM
	2.00 - 3.00 PM	ADULTS ONLY
	6.00 - 7.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	8.00 - 9.00 PM	ADULTS LANE SWIMMING
WEDNESDAY	9.00 - 10.00AM	ADULTS ONLY
	2.00 - 3.00 PM	ADULTS ONLY
THURSDAY	2.00 - 3.00 PM	ADULTS ONLY
	6.00 - 7.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	7.00 - 8.00 PM	LADIES AEROBICS
FRIDAY	9.00 - 10.00 AM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	2.00 - 3.00 PM	ADULTS ONLY
	6.00 - 7.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
SATURDAY	1.00 - 2.00 PM	CHILDREN'S PARTY HOUR
	2.00 - 3.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	5.00 - 6.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
SUNDAY	10.00 - 11.00AM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	12.00 - 1.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	1.00 - 2.00 PM	CHILDREN'S PARTY HOUR
	2.00 - 3.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	3.00 - 4.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	4.00 - 5.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	5.00 - 6.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC
	6.00 - 7.00 PM	GENERAL PUBLIC

PRICE LIST:

ADULTS €4.00 LADIES AEROBICS €6.00 CHILDREN €3.00
 ADULT ONLY HOUR €5.00 LANE SWIMMING €5.00
 PARENT & TODDLER €6.00
 (Tues 10am, additional toddler under 4 yrs - €2.00)

ALL BATHERS MUST WEAR BATHING CAPS

Latex Hats €4.00 Material Hats €4.00 / Armbands €6.00 / Goggles €11.00

Q.42 COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the Manager give a report on when the new railings will be installed at the following location (**Details Supplied**) to mirror the new railings on the opposite side of the road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

New railings were installed on the east side of the bridge over the last few months. The railings on the west side are in reasonable condition. Arrangements will be made to have them painted over the next 8 weeks. No other action recommended.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the Manager have the footpath repaired at the following location (**details supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is a trip on the eastern side of the entrance into (**details supplied**) and this trip will be repaired as soon as possible.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the Manager have the public light poles painted in the following area (**Details supplied**). Also, when will the light bulbs be changed to white?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The public lighting on (**details supplied**) was upgraded in 2003 and underwent lamp changing and lantern cleaning in October 2006. The lighting on (**details supplied**) was upgraded in 2006 and 2007 respectively. We have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting at these locations.

Upgrading of the remainder of the lighting and painting of the lampposts in (**details supplied**) will be considered in the context of finances available, for inclusion, on a phased basis, in future lighting improvement programmes.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the Manager have bollards installed and replaced in the following areas (**details supplied**) to alleviate parking on double yellow lines.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The locations will be inspected and the relevant bollards replaced and / or provided as considered appropriate

Q.46 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Is the Manager aware that there is significant street litter on **(details supplied)**? Will the Manager please advise when **(details supplied)** was last cleaned and will the Manager please make arrangements to have **(details supplied)** cleaned on a regular basis.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is no significant street litter in this area. Any potential litter problem at the shops on **(details supplied)** is offset by the daily cleaning there. Waste Management Services have **(details supplied)** scheduled to be cleaned every Thursday after the refuse collection has taken place there. This general area was last cleaned on Thursday 27th September 2007. Also a member of the Public Domain staff cleans in front of the shops on **(details supplied)** a daily basis.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please advise when Junk collection was last provided in **(details supplied)** and will the Manager please make arrangements to provide the junk collection to residents of **(details supplied)** this year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. Waste Management Services had a junk collection for the houses on the **(details supplied 1)** in June 2007.
2. Waste Management Services had a junk collection on **(details supplied 2)** on the 11th September 2007.
3. Waste Management Services had a junk collection on **(details supplied 3)** on the 4th May 2007.
4. Waste Management Services will have a junk collection on **(details supplied 4)** during the period April/May 2008.
5. Waste Management services will have a junk collection on **(details supplied 5)** in early October 2007.

Residents are notified a few days in advance of this collection taking place on their road.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please arrange to have the tree at **(details supplied)** removed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The task of removing the tree from the front garden of this dwelling has been issued to a private contractor to complete.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Is the Manager aware that there are significant problems with speeding on **(details supplied)** provided? Will the Manager undertake speed checks on **(details supplied)** and provide recommendations for how the situation can be resolved, speeding reduced and pedestrian safety increased.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Road Design section are currently finalising the design for the upgrade of (details supplied). This scheme mainly consists of the re-design of the existing carriageway and footway improvement on both sides of the road. The final drawings for Phase 3 from (details supplied) are almost complete. As part of the scheme the speeds ramps will be upgraded

Q.50 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager to inspect the cycle lanes along the Ballyfermot Road and ensure that the necessary improvements are made as they are in poor condition.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

All cycle routes are being inspected at present. Any repairs required on the cycle lanes on Ballyfermot Road will be carried out over the next 12 weeks.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council has a Green Procurement Policy, if so how is that policy implemented, and what departments and sections apply this policy, and can the Manager give examples of changes in purchasing that show this policy in practice.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has developed an Environmental Procurement Policy & Green Procurement Guide during the current year on foot of instructions from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to include "green" procurement considerations into the procurement process. A copy of this policy document has been widely circulated and is available from the Central Procurement Unit on request. The document is also available in soft-copy to reduce printing requirements and paper usage.

The new policy and guide forms part of the overall procurement policy to achieve efficiencies in the procurement process together with cost savings from increased contract-based purchasing.

The concept of environmental procurement is not new to Dublin City Council. There are many examples of how environmental procurement is already applied such as insulation features in new buildings and more efficient street lighting and traffic signals to reduce energy consumption. The Mechanical Division has recently procured vehicles which are capable of running on a

bio-fuel which reduces CO₂ emissions by 70% compared to conventional cars.

In addition, contracts have been awarded only this month for the provision of office supplies and stationery together with photocopying and printing paper, which provide options to staff to purchase "green" variants of the products.

Future contracts are expected to request "green" variants as solutions to procurement requirements in a further effort to create a positive effect of the environment.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council is providing housing staff, and other appropriate staff, training on the impacts of Domestic Violence and the particular problems experienced by families and their housing needs where domestic violence is an issue.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Housing Welfare Section provides a social work service to Dublin City Council tenants and tenant purchasers, actual and potential. The Service is provided by professionally qualified social workers. As part of their professional education, staff receive training on the issue of domestic violence (also now termed 'Intimate Partner Violence'), its causes and how it manifests itself. They will also be aware of the effects, which it has on the victim-partner, on children in the family or household affected, and on other members of the extended family.

Staff also tap into, and liaise with, the resources available in the community to support persons who are being subjected to domestic violence, such as Women's Aid and its refuge network, and the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit of the Garda Síochána. They are also familiar with the legal framework within which domestic violence can be tackled. Two of our staff have served as members of domestic violence fora, and one has been involved in a sub-group looking at the specific issue of domestic violence and how it interacts with social housing policy and provision. As this field develops and changes, staff are offered opportunities to update their knowledge and skills through training opportunities.

The City Council provides a comprehensive advisory service to all customers accessing housing services. All Housing Advisors are provided with training in order to equip them to deal with a wide range of customers in a confidential manner and often under very difficult circumstances including families and individuals experiencing domestic violence.

The City Council also maintains a close working relationship with relevant voluntary bodies in this particular area.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR AODHÁN O'RIORDÁIN

To ask the city Manager to inform (**details supplied**) of the various City Council administered schemes for domestic repairs for senior citizens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An information brochure and application form for the Essential Repairs Grant Scheme has been forwarded to Mr Hughes today 25th September 2007.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR AODHÁN O'RIORDÁIN

To ask the city Manager to deal with the following housing maintenance query (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Foreman from the local Area Maintenance Depot will make arrangements to visit the above address and fit the gauge if possible.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR ROBERT SARGENT

To ask the City Manger to investigate the parking of trucks on the footpaths outside residents houses in (**details supplied**) which are preventing residents and also emergency vehicles from driving down the road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The reported problem of illegal parking on (details supplied) has been referred to the Parking Enforcement Contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS), for inspection and enforcement action to be undertaken as necessary.

If there is a particular location where a problem with illegal parking is being experienced, this information would be of assistance to DSPS. Residents may contact DSPS directly at Tel. 6022500 to report illegal parking and request enforcement action.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR ROBERT SARGENT

To ask the City Manager to arrange to have the potholes and road repaired from the (**details Supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to carry out any necessary repairs to the carriageway over the next 8 weeks.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager confirm that this Council can make an application for funding, under the "buildings at risk" category, from the "Heritage Council Grant Programme 2008" in respect of the buildings at no. 16 Moore Street and its environs which have been designated a National Monument.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The owner of the building or the person responsible for its care and maintenance must make any application to the Heritage Council for funding under the Buildings at Risk scheme. It should be noted that all monies have been allocated for 2008 and projects concerned with repair of thatched roofs will be a priority for the scheme in 2009. The Heritage Council will not accept information/application from any other source. The buildings in question are not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

The building owners or their representatives may apply for a local conservation grant, administered by Dublin City Council. The scheme is open to applications until the 31st of January, with a maximum grant of €25,000 available. The priority of works that would qualify for grant aid is any works that stabilise a protected structure, including roof and window repairs.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

What is the long term proposal for the future of this Council's half acre site on O'Rahilly Parade, Moore Street, which we are currently "CPOing" from ourselves?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council owns a depot and storage area on O' Rahilly Parade. Detailed discussions have taken place with Chartered Lands in relation to the proposed disposal of the sites. Terms and conditions have been agreed in principal and the matter will be coming before the City Council for approval in due course. In the meantime City Council officials are engaged in discussions with 18 Moore Street traders who have licensed storage facilities as part of the site, with a view to reaching an agreement between the two parties.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR SEÁN KENNY

To ask the Manager to say when Pedestrian Operated Signals/Traffic Signals will be provided at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are some safety concerns due to the lack of visibility of traffic approaching up the hill at **(details supplied)** and therefore, the installation of either traffic signals or a pedestrian crossing will be subjected to a road safety audit before any conclusions can be drawn.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR SEÁN KENNY

To ask the Manager to arrange for the trees on the footpath at **(details supplied)** to be trimmed where they are fouling overhead cables and passing double deck buses.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The roadside trees (**details supplied**) have been inspected by Parks and Landscape Services Division and are in reasonable condition and are not considered to require pruning at this time. There is some evidence of minor shaping of some trees by large vehicles. Some minor pruning operations will be considered during the dormant season to address this damage. The presence of overhead cables through the crowns of roadside trees is quite common and is addressed in conjunction with the services concerned should specific conflict with those services be identified. In most cases the cables run through the trees without any negative impact to the tree or the service.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR SEÁN KENNY

To ask the Manager to say when the developer will commence work on the construction of the Baldoyle/Clongriffin Rail Station.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is anticipated that work will commence on the construction of the Baldoyle/Clongriffin station at the end of October 2007. However the exact date for starting the works is dependent on the issuing of a Safety Certificate, and a New Works Assessment approval by Irish Rail and the Railway Safety Commission.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the repair of the bus shelter on (**details Supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The provision and maintenance of bus shelters in the city is the responsibility of Dublin Bus. The company will be requested to carry out the necessary repairs at the location referred to.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for a new traffic study to be carried out on the amount of traffic going through (**details supplied 1**), stopping and the amount of traffic that uses the surrounding Roads (**details supplied 2**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Consultants Roughan & O'Dovonan carried out a traffic study in (**details supplied**) and the surrounding area in 2005. There are no proposals to carry out any further traffic studies in the area. There are works proposed for (**details supplied**) that would make the carrying out of any study unwise until such time as the work is completed.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for **(details supplied 1)** signs to be erected from **(details supplied 2)** all the way through to **(details supplied 3)** as many trucks use this route on a daily basis and cause major problems for Gardaí and the residents and would consideration be given to erecting a height restriction on the main to prevent articulated trucks going up **(details supplied 4)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Signs stating "No trucks though village" have no legal standing and are not provided by the City Council. There are 3 tonne limit signs on all approaches to the village (details supplied 3) in the City Council area. There are height restriction and additional 3 tonne limit signs at the junction of (details supplied) and again further up (details supplied).

Q.65 COUNCILLOR LOUSIE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to investigate the **(details supplied)** as many residents complain of the smell, suds and slurry.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) was cleaned by Drainage Division in August. It is cleaned regularly as part of the Drainage Division's maintenance routine and will be investigated again in the coming week. Please note that it is difficult to safely access the weir after heavy rain, so there are occasions when this work cannot be carried out according to a regular schedule.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the following repairs at **(details supplied)** as the woman in this dwelling is a Senior Citizen:

- (A) The front and back door, which were promised to be replaced a year ago and have still not been sorted out.
- (B) The plumbing in the kitchen needs replacing as its badly corroded.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The back door will be fitted within the next 3 weeks. The area foreman will inspect the front door and plumbing query within the next week and will arrange for any appropriate repairs.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to outline whether its possible to put central heating in house **(details supplied)** which was never done before. To also replace electricity meter and wiring which is in a dangerous state.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The dwelling details supplied will be surveyed in the coming weeks with a view to installing central heating. The Electrical Services Section will examine the meter and wiring and arrange appropriate action within the next two weeks.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to have red beacon on top of the decanted towers Connolly and Clarke to be reactivated in light of the recent near air accident.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The beacon lights in Clarke Tower and Connolly Tower are in active service.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to give a report in regards to the Collins Avenue recycling centre as to recent changes including use of new equipment and the general keep of the centre. Residents have been complaining that no consultation has taken place and about the general upkeep of the area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services propose to significantly improve the operation of the existing bring centre by providing compactor units for the collection of plastics and paper. The provision of compactors will result in a significant decrease in the number of service vehicle movements at the centre, thus maximising the collection of recyclable materials and improving health and safety for visitors to the Centre. Preliminary electrical work has taken place in order to facilitate the installation of the compactors which will be installed shortly. The reduction in the number of collection receptacles will further improve the Centre both visually and operationally.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for double yellow lines to be placed outside of the **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request to install yellow lines outside the new Senior Citizens Complex on the North Road has been referred to TAG for investigation and a report will be sent to the Councillor upon completion.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the replacement of wall recently knocked down at the green area facing **(details supplied 1)** beside lights on **(details supplied 2)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to have necessary repairs carried out at (details supplied 1) which was recently damaged.

(Details supplied 2) is a private wall which was damaged some months ago. Repairs have been completed by the owners.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the trimming of bushes overhanging onto pathway on Finglas Road between Finnebar Fort and Tesco Clearwater as a number of people have walked into them.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

As these bushes are located on private property, Road Maintenance will call to the residents and instruct them to have the bushes cut back.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs to a collapsed section of road at the junction of (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This section of carriageway will be repaired within the next 4 weeks

Q.74 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask The City Manager if he is aware of the concerns of residents (**details supplied**) about the high incidence of cancer in the estate and if he will report on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter has been forwarded to the HSE for comment.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask The City Manager if he will include the re-surfacing of (**details supplied**) in the 2008 Works Programme.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The road surface in both these locations was inspected and it is considered that they are in a reasonable condition, hence no remedial works will be carried out at these locations under the 2008 works programme.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager if the five new street cleaners for the Central Area have taken up their positions and how they are being deployed; to ensure that (**details supplied**) is cleaned when the main street is being cleaned, to state

how often (**details supplied**) is due to be cleaned and to take measures to prevent dumping in the area including issuing a circular reminding residents of days of black and green bag collections

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The five new staff have been deployed in the Central Area since the middle of June 2007. One is based in the Cabra Office and operates in the Cabra area with a handcart.

The four other operatives are based in Dominick Street Upper and work from there with handcarts, brushes, brooms, graffiti removal wipes etc. They have a route that covers the main arterial roads into the city and the streets around the hospitals in the area.

Waste Management Services have the main streets in this area such as Aughrim Street, Manor Street and Prussia Street scheduled to be cleaned on a daily basis. All side streets off these streets are cleaned once a week after the refuse collection, which is the standard schedule for residential areas. We will get the street cleaner for Prussia Street, monitor St. Joseph's Place and have some extra cleaning done there when necessary.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask Dublin City Council to survey (**details supplied**) with a view to traffic calming measures

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

These roads are being examined as part of the Grangegorman Traffic Cell. Speed surveys to date indicate that speeds are appropriate for the road and traffic calming is not recommended.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the City Manager if he will ensure that (**details supplied**), are resurfaced and rendered safe immediately in advance of the proposed detailed layout and landscaping of the sites in 2008

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is considered that the present surface of both sites is satisfactory; however the resurfacing aspect will be re-examined prior to laying out the sites for car parking.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the City Manager if he has identified ownership of (**details supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reference of the land in question has determined that the owner is ***** Limited (in Voluntary Liquidation) who originally developed the estate.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the City Manager if he is aware of the concerns of the residents of **(details supplied)** about the roadway which is being constructed without any consultation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The roadway through the park at **(details supplied)** was constructed to allow access for the Drainage Division to an existing pumping station. The roadway is a requirement of Health and Safety legislation.

It is proposed that additional works will be carried out to allay the concerns of local residents in relation to the potential for anti-social behaviour occurring in the location. Discussions will be held with residents in this regard.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the City Manager to state the number of social, affordable and private housing units constructed in the Docklands Development Authority Area since the Authority was established and the name of each housing development.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following are a list of the schemes completed and occupied in the Docklands Development Authority Area:

Scheme	Number of Units	Type	Voluntary Body
Teeling Way	14 48 10	Affordable Social Sheltered	Respond
Charlotte Quay Ph 1	20 76	Social Private	Cluid
Charlotte Quay, Ph 2	16 63	Social Private	To be managed by BIH
Clarion	37 160	Social Private	Cluid
Hanover	56 3 233	Social Affordable Private	Cluid
Gallery	60 240	Social Private	BIH

The following schemes are about to be advertised:

Scheme	Number of Units	Type	Voluntary Body
Longboat Quay	60 240	Affordable Private	
Butlers Court	12 5 42	Social Affordable Private	
Hayton Vale	6 23	Affordable Private	

Forbes Quay	19 6 94	Affordable Affordable for key workers Private	
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Q.82 COUNCILLOR ROBERT SARGENT

To ask the Area Manager to consider **(details supplied)** for the next vacancy that arises in **(details supplied)**. They have 105pts for area L. They live on the top balcony and **(details supplied)** had a bad accidents some years ago which has left him with weakened mobility.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicants (*details supplied*) are currently on the Transfer List with a total of 105 points for Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemount, Dolphin's Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe, Maryland, York Street, Ushers Quay). The applicant's interest in (*details supplied(2)*) has been noted. Currently there are no vacancies in the (*details supplied*) complex for allocating. The applicant's application will be given every consideration when a vacancy arises in this complex.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR ROBERT SARGENT

That the City Manager address the issues/concerns raised recently with this councillor by the **(details supplied)**? Will he comment on when the much - needed essential repairs as specified below in the area will be completed/addressed

- a. Road resurfacing/repairs
- b. Footpath resurfacing/repairs
- c. Current works in the area leaving footpaths and road in bad repair.
- d. Drainage on edge of roads
- e. Ramps with no markings to indicate that you are approaching one
- f. Wheelchair access on/off footpaths

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A,b,c,d and f would appear to be matters for Road Maintenance Services. As the question refers to quite a large area and is a general one, perhaps the Councillor could make contact with the local superintendent, Mr Paddy Murphy, Tel. 086 8150090, to identify exactly on the ground what the issues are. Every effort will be made to accommodate the requests within the 2007 Road Maintenance Services Minor Works Programme. If the requests are of a major nature they will have to be considered when formulating the 2008 Major Works Programme.

- (d) As part of Drainage Division's citywide gully cleaning programme every gully in the city is cleaned at least once every twelve to eighteen months. The Rialto area forms part of MTS Area 47, which has been identified as an area that requires extra attention. Consequently

gullies within this area are cleaned twice annually. Our last cleaning programme in Rialto finished in March of this year. We have begun our second cleaning programme of the area over the past week and are scheduled to remain here for the next three to four weeks.

- (e) The ramps will be examined and appropriate markings applied as required.

Q84 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council have by-laws / policies for pruning/ maintenance of Urban Trees and if not, why not? Residents of **(details supplied 1)** are at the end of their tether due to problems created by a tree outside their homes. In France and the UK they have a policy where London Plane trees are aggressively pruned bi-annually in both countries. They accept that these trees need to be pruned aggressively (while in an ideal world one would let them grow to full capacity, in an urban setting this affects buildings) and could he please reply to the following correspondence regarding the tree **(details attached 2)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services Division does not have a city wide policy for the pruning and maintaining of urban trees. These trees are currently pruned on a phased basis as required.

In respect of your query regarding the pollarding of London Plane Trees, these tree species are sometimes pollarded when planted in an urban environment and examples of this can be seen in the U.K and also on the Continent.

However, this is a very expensive process and is not suitable for Dublin city centre locations, due to traffic restrictions causing lack of access to undertake the pollarding. Pollarding will inhibit the growth of the tree and doesn't allow the tree to grow into it's natural shape and once commenced needs to be undertaken every one/two years.

The tree at **(details supplied)** is a small/medium sized London Plane and is the only tree of significant merit growing along this section of the South Circular Road and therefore is not considered suitable for pollarding. The arboricultural work undertaken in recent weeks involved the removal of branches growing toward the houses and also pruning of branches growing over the carriageway thus creating a balanced shape to the crown.

It is considered that sufficient arboricultural work has been undertaken on the tree for this year and it is now proposed to monitor the tree over future growing seasons and undertake further pruning work as required. (See photos attached).

Q 85. COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

That the City Manager report to this Councillor on the income received from planning objections annually since their introduction and how this revenue is spent?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following is a breakdown of the annual income received from planning objections since their introduction:

<i>Objector Receipts</i>	
Year	<i>Total</i>
2003	€58,200.00
2004	€49,200.00
2005	€107,800.00
2006	€106,700.00

The revenue received is credited back into the annual planning budget for the year as income which is offset against revenue spent on administrative costs.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to arrange a meeting with the residents of **(details supplied)** with the Area Manager to discuss the ongoing parking problems they endure daily in order that they can discuss their request for 'resident only' parking and a one way system for the flow of traffic in their area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In regard to "residents-only parking" there is no basis in law whereby Dublin City Council can restrict on-street parking to residents on a public roadway.

Residents-only parking signs are not possible under existing traffic regulations. The request for a one-way system of traffic flow will be considered by Traffic Section if residents can agree on the direction of traffic flow required.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the City Manager if he is aware that tenants in **(details supplied 1)** are still waiting for their snag lists to be completed a year after moving into their homes and could he report on this to this councillor and could he please investigate the complaints of **(details supplied 2)** a case I highlighted with the Manager a year ago.

This tenant is at the end of her tether living in a damp riddled apartment. This tenant moved twice in order to facilitate Dublin City Council during de-tenanting but she now would like a transfer out of the area. Can the City Manager please facilitate this transfer request, bearing in mind all the upheaval this tenant has had to endure? Could she be considered for one of the social units in **(details supplied 3)** which are being negotiated at present?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This tenant moved from her original flat to a refurbished flat and then was allocated her apartment in Phase I of the new development. After moving into the dwelling, there were snagging issues that needed to be addressed. Patches of damp appeared on her kitchen wall and on one of the bedroom walls. Various remedial works were carried out in order to try to remedy the situation. None of these works proved successful as, after a period of time, the problem reoccurred. The Contractor has now submitted a specification to Dublin City Council outlining how they intend to address this issue. A Dublin City Council Architect and Engineer have examined this proposal and it is anticipated that this should resolve all water penetration issues. Work is due to start on this remedial work on 8th October, 2007.

The applicant (*details supplied*) has recently submitted a transfer application. Her application is currently being assessed and she will be notified of her status on the transfer list in due course.

Currently Dublin City Council has no social units at (*details supplied (3)*) for allocation.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR AODHAN O'RIORDÁIN

To ask the City Manager to initiate proceedings for the following (**details supplied**)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Extension of the permit parking hours will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and reply prepared for the future Central Area Committee.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR AODHAN O'RIORDÁIN

To ask the City Manager to clarify the status of (**details supplied**) in relation to the list of protected structures.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This building is on the Record of Protected Structures.

Q90 COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager provide the most up to date information for the following in relation to " Household Waste Collection Charges" in Dublin City Council :

- How many households are serviced by the Bin Collection?
- How many of these households are in receipt of a waiver?
- How many of these households have paid in full?
- How many of these households have part paid?
- How many of these households have not paid a cent?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are approximately 166,000 households that are served by the waste collection and disposal service.

Under the Pay by Use System only households that have paid the charge, in full, in part or by instalment, or are covered by the Waiver Scheme, receive the service.

Applications for a Waiver of the charge for 2007 are being processed on an ongoing basis. Typically 40,000 households on wheeled bins and 5,500 households on bags qualify for a waiver each year.

There are approximately 25,000 customers who avail of a bag collection service and these are required to purchase pre-paid tags. The vast majority of these customers are complying with this requirement.

A further 20,000 customers live in apartment/flat complexes and their waste collection service also requires the purchase of pre-paid tags. This is the responsibility of the management companies and the vast majority comply with the requirement. It is City Council policy not to collect untagged waste in the areas where that requirement applies.

25,500 customers have paid their bills in full and 42,000 have paid in part. Of those who have paid in part, many have made individual arrangement with the City Council to pay in instalments that suit their individual household budget. Four bills issue each year and many households choose to allow two or more bills to accumulate before settling their account. There are approximately 8,000 customers who have failed to pay any part of the charge or avail of a waiver.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager please say if the installation of ramps was previously considered for **(details supplied)**, what was the recommendation and if the matter can be examined again in view of the level of use of the park and the report presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

As **(details supplied)** is a cul-de-sac, the traffic speeds and volumes were not measured as part of the ***** Traffic Calming Scheme. However, I will refer the request to TAG for examination and a report will be sent to the Councillor upon completion.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager please comment on the traffic route from Clancy Avenue to Jamestown Road, Finglas and say

- 1) If a cul de sac can be created here or restrictions placed traffic entering/entering
- 2) If proposal to increase flow on this road as part of Village Circulation Route still exists and if being pursued.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- 1) The request for a road closure or turning restrictions for Clancy Avenue will be referred to TAG for examination and a report will be sent to the Councillor upon completion.
- 2) As part of the Finglas Village Regeneration Strategy, it is intended to develop an orbital movement from Main Street via Ballygall Road and Clune Road. It is not intended that Clancy Avenue forms part of this orbital route.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager now refer to previous requests for roof repairs which were promised (**details supplied**) and say if

1. Flashing around the chimney pot can be done as promised
2. Public light outside can be repaired

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. The flashing on the chimney will be checked and repairs carried out if necessary within the next 3 weeks.
2. The necessary repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the Manager please inspect the green at (**details supplied**) which is the subject of many complaints by residents and say

1. If whether Parks Division or Road & Traffic Dept. are in charge
2. Who maintains it – direct labour or contractor
3. If it can be improved and more attention given to it as residents say it was never finished
4. If the edge to the green (concrete) at northern end can be replaced and reinstated
5. If shore at No. 4 can be repaired secured, etc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. The open space at details supplied is in charge of Dublin City Council and is the responsibility of the Parks Department.
2. It is maintained by Contract.
3. If the residents have any specific improvements in mind they should contact the Parks Department who will consider such improvements having regard to resources available.
4. Road Maintenance will construct a new kerb along this section early next year as part of the 2008 works programme.

5. It is assumed the shore referred to is the gully at the northern end of the green area. The gully will be repaired as soon as possible.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

In noting that this is the 200th anniversary of the official abolition of slavery and given that tens of thousands of Irish people were shipped into slavery, does the Manager agree it would be appropriate to commission a commemorative stone to the memory of those who died and suffered from slavery?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This question has been forwarded on to the City Arts Officer for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of Arts Advisory Group of the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

In relation to the answer received (**details enclosed**) to my question Q.120 in September, can the Manager please clarify what are the sources of the emissions in 2006?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Details on individual sources of carbon emissions is not available but based on research and analysis carried out by the City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA), the broad breakdown in respect of 2006 is estimated to be as follows:

- Residential – 1.6m tonnes of CO2
- Commercial – 1.6m tonnes of CO2
- Transport – 1.1m tonnes of CO2

Total	4.3m tonnes of CO2
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Q.97 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

Since 2000 how many new units of housing & apartments have been built in Dublin City and of these units how many have been accessed under Part V?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

2000	2362
2001	3091
2002	4124
2003	3370
2004	4530
2005	7024
2006	<u>7746</u>
Total:	32247

Total house completions are based on the Dept of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government's Housing Statistics Bulletin figures of new dwelling connected by the ESB to the electricity supply. These figures are comprised of all housing units including individual houses and small infill schemes which would not be subject to Part V requirements. It should be noted that some of these completions would have received planning permission a number of years prior to the introduction of Part V in 2002. The impact of the introduction of Part V in 2002 is only now beginning to have effect.

The following units of housing have been acquired since 2000 under Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2002 (amended).

Part V Affordable Units

2004	30 Units
2005	138 Units
2006	280 Units
2007	106 (Sep/07)
2007	291 (anticipated outcome)
Total	845 Units

Part V Social Units

Part V Vol Units

2004	2 Units	0
2005	7 Units	0
2006	53 Units	40
2007	66 (Sep/07)	92
2007	51 (anticipated outcome)	66 (anticipated outcome)
Total	179 Units	198 Units

Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2002 (amended) came into effect on 31st December 2002. The No of units acquired under Part V is always subject to agreed Existing Land Use Valuations and agreed Building & attributable costs. This means in some cases Dublin City Council will not achieve the full 20% allowed under the Housing Strategy.

Contact: Jim Keogan A/Executive Manager
Tony Flynn, Senior Executive Officer, Tel:222. 5223

Q.98 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

Can the Manager please clarify if Dublin City Council are legally bound to compensate DONG (and if so how much) if the proposed incinerator plant does not proceed in Dublin?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The question of whether compensation would be payable or not depends on the circumstances giving rise to a decision not to proceed. Consequently, it is not possible to say how much compensation, if any, would be payable.

Q99 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager to please ensure that the upper and lower sections of Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot are included in the up and coming estimates for resurfacing . That the current road surface is badly worn and broken in various sections.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Le Fanu Road will be considered for major repairs when formulating the 2008 Major Works Programme.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager to please ensure that as part of the redevelopment plan of Labre Park Civic Amenity site and Cleansing Department at Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, that proper Boundary Treatment be provided to improve the visual entry to both Ballyfermot and Bluebell, and that all future Planning Applications along this busy area include High Boundary Treatment as part of their Planning Permission.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (i) The boundary design for the Labre Park Civic Amenity site and Depot at Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot has been determined in consultation with An Bord Pleanala, Waterways Ireland and the Environmental Protection Agency. Best practice has been strictly adhered to in terms of effectiveness and visual impact with a view to providing security for the Civic Amenity site and Depot and protecting the residential community.
- (ii) High quality boundary treatments will be considered as part of all future planning applications for this area.

Q101 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager to please give me a list a list of all existing and future plans of Cherry Orchard, Park West areas of Ballyfermot to indicate the level of Community Consultation and will the City Manager ensure that proper Community Educational Leisure and Retail facilities be part of any future plans. With this type of Community Consultation, or the failures of the past will be repeated.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Cherry Orchard

Work is currently underway on the following projects:

- Building of 37 affordable houses at Clifden Road/Cherry Orchard Drive/Croftwood Park/Green;
- Construction of new railway station and plaza at Cherry Orchard/Park West.

Projects at detailed design or planning stage are:

- New community creche at Croftwood Crescent (being developed by Cherry Orchard Childcare Service Ltd. with assistance from the City Council);
- Scheme of 16 affordable houses at Elmdale Crescent (Habitat for Humanity carrying out development);
- 72 dwellings at Orchard Lawns (National Association of Building Co-Ops (N.A.B.C.O.) carrying out development).

Future projects will involve:

- Development of new town centre on 25 acre site opposite Cedarbrook Estate;
- New village centre on lands at Blackditch Road/Cherry Orchard Avenue/Croftwood Crescent;
- Development of lands adjoining Cherry Orchard Hospital;
- Construction of a number of affordable houses on Clifden Drive and other small sites within Cherry Orchard.

There has been a considerable amount of consultation with local residents in respect of the affordable housing scheme currently under construction, the three projects which are at design or planning stage and the proposed village centre. Further consultation will be undertaken with regard to the village centre and the projects listed above as future projects.

Consultation is underway in respect of the setting up of the Cherry Orchard Regeneration Forum as a legal entity, the employment of a co-ordinator for the Forum and on a Community/Social Charter. The City Council is committed to working through the Regeneration Forum which is independently chaired and on which there is community representation.

The Council is conscious of the need for the provision of additional facilities and services to cater for the existing population of the area and the proposed new developments. These needs will be taken into account in the planning of new projects.

Park West

Planning permission was recently granted for mixed use development comprising of 555 dwellings, incorporating a public park with children's playground and other facilities for active recreation in addition to a building

reserved for civic/community and associated uses, a supermarket and a further retail unit (Sector 3).

An application for 246 residential units with retail, crèche and restaurant facilities as part of Sector 2A is currently being assessed by the Planning Authority.

No planning application has been received to date for Sector 1B or 2B and regard will be had to the provision of community, education, leisure and retail facilities in assessing such applications.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRI

Can the Manager organise to have the grass verge along the roadway that connects the eastern end of Collins Park to Collins Avenue trimmed back immediately?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The roadside margin at this location is included in the maintenance contract for such spaces and on inspection was found to be in reasonable condition. The frequency of mowing operations during the current growing season has been impacted by adverse weather and ground conditions and its maintenance will continue to be monitored by Parks & Landscape Services Division.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRI

A local resident at **(details supplied)** is very unhappy about a tree that was recently planted on the public pathway outside her house and now overlooks her garden. Can the Manager please examine the situation and take the appropriate action.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The roadside tree at this location was planted following identification of a suitable planting pit in the pathway. The tree planted is a specimen *Tilia platyphyllos*, planted approximately 7 years ago and is currently 3.0m approx in height. It is considered to be in satisfactory condition and provides a feature to the general environment of **(details supplied)**. The Parks and Landscape Services Division do not propose to remove the tree from this location.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRI

In relation to the taking in charge of the green space at the Cloisters, Grace Park Road can the Manager urgently report on:

- progress in identifying the current owner of this green space
- clear timetable to completion for getting this issue squared away and the spaced managed by Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Condition 3 of An Bord Pleanála's decision under plan reference PL29N.096447 dated 17th November, 1995 required, inter alia, the following: -

- “Prior to the commencement of development, details of the following shall be submitted to and agreed with the planning authority:-“
- “a landscaping and planting scheme (to include a timescale for completion) for the public open space area and road sides”.

The landscaping scheme was submitted and agreed with the planning authority and as the developer complied with this condition, no enforcement action is possible by the Planning Enforcement Section in regard to this matter.

The original developers had prior to Christmas 2006 been in the process of requesting Dublin City Council to take The Cloister Estate in charge, including the open spaces. However it is a requirement of taking in charge that arrangements are put in place to permit the transfer of title of the lands defined as public open space to Dublin City Council. When this was indicated to the developing company it was found that the firm did not hold the title and that therefore was not in a position to request Dublin City Council to take it in charge. The matter was brought to the attention of Planning Enforcement Division and to the attention of the North Central Area Office who are understood to be investigating the matter further. The Parks & Landscape Services Division has no objection to the taking of the lands in charge when the current owners request it and when arrangements are put in place for the title transfer to Dublin City Council of these lands. In the meantime it is understood that the maintenance of the lands remains the responsibility of registered land owners.

The up to date position with the regard to establishing ownership of the above is that the Law Dept have been in contact with Solicitors acting for owners and the title documents have now been transferred to the Law Dept. Further correspondence is due to be forwarded to Solicitors acting for owners in this regard, in order that the requisite Managers Order can then be prepared. An estimated timescale for completion of the Taking – in –charge process is December ‘07.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRI

Can the Manager take action to secure the derelict site at 17 Philipsburgh Avenue as it is rapidly becoming an eyesore and a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

Derelict Sites Section will inspect this site and action will be taken under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 as appropriate. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

Q106. COUNCILLOR JOAN COLLINS

Will the Manager provide funding, in the estimates, for reinstatement of the wall fronting Slieverbloom Estate on the Long Mile Road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The residents of Slievebloom Estate indicated last year that they wanted a new wall and railing along the Long Mile Road. It was estimated it could cost up to €90,000 to design and construct such a structure. There are many pavements in the South Central Area which need to be repaired before such works could be considered. In such circumstances I recommend that the wall be plastered where required. Provided the residents are in agreement with this proposal this work can be arranged to take place over the next 8 weeks.

Q107. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Manager please contact the following (**Detail supplied**) with a view to building a playground for the area.

A playground could be built namely for the following reasons:

- 1) there are a large amount of young families & children in this area
- 2) there is a perfect green space at the back of the estate which would be ideal for this and is not being utilised currently
- 3) the nearest playground is in Santry or Ellenfield Park which is too far and not feasible for young children to go to on a regular basis.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parks & Landscape Services Division has carried out the refurbishment of the childrens playground in the neighbourhood park of Ellenfield Park which is not considered to be an excessive distance from (**details supplied**) Estate.

As previously indicated, Parks & Landscape Services Division generally locate formal children's play facilities in neighbourhood parks that have a full-time staff presence. This ensures daily inspections of play equipment and a rapid response to any damage noted, which is important with respect to the safety of childrens play facilities. The park referred to in the above question is used generally for passive recreation of those who reside in (**details supplied**) and includes informal play opportunity for children. Contact will be made with Ms Doyle as requested.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Regarding previous representations made to DCC concerning (**Detail Supplied**), can I now take it that she will be granted one of the old age peoples apartments in the Merrion project in Merrion Road due to the reasons discussed & outlined previously?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant (details supplied) is currently listed on the Older Persons Transfer List with a total of 59 points for Area M (City Quay, Donnybrook, Mount Street, Pearse Street, Ringsend, Irishtown). The applicant's interest in the Merrion Road development has been noted and her application will be given every consideration when the units become available for allocating.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Manager please contact **(Detail supplied)** the following with a view to resolving her query.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Road Maintenance division does not have the discretion to carry out dishings of footpaths for residents free of charge.

The fee for a standard domestic dishing was reviewed this year and is now charged at €420 for a path measuring up to and including 7 square meters. Larger dishing will be charged at €60 per square metre. The Road Maintenance Area Inspector will give a quote for the dishing. **(Details supplied)** should contact the Road Maintenance local paving depot at Collins Avenue (Tel: 8372195).

The Area Inspector will require evidence from her that there is planning permission for a widened vehicular entrance.

If she does not have planning permission she should contact the Planning Department in the Civic Offices, Ground Floor, Block 4, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, Tel: 222 2149.

Once planning permission is obtained and the payment is received by the Road Maintenance Inspector, the dishing will be completed within one week.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Manager please contact **(Detail supplied)** regarding a junk collection which has been promised for some time now, however it has yet to happen.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services intend to carry out a junk collection on **(details supplied)** before the 15th October 2007. Residents will be notified a few days in advance of this. **(Details supplied)** has been contacted in relation to this matter.

Q111. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

In view of the fact that there is no green bin collection for residents of **(details supplied)**, will the Manager agree to facilitate the residents of this complex to avail of the commercial collection that takes place on a daily basis; will he ensure that they can avail of this at no cost.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements are being made to provide a domestic green bag collection to these premises. Further details will be provided to the Councillor within the next week.

APPENDIX B**LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT****LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001****28 JULY TO 31 AUGUST 2007**

Balance	Debit		46,402,491
Payments during period		151,560,972	
Receipts during period		217,211,272	
Difference	Credit		65,650,300
Balance	Credit		<u>19,247,809</u>
Revenue Account Balance	Credit		-87,981,057
Capital Account Balance	Debit		68,733,248
	Credit		<u>19,247,809</u>

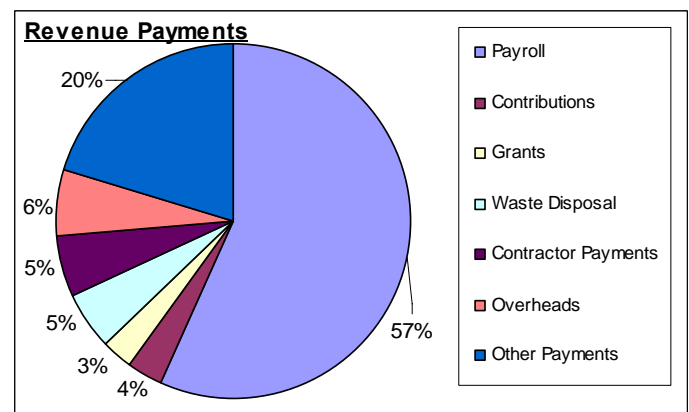
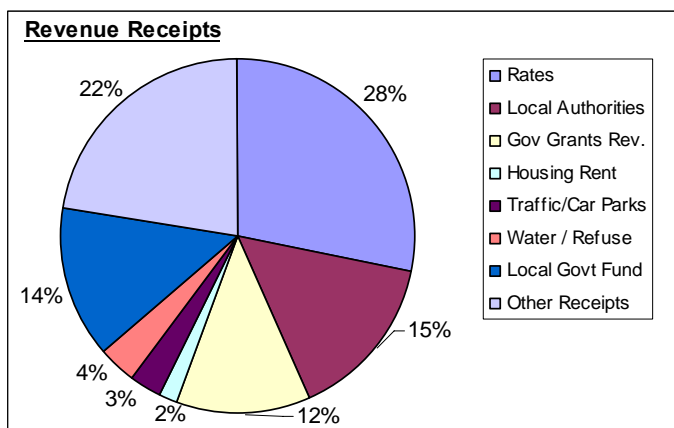
The above analysis sets out the movement between payments and receipts over the period 28th July 2007 to 31st August 2007. Total receipts amounted to €217.2m with payments of €151.6m, leaving a net Receipt difference of €65.6m.

Analysis of Revenue Receipts & Payments August 2007

Receipts	%	This period	Cumulative to 31/08/07	Payments	%	This period	Cumulative to 31/08/07
Rates	28.24%	32,038,697	213,024,766	Payroll	56.55%	49,379,426	295,053,424
Housing Rent	1.73%	1,960,231	32,496,168	Contractor Payments	5.42%	4,735,583	22,612,945
Shared Ownership	2.45%	2,784,748	18,106,328	Local Authorities	2.57%	2,246,010	25,166,399
Other Housing Receipts	7.36%	8,348,536	24,303,561	Grants	2.70%	2,357,634	20,562,531
Gov Grants Rev.	12.07%	13,691,207	57,923,999	Rent/Rates	0.58%	509,820	12,969,147
Water/Refuse	3.70%	4,196,009	23,422,083	Fees Payable	0.31%	273,906	10,828,372
Local Gov Fund	13.93%	15,800,866	94,238,442	Overheads	6.17%	5,383,276	42,173,251
Traffic/Car Parks	2.67%	3,026,191	25,790,490	Computer Purch/Maint	0.46%	404,707	8,401,059
Clamping	0.13%	142,745	2,807,855				
Local Authorities	15.16%	17,204,657	77,250,245	Contributions	3.56%	3,106,288	33,308,315
Superannuation	1.00%	1,132,069	6,509,940	Utilities	2.32%	2,029,500	16,899,331
Other Debtors	5.51%	6,253,000	32,473,333	Vehicle Equipment Hire	2.36%	2,062,372	16,347,417
Planning Fees	0.43%	484,654	3,300,181	Equipment Vehicle/Materials	2.73%	2,379,958	20,479,557
City Estate Rental	0.34%	381,294	3,616,727	Waste Disposal	5.26%	4,595,556	33,162,130
Administration	5.30%	6,015,576	36,285,011	Stores	1.55%	1,353,612	12,035,303
Total Receipts	100.00%	113,460,480	651,549,129	Personal/Property Awards	3.28%	2,861,708	16,031,920
				Site Clearance	0.22%	191,936	4,422,207
				Installations	1.93%	1,688,940	12,290,015
				Relocation of Utilities	-0.14%	-121,975	3,089,535
				Insurance	0.02%	17,015	5,677,951
				Clamping	0.80%	702,402	4,895,757
				Administration	1.32%	1,156,107	28,285,159
				Total Payments	100.00%	87,313,782	644,691,725

Revenue receipts for the period amounted to €113.4m with Revenue Payments of €87.3m. Included in Revenue receipts are Government Grants of €13.7m which includes Housing €6m, Roads €1.7m and Dept of Education for Superannuation VEC €5.9m. Receipts from the Local Govt Fund were €15.8M. Local Authority receipts relate primarily to Fire Brigade Services and Waste Charges.

Included in the Revenue Payments is €49.4m for Payroll relating to 3 payroll runs.

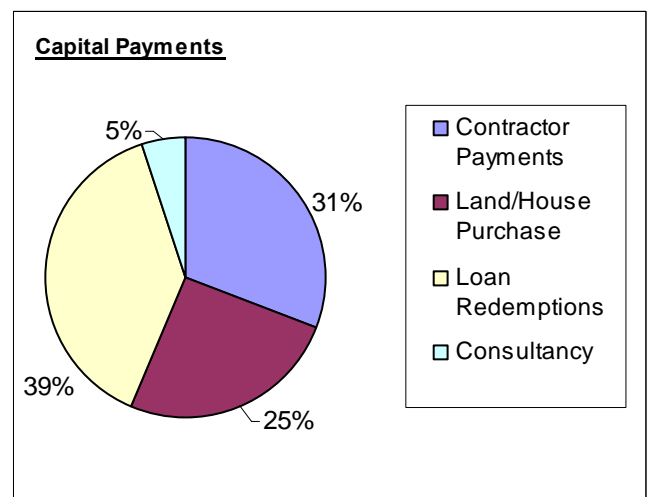
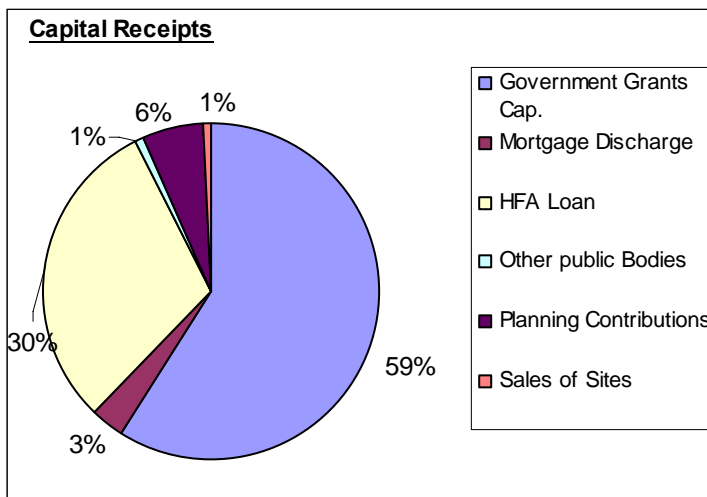


Analysis of Capital Receipts & Payments August 2007

Receipts	%	This period	Cumulative to 31/08/07	Payments	%	This period	31/08/2007
Mortgage Discharge	3.47%	3,603,557	38,683,476	Contractor Payments	30.89%	19,843,117	189,531,179
Government Grants Cap.	58.81%	61,014,920	199,199,863	Land/House Purchase	25.42%	16,332,081	184,916,003
Other Public Bodies	0.77%	800,866	13,001,049				
Planning Contributions	5.82%	6,042,412	32,588,504	Consultancy	4.90%	3,147,038	31,732,843
HFA Loan	30.28%	31,411,649	181,316,552	Loan Charges/Redemptions	38.80%	24,924,955	108,001,908
Sale of Sites/Apartments	0.85%	877,388	16,771,660				
Total Receipts	100.00%	103,750,792	481,561,104	Total Payments	100.00%	64,247,190	514,181,932

Capital receipts for the period amounted to €103.7m with capital payments of €64.2m. Capital Grants received were €61.0m, of which €17.0m related to Ballymun Regeneration Project and the balance mainly related to grants under the Housing Development programme. HFA borrowings of €31.4m was for Affordable Housing schemes. Loan Charges paid were €19.52m while redemptions of loans amounted to €5.4m.

Capital payments to contractors totalled €19.8m and related primarily to the construction of Housing.



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