

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Miosuil a tionóladh ar an 7ú Aibreán 2008 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

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

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Gnó an t-Ardmheara

1. The Lord Mayor informed the City Council that the 'Earth Hour' campaign had been very successful and that the equivalent of 35,000 houses had turned off all electricity for the period of the hour on Saturday, 29th March. He recommended to the Manger

and the incoming Lord Mayor that this initiative be continued for the future. He also informed the Members that he had correspondence from the Polish Ambassador conveying his appreciation of the sympathy expressed by the City Council to the Polish people on the recent violent deaths of 2 Polish Nationals in Crumlin. The Members were reminded of the Civic Reception to be hosted by the Lord Mayor on Tuesday, 15th April, for the President of Estonia. The Lord Mayor also said that invitations to the Lord Mayor's Awards would be issued shortly and urged Members to respond to indicate their attendance.

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 – It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor K. Humphreys “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 136 questions lodged for the City Council meeting of the 7th April were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Submitted Letter dated 25th February 2008 from the Health Service Executive in response to a motion agreed at the City Council Meeting on 3rd September 2008 requesting the Minister to acquire nursing home beds for the young chronic sick who are in the Mater and Beaumont Hospitals. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor V. Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
4. Submitted Letter dated 28th February 2008 from Macroom Town Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their February meeting regarding the increase in agency employment throughout the economy. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor V. Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
5. The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the City Council held on 3rd March 2008, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
6. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor R. McHugh “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.
7. Appointment of a suitable person to replace Councillor Larry O'Toole on the Financial Development and General Strategic Policy Committee, following his resignation from that Committee – the City Council agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 12th May 2008.
8. Appointment of a suitable person to be a member of the City Council to replace former Councillor Deirdre Keane who resigned from the City Council and the appointment of a member to each of the following boards/committees:
 - City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital, Hume Street
 - Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum
 - Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee
 - Temple Bar Cultural Trust
 At the request of Councillor Julia Carmichael, the City Council agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 12th May 2008.

9. Appointments of four members to the Protocol and Selection Committee. The appointment of Councillor S. McGrattan was proposed by Councillor C. Burke and seconded by Councillor D. Ellis. The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that the remaining vacancies would be re-listed on the Agenda when Group Leaders indicated that they were in a position to make nominations.
10. Submitted Report No. 78/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – Proposed Draft Variation (No. 24) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2005 - 2011 : To show the Route of the Proposed Re-alignment of the R107 Malahide and to indicate the full extent of the new road south and parallel to the Mayne River on the Development Plan Maps. A discussion of the proposals and their implications followed during which the Councillors expressed the view that they felt they needed more information and more time to familiarise themselves with the proposal. To this end, having consulted on and discussed the legal implications of delaying making the decision, it was agreed by the City Council to defer consideration of the report to an adjourned meeting of the City Council to be held on the 21st April 2008, which would allow time for the Members to hold an oral hearing on the proposal.
11. Submitted Report No. 2/2008 of the Executive Manager (*P. Finnegan*) – Disability Act 2005 Implementation Plan. This report was widely welcomed and the Executive Manager and his staff were congratulated. It was proposed by Councillor M. Freehill and seconded by Councillor P. Mc Cartan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 2/2008” The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that the report would be presented to all the Area Committees. It was further agreed that a report on the refurbishment of the Mansion House would be presented to the next meeting of the Protocol & Selection Committee.
12. Submitted Report No. 138/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – Proposed Draft Variation (No. 25) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011: changing the zoning of land at North Strand Fire Station Draft Variation (No. 25) to Dublin City Development Plan 2005 – 2011 – Rezoning of lands at North Strand Fire Station. The City Council agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next monthly meeting of the City Council to be held on the 12th May 2008.
13. Submitted Report No. 126/2008 of the 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 20 premises. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 126/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
14. Submitted Report No. 139/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 7 affordable apartments at Cameron Court, Cork Street, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 139/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
15. Submitted Report No. 141/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at The Bottleworks, Ringsend, Dublin 4. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 141/2008”. The motion was put and carried.

16. Submitted Report No. 142/2008 of the Acting Executive Manager (*M. Ryan*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land at the front of No. 3 Brunswick Place, Dublin 2 to Mr. Joseph Harrison, No 3 Brunswick Place, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 142/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No. 143/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Burnell Court, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 143/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No. 144/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Corn Mill, Distillery Road, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 144/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
19. Submitted Report No. 145/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Corn Mill, Distillery Road, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 145/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
20. Submitted Report No. 146/2008 of the Acting Executive Manager (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of part of former laneway adjacent to 37 Cromcastle Avenue, Kilmore West, Dublin 5 to Michael and Frances Keenan, 37 Cromcastle Avenue. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 146/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 147/2008 of the Acting Executive Manager (*M. Ryan*) - With reference to the grant of a lease of the former parish hall at Donnycarney Church, Collins Avenue East, Dublin 5 to Le Cheile (Donnycarney Community and Youth Centre Limited). It was agreed by the City Council that consideration of Report No. 147/2008 be deferred to the next monthly meeting of the City Council to be held on 12th May 2008.
22. Submitted Report No. 148/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private dwellings at Fatima Mansions, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 148/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 149/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Herberton Road, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 149/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No. 150/2008 of the Acting Executive Manager (*M. Ryan*) - With further reference to the proposed grant of a lease of 46 Hogan Place, Dublin 2 to Westland Row Voluntary Housing Association Limited c/o St Andrew’s Resource

Centre Limited. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 150/2008". The motion was put and carried.

25. Submitted Report No. 151/2008 of the Acting Executive Manager (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the granting of a way leave at Labre Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 to the Electricity Supply Board, 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 151/2008". The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 152/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Kings Inn, 16 Kings Inn Street, Dublin 7. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 152/2008". The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 153/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 4 affordable apartments at Hyde Square, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 153/2008". The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No. 154/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of Commercial Unit 2, Liberty Corner, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 to Mr Paul Lemass, 58 Burnaby Heights, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 154/2008". The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No. 155/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of site at Mark's Lane, Lombard Street, Dublin 2 to the Health Service Executive. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 155/2008". The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No. 156/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 8 affordable apartments at The Old Chocolate Factory, Kilmainham, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 156/2008". The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No. 157/2008 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 D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 157/2008". The motion was put and carried.
32. Submitted Report No. 158/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Prospect Hill, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 158/2008". The motion was put and carried.

33. Submitted Report No. 159/2008 of the Acting Executive Manager (*M. Ryan*) – Proposed grant of a 30-year lease of a premises at Lower Sheriff Street, Dublin 1 to The North Wall Community Development Project. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 159/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No. 160/2008 of the Acting Executive Manager (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the proposed exchange of lands at Primrose Grove, Darndale between Dublin City Council and Noel and Ann Maher, 149, Primrose Grove, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 160/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No. 161/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin 4. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 161/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No. 162/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Cathedral Court, New Street, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 162/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
37. Submitted Report No. 163/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the proposed grant of an easement at Deanstown Court over land between Deanstown Avenue and Deanstown Green, Finglas, Dublin 11 to Electricity Supply Board, 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 163/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No. 164/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable houses at Kilshane Drive, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 164/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
39. Submitted Report No. 165/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Mount St. Anne’s, Milltown, Dublin 6. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 165/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
40. Submitted Report No. 166/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 2 affordable apartments at Park West Pointe, Park West, Dublin 12. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 166/2008”. The motion was put and carried.
41. Submitted Report No. 167/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Seven Oaks, Sarsfield Road, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M.

Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 167/2008". The motion was put and carried.

42. Submitted Report No. 168/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Corn Mill, Distillery Road, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 168/2008". The motion was put and carried.
43. Submitted Report No. 169/2008 of the Acting Executive Manager (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a temporary convenience letting of a plot of land adjoining 51 Hazelbrook Drive, Dublin 6W to John O'Neill. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 169/2008". The motion was put and carried.
44. Submitted Report No. 170/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the proposed exchange of Lands at Sean McDermott Street and Rutland Street, Dublin 1 between Dublin City Council and the St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 170/2008". The motion was put and carried.
45. Submitted Report No. 171/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of two affordable apartments at Laburnum Court, Rathbourne Grove, Ashtown, Dublin 15. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 171/2008". The motion was put and carried.
46. Submitted Report No. 172/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of an affordable house at No. 28 Griffith Heights, Finglas East, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 172/2008". The motion was put and carried.
47. Submitted Report No. 174/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 32 affordable houses at Newbury Wood, Clonshaugh, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 174/2008". The motion was put and carried.
48. Submitted Report No. 175/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Burnell Square, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 175/2008". The motion was put and carried.
49. Submitted Report No. 176/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at The Foundry, Railway Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly "That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 176/2008". The motion was put and carried.

50. Submitted Report No. 177/2008 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – With reference to the disposal of an affordable house at 66, Errigal Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor M. Donnelly “That Dublin City Council assents to the proposal outlined in Report No. 177/2008”. The motion was put and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.00 p.m. to the 21st April 2008 to consider Report No 78/2008 and other unfinished business remaining on the agenda.

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LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

APPENDIX A

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 07th APRIL, 2008.

Q1. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council would install litter bins at, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services do not consider lanes to be suitable locations for litter bins. Experience has shown that these litter bins end up having domestic litter stuffed into them and bags dumped around them. They can in fact become focal points for dumping and other forms of anti social behaviour. For these reasons there are no plans to install litter bins in, **(details supplied)**.

Q2. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if the Department of the Environment have indicated that there will be a slow down of any of the projects financially regarding precedent improvement redevelopment or refurbishment of flat complexes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Precinct Improvement and Refurbishment Works are funded by Dublin City Council's Internal Capital Receipts.

The 2008 Precinct Improvement and Refurbishment Programme has been approved by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and will be implemented.

Q3. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager to indicate how much funding is available by Dublin City Council in order to purchase buy backs (houses) in the North Inner City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

€35M funding has been allocated by this Council for the Second Hand House Purchase Programme for 2008. This amount is not allocated among the different areas. The expenditure in each area depends on the houses offered for purchase to the City Council.

Q4. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager that all shores be cleaned on, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Drainage Division's gully cleaning crew will visit, **(details supplied)**, over the coming week and clean all gullies as requested. A breakdown of the most recent cleaning schedule for the area has been forwarded to the Councillor.

Q5. COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

Would the Manager advise me on the status of the housing application of, **(details supplied)**, and advise me of when it is likely she will be housed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant, (details supplied), is currently on the Housing List with a total of 102 points for Area E (Ashtown, Santry, Whitehall, Blackhorse Avenue, Cabra, Finglas,

Glasnevin). The applicant has expressed an interest in being housed in the Finglas area. The applicants entitlement is for two bed-roomed accommodation. The points required for an allocation change on an ongoing basis due to applicants being housed and new application being received. The points required for an allocation of two bed-roomed accommodation in Finglas is currently 117. Contact will be made with (details supplied) as soon as her position is reached on the list for 2 bed-roomed accommodation.

Q6. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager can adequate drainage be provided to eliminate flooding of the pedestrian bridges in, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Whilst a drainage grating is in place at the pedestrian bridges in this park, this grating is occasionally blocked by leaves and debris. Arrangements are been put in place to modify drainage on the bridges in this park to minimise the impact of such blockages.

Q7. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Council provide an update on when the following person, **(details supplied)**, will obtain or may be likely to qualify for a house.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) currently has a total of 110 points on the housing list for suitable 2-bedroom accommodation in Area B. Due to the shortage of 2-bedroom accommodation and the volume of applicants on the housing list with similar housing needs to **(details supplied)** and higher points it may be some time before an offer of accommodation can be made in Area B.

Q8. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Council provide an update on the following:

The walkway area in the Laneway at Rathvale Park is completely overgrown. It is providing a haven for anti social behaviour, what can be done to improve this?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This laneway was inspected and cleaned by the Rapid Response crew on 01-04-08. The hedging in question has also been cut back.

Q9. COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

Would the City Manager comment on the status of the local Traveller Consultative Accommodation Committee which has not meet in nearly a year and which was intended to restructure itself to report to the Housing SPC.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) is a Consultative Committee established as a requirement of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. It nominally has a membership of twelve (4 each of Councillors, Officials and Traveller Reps). However the Councillors have tentatively agreed to increase the membership to 16 with the number of Traveller Representatives increasing to 8.

A meeting of the LTACC was scheduled for 27th April but did not take place due to the unavailability of a large number of members. The meeting has been rescheduled for 30th April. At this meeting it is proposed to regularise the proposed new LTACC Structure. It is also proposed that Minutes of LTACC Meetings be issued to the Housing SPC.

Q10. COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

To ask the City Manager if he will review the decision to refuse a parking permit in Valentia Parade where there are 30 car spaces with a current take up of only 16 permits to a resident in a small apartment complex where 22 of the 24 residents have dedicated parking spaces in the complex and where one of the two residents without a dedicated space is the only one to have applied since the complex opened some years ago.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

As indicated by the survey results below, under the current bye-laws residents of Valentia House are not eligible for permits.

Valentia Parade, 16 'LIVE' permits,
30 car spaces (approx.);

Synnott Row, 17 'LIVE' permits,
28 car spaces (approx.);

Valencia House has 24 address points (units).

Multi-unit buildings (more than 4 units) (other than converted houses) are not eligible for parking permits in heavy demand zones.

The parking bye-laws define 'heavy demand zone' as meaning a zone where either the number of permits issued exceed 65% of the parking places or where that number is < or = to 65% of the parking places and a proposed extension in eligibility for permits will result in 85% of the total of parking spaces being breached.

Q11. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

To ask the Manager if he will do as requested by my constituent, **(details supplied)**, and will he make a statement on this request.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has carried out an inspection of this dwelling, in particular the report of dampness in a bedroom and bathroom extension to the rear of the property. There is no evidence of dampness, and the roof is insulated, however there is condensation in the extension. An unvented condenser dryer is used in this area and the curtains block one vent in the bedroom. The tenant has been advised on the prevention of condensation, and the Maintenance Officer will monitor the situation.

Q12. COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

Would the Manager investigate the rumour that disused Clontarf baths are being used by homeless immigrants in unsafe unhealthy conditions and if true would our homeless section assess their needs and offer them assistance?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Homeless Services are not aware of the baths being used by any homeless people. We will have the matter investigated and if there are homeless people located we will offer appropriate advice and assistance.

Q13. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if, given the recent handover from the NRA/Port Authority, he will confirm when the promised replanting of Fairview Park, installation of children's

swings and roundabouts and restoration of the main thoroughfares at those grounds is expected to be completed, and if he will confirm whether this work will go ahead regardless of NRA funding.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parks & Landscape Services Division has carried out basic landscaping reinstatement of those areas within Fairview Park which have been handed back to Dublin City Council by NMI the main contractor for Dublin Port Tunnel. There is still an area fronting the park which is possession of the Dublin Port Tunnel Project. A brief for consultants with regard to improvements of Fairview Park was recently invited and submissions have been received by this Division. These submissions are currently being assessed and it is anticipated that a consultant will be appointed in the next month with regard to preparing and delivering improvement proposals at the park. In the meantime limited tree planting has taken place and it is proposed to have a seasonal bedding display in place for summer 2008.

Q14. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he would clarify what is precisely meant by the term "the Planning Authority" and who constitutes same in the context of planning in the Dublin City Council area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Section 2 of The Planning and Development Act 2000 defines a Planning Authority as;

"In the case of a county, exclusive of any borough or urban district therein, the council of the county,

In the case of a county or other borough, the corporation of the borough, and

In the case of an urban district, the council of the urban district,

and references to the area of the Planning Authority shall be construed accordingly and shall include the functional area of the authority".

The functions of a planning authority are performed for or on behalf of the planning authority by the elected council or the manager, as may be appropriate in accordance with legislation.

Reserved functions are designated in legislation and are exercised by the Elected Council. Every function of a local authority, which is not a reserved function, is an executive function, exercised by the Manager.

Q15. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the City Manager to take measures to prevent cars driving or parking on the grass area in front of Stella Gardens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Discussions are taking place between the Traffic and Parks Divisions in relation to this issue and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is available.

Q16. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the City Manager to report on the number and location of Social and Affordable houses in South East area expected to become available in 2008.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following social units will become available through the Social Housing Investment Programme in 2008.

Development	No. of Units	Property Type	Current Status
York Street	66	Apartment	In Progress. Completion expected in June 2008.
St. Andrews Court	9	Apartment	In Progress. Completion expected in May 2008.
Londonbridge Road	24	Apartment	In Progress. Completion expected in April 2008.
Merrion Road	100	Apartment	In Progress. Completion expected in April 2008
6/6A Ranelagh	18	Apartment	In Progress. Completion expected in June 2008.
Docklands Trust, Charlotte Quay, Phase 2	16	Apartment	Units completed – to be allocated within next number of weeks.

The following Social & Affordable units are expected to become available in 2008 in the South East Area.

Part V Social & Affordable	Social	Affordable
Fitzwilliam Quay	0	2
Serpentine Avenue	1	1
Woodgreen Sandymount	4	0
Maxwell Road	0	9
17 – 21 Lower Mount St	1	1
Total	6	13

Affordable Units in the Docklands Area	No. Of Units
Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 2	14
Misery Hill, Dublin 2	21
The Ivory, Off Sir John Rogerson's Quay, D2	6
Total	41

1999 Affordable Housing Scheme	No. Of Units
Pine Road, Ringsend	15
Holles Street/Fenian Street	11
Hope Street, Ringsend	1
Total	27

Q17. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. An adequate number of sandbags were put in place at Marine Drive on Sunday 9th March to deal with the predicted high tides on Monday 10th March at 00.44 hrs and 13.01 hrs. Putting them in place prior to this would have caused needless traffic difficulties for residents in the area.
2. It was always the intention to block Marine Drive during the periods of the high tides and no instruction to the contrary was given to any City Council operative.
3. The temporary defences which were placed at the junction of Marine Drive and Strand Road were considered to be adequate.
4. See response at 2 above.
5. A flood barrier consisting of a series of one tonne heavy duty sandbags was erected at the junction of Marine Drive and Strand Road on the evening of Sunday 9th March. Eight other roads in the area were protected in the same manner.
6. The barrier at Marine Drive was erected in ample time to deal with the threats from the two predicted high tides, as was the case at eight other locations in the area.
7. We are satisfied that sufficient sandbags were put in place in good time to deal with the threats from the predicted high tides.
8. There was a difficulty with the phone number for a number of hours on Saturday morning but this was rectified by 1.00pm that day. It is regretted that a returned phone call was not made as requested.

A full review of the weekend operations was carried out and the issues raised in the letter were considered as part of that exercise. We are satisfied that the arrangements made in relation to Marine Drive were very effective and indeed the effectiveness of the overall operation was acknowledged by public representatives and local residents, including residents of Marine Drive.

Q18. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

Will the Manager agree to carry out an intensive monitoring of the anti social behaviour of our tenants and others living in, **(details supplied)**. This quite area is now being plagued with the illegal parking of multiples of vans and cars with reports that oil is often drained from vehicles and the oil just washed into the gutter. It is alleged that there is rats in the back garden of one of these houses and that stinking food and other animal waste is being stored both in the back garden and inside a freezer van.

And will he make a statement on these requests as well as using the full vigour of the tenancy laws to enforce, if necessary, improved behaviour.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Activities pursuant to the tenant of 18, **(details supplied)**, captured national coverage in late 2007. Whilst these activities were not viewed as serious anti-social behaviour, they were in breach of the tenancy agreement. The Crumlin Area Office is satisfied that the practices have ceased but we will continue to monitor the situation.

Parking along, **(details supplied)**, is a problem that is replicated in many roads in the Crumlin Area and is considered systematic of the increase in car ownership, the shortage of off-street parking and narrow roads.

I have asked for the drains to be examined for any illegal deposits.

A site inspection of the location in question will be carried out and measures taken as required to deter illegal parking.

An Environmental Health Officer, called to both properties on the 20th March 2008. No access was gained to the properties however no evidence of refuse accumulation or food waste storage was found to exist at either property.

Q19. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the Manager to respond to the following points in full:

1. As the raising of the level of the back pitch in Lansdowne is now progressing thereby losing what was a natural flood plane on the west side of the Dodder, this will now put extreme pressure on the section of earthen bank at the back of O'Connell Gardens. We fear flooding to houses at O'Connell Gardens. Please confirm time frame for works?
2. The section of concrete/stone slab on top of the earthen bank at London Bridge is being undermined by water flow. In the interim what remedial works are planned? (Please see photo A)
3. With the ever-increasing flows of storm water from the Dodder catchment area what plans do DCC have for London Bridge? Please refer to photo B showing the river level during a recent prolonged dry spell on the 22nd February 2008 with a high tide level of 4.1m. How exactly does a storm surge pass through the remaining gap at the top of the arches?

Under the notification of decision to grant permission to LRDC, flood defense arrangements along the entire length of the River Dodder Walk from New Bridge to London Bridge are to be agreed in writing prior to commencement. When can we expect to see the document with flood defense arrangements?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. The lowest point in the embankment protecting O'Connell Gardens is at a level just above 6.0m Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT) (*approx. 3.5m Malin Head*). *This is well above current high water levels. The Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Assessment & Management Study is under way to predict the safe fluvial and tidal plus fluvial levels including for global warming to the year 2100. A preliminary safe level has been given to the Lansdowne Road Development Company (LRDC) for a defence wall on top of the embankment and LRDC are checking out the feasibility of its construction.*
2. Dublin City Council will organise the stabilisation of this portion of the embankment defences, as shown in photo A, in the next few weeks.
3. The tide peaked at 12.45pm on Friday 22nd February 2008 at a level of 4.59m LAT (*approx. 2.08m Malin Head*). The water in photo B is almost static under Londonbridge. The current free cross-section of this Bridge is approximately 60 square metres. When the water on the upstream side is above that of the lower side all of this area is utilised in carrying the river flow downstream. Londonbridge is currently capable of taking the one in 200 year combined fluvial and tidal event. The results of the Dodder Flood Study will determine what measures are required so that Londonbridge can take a 1 in 200 year combined tidal & fluvial event including global warming to the year 2100. This study is programmed for completion in Q1 of 2009.
4. The LRDC have been given a safe level for the new flood defence wall from Newbridge to Londonbridge and, they are checking the feasibility of its construction. However the relining and strengthening of the 1.5m diameter Rathmines & Pembroke No.1 arterial sewer and sheetpiling in the river beside O'Connell Gardens to prevent possible piping through the embankment would have to be carried out in advance of this new flood wall at the top of the

embankment. A programme is yet to be agreed but the bulk of this work should be completed by the end of 2009.

Q20. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to hugely over-grown tree at, **(details supplied)**, and say if the City Council can carry out intensive pruning of the tree as soon as possible as the resident living at details attached is very anxious at the sheer size of the tree and following recent hazardous weather conditions if fearful the tree might fall onto his house.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tree at this location has been inspected and appears to be growing on lands which are private. The responsibility regarding maintenance of this tree rests with the property owner.

Q21. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to house at, **(details supplied)**, and:

1. Give full details of Dublin City Council's involvement in this project,
2. give full details of what exactly is involved in this house,
3. say how many staff are being employed ,
4. say if the project is managed by DCC and if not, what agency is managing it,
5. give details of the profile of residents being accommodated in the house,
6. say if planning permission was required for change of use of, **(details supplied)**, was obtained, and if same was exempt, give details of reasons why,
7. arrange to liaise with the neighbouring residents who are very concerned about matters.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has no involvement in this project.

The most recent application at, **(details supplied)**, was for a declaration as to whether a change of use was exempted development (registered reference number 0338/07).

The change of use from a registered B & B to a residence for up to a maximum of six persons with intellectual disabilities was deemed to be exempt from the requirement to obtain planning permission under Section 32 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Attached is a copy of the Notice of Declaration on Development and Exempted Development as issued to the applicant on 2nd August 2007.

The enforcement officer will be visiting this site within the next 10 days and a further report will issue to the councillor on the outstanding issues.

Q22. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council carried out extensive refurbishment works at, (details supplied), a number of years ago, which included works at this property. An exchange of lands was agreed with the owner in conjunction with certain works being carried out to the interior and exterior of the dwelling. It will be necessary to dispose of a small piece of land to the resident to regularise this situation. Maps have been prepared to outline this disposal and will be presented to the April City Council meeting to facilitate the title being regularised.

Q23. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the Manager that an application be made to consider 68, 69, 70 and 71 Pearse Street Dublin 2 as listed protected structures.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report will be prepared on these buildings. The Conservation Section will contact the Councillor directly.

Q24. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to area at (a) **(details supplied)**, and say

1. if consideration can be given to requests from residents to restrict/reduce traffic access,
2. examine and report on the possibility of permanent road closure at (b) **(details supplied)**,
3. what surveys have been/will be carried out in the area to address the concerns/wishes of residents that general traffic access be restricted.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. The request by residents of (a) **(details supplied)**, to restrict traffic access through their area during peak times, has been referred to TAG
2. Traffic Management will examine further the possibility of providing a road closure at (b) **(details supplied)**.
3. Traffic Management will review the previously implemented "**(details supplied)** Area Traffic Management Scheme" which includes areas (a) and (b). The review process will involve fresh traffic counts and speed surveys, as necessary, and consultation with relevant parties, in order to determine the most appropriate course of action.

Q25. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to grass verge at, **(details supplied)**, which has been dug up by Eircom and say:

1. is work by Eircom now completed,
2. if he can ensure that the grass verge be fully/properly re-instated by Eircom,
3. if the area can be inspected by City Council to ensure the re-instatement work is fully completed when Eircom finish up their work at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance have inspected the site and have the following to report:-

As far as Parks and Landscape Services is aware excavation works by the service provider at the above location is complete. Arrangements are in place with Parks & Landscape Services Division to carry out the necessary grass verge repairs in the next 4 weeks.

Q26. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will give a comprehensive report, including the terms of reference and envisaged membership, of the proposed "all agency steering committee" apparently to be chaired by Dublin City Council as revealed to the Oireachtas Committee on Transport on the 12th March, to further outline what consultation has taken place with the elected members of the City Council on this body and the relation of the agency to the existing transport structures in the City and County.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The only "all Agency" committee currently being chaired by Dublin City Council is the Transport 21 Implementation Group. This committee comprises of members of the transport companies and a representative from the DOT Regional Local Authorities, business association and the Gardaí. The purpose of this committee is to ensure the delivery of the Regional Transport 21 Projects. The City Council has adapted a co-ordination role to facilitate the implementation of the programme and assigned staff to identify the impacts on the city. This involves mapping major known infra-structural works over the next ten years, developing traffic management schemes for the construction phases and planning for when the major public transport projects are operational.

The programme is in the initial planning stage and reports will be made to the appropriate area committees and the Council as work progresses.

Q27. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to re-establish the public right of way at, **(details supplied)**, which has been railed off recently thereby preventing pedestrian access to the right of way.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following a complaint in respect of this matter an Enforcement File was opened and a Warning Letter under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 was issued on the owner of the premises on the 27/02/2008 outlining the complaint relating to the erection of railings at this location. The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area is currently investigating this matter. The Councillor will be informed of our subsequent findings in respect of this case.

Q28. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to have repairs carried out on the heating system for the following tenant, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The repairs to the heating system in this block in, **(details supplied)**, have been completed.

Q29. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to have the streetlights repaired at the following location, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

One of the lights at, **(details supplied)**, came down in recent stormy conditions which caused additional lights out.

The column has since been repaired and the lights restored. There were no reports of any other lights out at this location when it was inspected on 02-04-08.

Q30. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to explain why a senior citizen, **(details supplied)**, who has had at least seven operations on her legs and suffers from poor mobility had a shower installed in her apartment with a high step up into it which means it is virtually impossible for her to access the shower on her own and if he could consider transferring this elderly resident to more suitable accommodation preferably without stairs. She had previously lived for over 44 years in Chamber St flats and only accepted the transfer to her present accommodation because she was very ill and just out of hospital and could not return to Chamber Street flats.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A new shower was installed in this flat within the past year, at the time this tenant transferred to this flat. As in all upstairs flats, the shower cannot be completely level with the floor and requires a shower tray. The Area Maintenance Officer has called on a number of occasions to check the height of the step into the shower, however access was not gained. A further call will be made to this tenant. There is a lift from the ground floor to access flats on the first floor, so there is no requirement on this tenant to climb stairs.

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the Transfer List with a total of 85 points for Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemount, Dolphin's Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Coombe, Maryland, York Street, Ushers Street). The applicant was transferred to the address above, a newly built apartment, as part of the de-tenanting of the Chamber Street flats. The applicant was initially offered senior citizen accommodation which she refused. Her current accommodation has lift access and is to a very high standard. Adaptations were made to the applicant's bathroom based on the medical documentation which she submitted in support of her application. I will arrange with our Housing Maintenance Section for a Maintenance Officer to call to the applicant's premises to examine her bathroom.

Q31. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to ensure that the wasteland belonging to Dublin City Council at, **(details supplied)**, is regularly inspected and kept clean as illegal dumping is taking place here and residents fear that will lead to rat infestation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This land is inspected on a regular basis and any materials dumped are removed promptly.

Q32. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City manager to organise a meeting with Martin Jordan, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Traffic and the, **(details supplied)**, so they can discuss their recently compiled photographic and written study of the road works/repairs/replacement needed in the area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The area will be considered when formulating the 2009 Road Works Programme. It should be noted that Martin Jordan is the Senior Executive Engineer for Road Maintenance only. I would suggest that the South Central Area Manager coordinate the proposed meeting.

A meeting will be organised shortly by the Liberties Area Office with the Maryland Action Group and Roads Maintenance.

Q33. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City manager to consider installing bollards at, **(details supplied)**, in order to stop illegal parking at this spot and also to consider a new surface for the area outside which would be suitable for HGVs as the surface here is destroyed by HGV's.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A site inspection will be carried out at the location in question and measures taken as required.

Road Maintenance Services will be laying a new footpath at this location as part of our 2008 Works Programme.

The area will also be considered as part of the proposed Rialto Village Improvement plan, the design of which will commence this year.

Q34. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager to investigate the possibility of removing the roundabout on the northern side of the East Link Bridge and put a better operating traffic system in place, in light of the accident and traffic chaos caused in which a truck collided with the roundabout in December 2007.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This junction is currently being looked at in conjunction with the QBN with a view to devising a traffic management system that will allow the junction to operate more efficiently.

Q35. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager to look into organising the cleaning of the street gully's in Raheny village.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

21 of 22 gullies were cleaned along Main Street, Raheny on the 14th November 2007. Repairs to a defective gully outside No. 419 Howth Road were also carried out over the past month, which have alleviated previous problems experienced in the area. Gullies in the area that require specific attention will have remedial treatment carried out if the North Central Area Office is contacted directly.

Q36. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manger to look into organising the cleaning of the road gully's on the Howth road from the village of Raheny down as far as the former Shieling Hotel and entrances at Avondale Road and the Maywood estate.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Members of Drainage Division's gully cleaning crew visited the areas outlined at Avondale Road and the Maywood estate the 2nd and 3rd of April last. A total of 29 out of 29 gullies were cleaned along this stretch of road and said gullies are now in good working order.

Q37. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager could additional staff be employed in Saint Anne's Park, Raheny to help out with the excessive work load which is necessary to keep this big park functioning to its utmost.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Staff for Parks and Landscape Services Division are recruited by Human Resources Department, Dublin City Council, as available divisional resources permit. This Division currently has a request with HR Department for the recruitment of temporary general operative staff some of whom will be deployed to St. Annes Park, in the summer period 2008. A request is also in place for the recruitment of gardeners which include for the filling of vacancies at St. Anne's Park. One such vacancy was filled in January 2008.

Q38. COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the City Manager to provide a report on any measures which may be planned by the City Council to ensure that the status of the Natural History Museum as a protected structure is not compromised in any way by its use as temporary accommodation for any uses other than a museum during the period of its closure to the public.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council has not been contacted regarding any change of use or alterations to the Natural History Museum.

Under Article 86 (1) (a) (v), of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, the provision of the Planning and Development, Act 2000 shall not apply to;

“office buildings or other premises used for the purposes of or in connection with the business of Uachtarán na h-Éireann, Dáil Eireann, Seanad Éireann, The Department of the Taoiseach, the Office of the Tánaiste, the Department of Defence, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, the Courts Service, the Office of the Attorney General, the Chief State Solicitor's Office and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;

Q39. COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the City Manager to provide a report on the following traffic issues, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. Provision of permit parking on, **(details supplied 1)**, will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Area Committee meeting.
2. Residents on, **(details supplied 2)**, previously voted 7 votes in favour and 72 against. As this is a considerable majority, it is not recommended to resurvey residents.
3. Revised plans for traffic management on, **(details supplied 3)**, have been brought to the attention of residents for comment.

Q40. COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the City Manager to have, **(details supplied)**, cleaned and to ensure that they are cleaned on a regular basis.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had, **(details supplied)**, cleaned on Friday 28th March 2008. Both of these roads are scheduled to be cleaned once a week.

Q41. COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the City Manager to have the sign at, **(details supplied)**, removed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The sign referred to is part of a 'toucan crossing' which allows pedestrians and pedal cyclists to cross a road at the same time though the provision of a green pedal cycle as well as a 'green man'. These are used at a number of locations around the city and are provided to assist cyclist crossing at a particular location and to improve safety for young cyclists. Where they are used a wider crossing width is provided.

Q42. COUNCILLOR OISIN QUINN

Can the Manager indicate whether or not the recent removal and relocation of 19th century post boxes in Rathgar (in particular the one at the corner of Brighton Road and Brighton Square) was done with the permission of the planning department or the conservation office or whether such permission was required.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

19th Century post boxes are not a protected structure and the provision of post boxes (pillar boxes) by An Post is exempt development under the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 30).

The permission of the Planning Department or Conservation Office was not required or sought.

Q43. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to say when a planning application is expected to provide the promised social and affordable housing at the Balgriffin lands sold by Dublin City Council to Stanley Holdings nearly 2 years ago.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has an agreement with Stanley Holdings to provide 585 Social & Affordable Units under Part V of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 – 2002 amended. Planning Ref No: An Bord Pleanála PL29n.207192 refers. The following 240 Social & Affordable units are to be provided in Phase I of the Development with the remainder to be provided in further phases.

51 Affordable Units	Completed in Qtr 1 2008
87 Affordable Units	To be completed in Qtr 3 2008
75 Social Units	To be completed in Qtr 3 2008
<u>27</u> Social Units	To be completed in 2009
240	

Q44. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for a yellow box to be placed outside, **(details supplied)**, to allow for ambulance calling and special cars. This is a very special case for resident in a wheelchair and doctors letters can be provided.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A yellow box is not recommended because they are provided to prevent blocking of junctions. However it is recommended that a disabled parking bay be provided, subject to the submission of the following:

1. Copy of current H.S.E. Primary Medical Certificate;
2. Copy of current Disabled Parking Permit, front and back (i.e. Blue Badge);
3. Confirmation that house does not have off-street parking (i.e. a driveway);

4. Confirmation, if the vehicle is kept permanently at this address, who the driver of the vehicle is and if the driver is also a resident at this address.

Q45. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for extra bollards across, **(details supplied)**, as people are crossing over and there is a risk to pedestrians walking the path.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following investigation there is evidence of vehicles mounting the grass margin to by pass the road closure at Oakwood Road. It is recommended that 4 no. additional bollards be provided on the pathway adjacent to no.197 Jamestown Road. This work will be carried out as soon as it can be fitted into the works programme for the area.

Q46. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs or replacement to back door and back windows at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer will carry out an inspection of this dwelling and all necessary repairs will be carried out.

Q47. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for poop scoops to be fitted to green area at entrance to, **(details supplied)**, as this is used quite a bit and a child was taken into hospital as a result of contact with dogs waste.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

As part of the Litter Management Plan it is proposed to increase the amount of dog bins in the city. Dog bins are erected at entrances to Parks and is not proposed to erect dog bins in housing estates.

Q48. COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs to road and path along, **(details supplied)**, as residents are complaining about it.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance will inspect this road/path and carry all necessary repairs within the next 4/6 weeks

Q49. COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the following on, **(details supplied)**:

- (a) Ramps to be fitted along road.
- (b) Parking bay for school buses.
- (c) Litter cleanup especially after school has closed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (a) The request for ramps has been referred to TAG for consideration.
- (b) The request for a parking bay has been referred to TAG for consideration.
- (c) Details supplied is swept & litter picked every Wednesday after bin collection.
Litterbins are emptied when necessary.

Q50. COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for poop scoops to be placed on green area facing, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dog bins are erected at entrances to Parks and it is not proposed to erect dog bins in housing estates.

Q51. COUNCILLOR RAY CORCORAN

To ask the City Manager as to whether the National League for the Blind applied for Housing Association Status between the years 1992-1994 and as to whether they were successful.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Application for Approved Housing Body status has to be made directly by interested Associations to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has confirmed that they have no record of an application from the National League for the Blind.

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland were granted approved Housing Body Status on the 23rd December 1996. No application for funding under the Capital Funding Schemes for such bodies has ever been made to Dublin City Council.

Q52. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the Manager to assist in regard to two issues at a supermarket, **(details supplied)**, in a residential area:

- To stop the collection of rubbish at 5am and the accompanying noise, which is waking local residents,
- To take into account the objections of local residents when assessing a proposal to store trolleys outside the premises on the public path.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Council Bye-Laws provide that waste shall only be collected between the hours of 6am and 12 midnight in the area referred to in this question.

Accordingly arrangements will be made to contact the company collecting this waste to ensure that they comply with the provisions of the Bye-Laws.

The owners of a premises at, **(details supplied)**, indicated that they wish to apply for a licence for a trolley bay outside their premises. The premises were inspected in January following a complaint from a member of the public and, **(details supplied)**, were asked to remove their trolleys from the pavement. They were informed that if they wished to place trolleys on a public footpath a licence would be required. An inspection by Roads maintenance was done to assess suitability.

If an application is received a notice informing the public that an application has been made must be placed in a newspaper and displayed on the premises. Any person may object to the application and these will be taken in to account when the application is being considered.

Q53. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the Manager to review mobility scooter and wheel chair access on the following roads, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will install wheelchair dishings at these locations within the next 3 months.

Q54. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the Manager to address dangerous driving on, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request for ramps will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is available.

The issue of signage will be examined by the Area Traffic Engineer, who will contact the Councillor directly.

Q55. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the Manager to put in place and have enforced measures that will stop cars and lorries parking across the gate that accesses the apartments to left of the Garage business close to the entrance to Mount Drummond Avenue, Harold's Cross.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parking Enforcement Section will monitor illegal parking at Mount Drummond and the Councillor will be contacted with an update in due course.

Q56. COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the City Manager will he request that Superquinn, Sundrive Road replace the Plaque that was removed during renovation work on the site, to the memory of 1916 leader Joseph Mary Plunkett.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Crumlin Area Office has contacted Superquinn in relation to the removal of the plaque and expect a reply before the middle of April. The Councillor will be informed when a response is received.

Q57. COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the City Manager can he give this Councillor an update on the social units that were to replace the derelict shops at Walkinstown Green.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Architect's Division are preparing plans for 8 units on this site with a view to proceeding to part VIII in late 2008.

Q58. COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the City Manager can he arrange for trees to be pruned on Sperrin Road and remove a dead tree from outside 197 Sperrin Road and have the decaying trees on Sperrin Road in Drimnagh treated or replaced.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An official from The Parks and Landscape Services Division has inspected the trees along Sperrin Road. He has reported that there is no need for the trees at this location to be pruned at the moment. The dead tree outside no. 197 will be removed within the next 2 weeks. A list of replacement trees along the road has been drawn up for planting in the next tree-planting season (late 2008/early2009).

Q59. COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the City Manager can he arrange for the wheelchairs dips at the junction of Sperrin Road/Cooley Road on both sides to be repaired.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to carry out the necessary repairs here over the next 16 weeks.

Q60. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Manager to have, **(details supplied)**, cleaned and painted as it has not been done for some time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied), is included in the City Council's Painting Programme for 2008 and it is expected that the work will be carried out later this year.

Q61. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Manager to provide a report on proposed work for 2008 in, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Works Programme agreed by the Central Area Committee in January 2008 outlined the following works in the area in question:

Location	Works to be carried out
Martin Savage Park	Entrances and path – A meeting will be held shortly to finalise the proposals following which time lines will be agreed to enable works to be carried out.
Ashington Open Space	Provide new multi-purpose play area for basketball, football and tennis. A meeting will be held shortly to finalise the proposals following which time lines will be agreed to enable works to be carried out.
Kinvara Road	Public Lighting Upgrade will be done within the next 3 months.

Q62. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Manager to have the compound cleaned at Drumcliffe Road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The necessary arrangements have been made to have the area at Drumcliffe Road cleaned.

Q63. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Manager to provide details on the upgrade at Martin Savage Park and the timescale of the work.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

To date the following upgrading work is proposed for Martin Savage Park.

1. Drainage to the western end of the park. (completed)
2. Installation of a new footpath system within the park. The section from Glendhu Park to Ashtown Road is due for construction over the coming months. A meeting

will be held shortly to finalise the proposals following which time lines will be agreed to enable the works to be carried out.

3. Upgrading of the boundary at Martin Savage housing estate due for construction over the coming months. A meeting will be held shortly to finalise the proposals following which time lines will be agreed to enable the works to be carried out.
4. Upgrading of the boundary and proposed new car park to be located inside the park (subject to consultation and agreement) at Glendhu Estate.
5. Re alignment/location of the playing pitches.
6. Proposed new all weather pitch subject to the appropriate funding being made available and consultation.

Q64. COUNCILLOR MICK RAFFERTY

Would the Manager ensure that the City Fire Brigade have sufficient funding to be able to build life like simulations (reusable buildings etc) when training fire fighters in the fire behaviour techniques and are not restricted to using cargo containers?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have received approval in principle from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for the development of the Fire Brigade training facilities at the O'Brien Institute in Marino, which amounts to €23M. This development includes the provision of new fire simulation buildings that will enable firefighter training under controlled and environmentally friendly conditions. The construction of the new facilities will commence later this year and will be phased over a five-year period.

Replaceable steel containers for "fire behaviour" training are used internationally to provide realistic simulation of the "flashover" and "back-draft" conditions that can be encountered when fighting fires in real buildings. Such containers will continue to be used by Dublin Fire Brigade for training purposes in the short term.

Q65. COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

That the Manager examine the need for the erection of a fence around the green space in front of Gortbeg Road on security grounds. In particular a residents, **(details supplied)**, home was robbed recently and the culprits were able to escape via the green space. Could the Manager, when drafting a reply also consult the resident in question and obtain details of the robbery so that it can be factored into the reply.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

To fence off the green space referred to would require the extinguishment of a public right of way. If the residents wish to extinguish the public right of way they should submit written evidence of general support from the people who would be affected by such a closure, to the Finglas Area Office. In addition the people proposing such an extinguishment should indicate the type of closure required and give an undertaking to finance the works. The City Council has no source of finance for this closure which would be very expensive. Fencing of the green space would not provide any real security to local residents.

Q66. COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Will the Manager address the concerns of residents in the Cedarwood Green/Willow Park Road area, as outlined by the following resident, **(details supplied)**, who are concerned at the levels of anti social behaviour in Poppintree Park. Will he make urgent arrangements for the installation of locked gates at all accessible sections of the park and advise me of his intentions and time frame for same.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The boundary of Poppintree Park will be upgraded and the entrances gates secured as part of the re-development of the park by Ballymun Regeneration. In the interim, this Division in conjunction with BRL are examining the feasibility of temporary installing a lockable gate at the single entrance in the vicinity of Cedarwood/Willow Park Road.

Q67. COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Would the Manager address the following problem in Wellmount Court outlined by the following resident in an email to me, **(details supplied)**. Could he further advise me as to when any necessary works will be carried out?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In July 2007, it was agreed to remove all trees, as they were unsuitable for this location and causing damage to the public footpaths.

All trees were removed to a height of one metre above ground level in early August 2007. The tree stumps were left in situ for safety reasons and were to be removed during path reinstatement works. The work has been completed on one side of the road. Due to problems associated with underground service cables that have to be resolved with Eircom, work has been delayed.

In the interim, Parks Department will remove the remaining tree stumps and temporarily reinstate the footpath. Three replacement trees will be planted at this location.

Q68. COUNCILLOR LIAM KELLY

Could the Manager advise me of when the promised works to 13 Rathoath Drive will be carried out and when the house will be tenanted.. The following resident, **(details supplied)**, was informed by the Council that it would happen shortly after Christmas 2007

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A contractor has been appointed to refurbish no. 13 Ratoath Drive. This house requires major refurbishment and works are expected to take 3 months to complete.

Q69. COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

Will the Manager address the drainage complaint as reported by the following resident, **(details supplied)**. Would the Manager also consult the resident on the matter as he seem to have made every effort possible to solve the problem through his own means. He is particularly concerned about this elderly mother, who's home it is and awaiting on the to council construct new bathroom facilities for her.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Drainage Maintenance staff visited details supplied on the 1st of April 2008 and pressure cleaned and removed the blockage from the drainage system. Said drains are now working satisfactorily.

Approval was issued on 21st January 2008 to (details supplied) for €7,607.00 under the Grant Scheme for People with a Disability. This address is a private residence and Dublin City Council does not carry out the necessary works. (details supplied) should contact her builder as soon as possible to get a commencement date for the proposed works.

Q70. COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

Would the Manager make immediate arrangement to replace the front door at, **(details supplied)**. Would he also arrange to install a fireplace in the kitchen as one was not in place when the tenant occupied the house eight years ago. The tenant and some of her children suffer from a variety of serious illnesses and need a warm environment as do her two daughters who are still at school.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer carried out an inspection of this dwelling. A new timber front door has been ordered. However there is no requirement for the installation of a fireplace in the kitchen as there is gas central heating installed, with radiators in the kitchen/living room area.

Q71. COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

Could the Manager advise me of the regulations regarding the following, **(details supplied)**, and advise me if same are national regulations enforced by the Department of the Environment or are they devised on a council by council basis.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Regulations for the control of advertisements related to elections and referenda are contained in Schedule 2, Part 2, Class 14 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and apply nationally. Such advertisements are considered exempted development with the following restrictions;
CLASS 14

"Advertisements relating to an election to the Office of President of Ireland, an election of members of Dáil Eireann, the parliament of the European Communities, a local authority or Údarás na Gaeltachta or a referendum within the meaning of the Referendum Act, 1994.

No such advertisement shall be exhibited, and no advertisement structure erected for the purpose of exhibiting such advertisement shall be left in place, for more than 7 days after the date of the election or referendum to which the advertisement relates".

Q72. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager what plans Dublin City Council has for an area, **(details supplied)**, and if he will make a statement on the matter

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The corner site at, **(details supplied)**, was sold on 31st May 2006. The owner of this site applied for planning permission for the construction of 1 dwelling unit in January 2008. Planning Department has not made a decision on this planning application as yet.

Q73. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager the reason the Parks Department are yet to provide dressing rooms at a Park, **(details supplied)**, if the Parks Superintendent will meet, as a matter of urgency, with the local club to advance the project; if the Manager is aware of the problems that are being caused by the delay in progressing this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The floodlights have been replaced and are now working satisfactorily.

As previously reported, Dublin City Council are in the process of arranging for the construction of a sports changing pavilion in Eamon Ceannt Park. Part 8 approval was obtained to this proposal in 2007 and the City Council approved of this project

at its meeting in June last year. The City Architect's Department subsequently contracted consultant architectural and engineering services to prepare detailed plans and specifications which are required for the public tendering phase for the construction of the building. These plans are now at final drafting stage and we expect that a request for tenders will be advertised shortly.

When complete, the pavilion will provide quality changing facilities to sports users in Eamon Ceannt Park. There is also provision for a workshop and storage room for Cycling Ireland within the pavilion. Sporting facilities in the park consist of an international standard cycling velodrome, an all weather football pitch, 2 grass football pitches, 2 synthetic surface tennis courts and a multi use gaming area (muga). Sports clubs and organisations active in the park are Cycling Ireland, Lourdes Celtic F.C. and Dublin Striders Athletics Club.

Q74. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manger if he will ensure that an area, **(details supplied)**, will be cleaned up and upgraded to a Park that could be used by local people; if in the interim he will arrange a "clean-up" of the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Having recently received some correspondence from the occupiers of the Maltings apartments, I am aware that this area is being used as an illegal dumping ground in addition to the surrounding streets. Dublin City Council's litter warden has made contact with the residents with the intention of viewing the recorded CCTV in an attempt to identify the perpetrators and issue fines. I have also included the area as part of the remit of the local community wardens who will be monitoring this area on a regular basis for the foreseeable future.

The future development of this area will be considered as part of the Liberties Regeneration Project.

Q75. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager if it is mandatory to include interceptor traps in a drainage programme; if Dublin City Council has included this as a condition of planning permission; if so when this requirement became mandatory; if the interceptor traps are not included, will Dublin City Council insist in the enforcement of the provision of such traps; and if he will make a statement on this matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The interceptor trap most commonly used in Dublin City Council is the "Broad's Trap", effectively a clayware U-bend.

The purpose of the interceptor trap is primarily odour control but it also serves the purpose of discouraging rodents from entering the private drainage system from the public sewer.

The Drainage Division Code of Practice outlines the following requirement in relation to interceptor traps:

"In the Dublin City Council area, private foul drains shall be fitted with an approved intercepting trap. This is to be fitted to the final outfall manhole which is to be located within private property".

Historically, Dublin City Council has always requested that an intercepting trap be located in the final outfall manhole of a development and no development is permitted to connect into the public system unless the trap is in place.

Dublin City has inspectors working for the Planning and Development Control section that sign-off the final outfall manhole when the manhole is to the standard outlined in the Drainage Division Code of Practice.

Only then can the development be connected into the public system.

Q76. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager if he will ensure that all event licenses applied for in Croke Park, Phoenix Park and other city venues are published in the weekly planning lists so that local representatives and residents can be informed about these applications and that observations can be lodged within the statutory period.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Notification of an application for a Public Event Licence under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2007 will be included on the weekly list, to include details of the relevant period for observations.

Q77. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager if he will establish a monitoring committee to replace the O'Connell Street IAP with the remit of overseeing the developments taking place in the O'Connell Street/Henry Street area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The next decade will see the delivery of a number of key projects on O'Connell Street and the surrounding area including works related to the LUAS and Metro line, the proposed bridge linking Hawkins Street and Marlborough Street and works on the Carlton and Arnotts sites (subject to planning permission). Works on the individual projects are subject to planning regulations or the relevant rail order.

Facilitating the effective delivery of these projects while ensuring the city centre remains open for business is a key challenge for Dublin City Council. There is currently a high level Transport 21 Team chaired by the City Manager, which includes the transport authorities, government & statutory bodies and the city's business groups. Tim Brick, Deputy City Engineer is coordinating the work of a number of subcommittees of this group and expects to have a project team in place by summer 2008. These teams are addressing complex issues and works schedules in order that planned works are co-ordinated as far as practicable thus minimising the disruption to businesses and residents. Local meetings will be held to consult and liaise with stakeholders over the duration of the projects

A Monitoring Committee is usually put in place to oversee the delivery of one plan as in the case of the O'Connell Street and HARP Integrated Area Plans, which are both concluding this year. The above listed projects are components of different plans and processes being delivered by different bodies and organisations with their own reporting requirements

It is proposed that the Dublin City Council Transport 21 Project Team report on a quarterly basis to the Central Area Committee on the progress of the various projects. The report would include the expected short and medium term impacts on the O'Connell Street Area and identify to the members potential issues as they arise. Members would then in a position to oversee that the relevant projects were being delivered in a coordinated manner and represent the concerns of local residents and businesses.

Q78. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager if he will ensure that the site at, **(details supplied)**, is secured, if it has been entered on the derelict sites registers, and if he has any plans to CPO the site in the absence of the site being developed

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Both sites are derelict and are entered on the Derelict Sites Register.

It is understood that these properties are being sold and that there are court proceedings pending to resolve a legal issue that has arisen.

I have contacted the Superintendent at Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station with regard to anti-social social behaviour. It is not intended to acquire the property by Compulsary Purchase Order at this stage.

Q79. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager if he will ensure that the proposed improvement scheme for, **(details supplied)**, is carried out in 2008 as agreed with the residents and if he can state when the work will commence

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A number of issues which have to be addressed prior to any refurbishment (some of which are outside the direct control of DCC), are as follows:

The Road Closure

The section of carriageway which makes up the square has to be closed off - a road closure procedure will have to be initiated. Previously a road closure request had been made to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) however their engineers recommended that prior to making this step (full road closure) a no entry system should be initiated to determine the effect of reduced access on local residents and commuters rat-running through the area. The Traffic Department have now been requested a review of the efficacy of the no entry system, and to investigate the impact of the possible road closure which would allow us to proceed with the design and consultation phase of any programme of this nature.

The Consultation Phase

If the TAG recommends a road closure then a plebiscite will be carried out in the locality. A number of premises face directly out onto the square. The owners of these premises, along with others affected, will have to be included in the consultation phase. It is important, at this stage to recognise that the closure will effectively cut off direct vehicular access to a number of properties, which may or may not have other implications for the owners. If, as a result of the consultation phase, the closure can be finalised we would then be into the design phase

The Design Phase

The design phase is a detailed mechanical and engineering design to include levels, detailed measurements, any drainage issues and other services which may be affected (electricity, water, etc). It also determines the materials to be used. After design comes procurement and works.

The Procurement and Works Stage

This is the phase which determines the cost which is dependant on the quotes we get back from interested contractors (DCC does not have a direct labour option for

these sort of works). If the costs are within the budget available we will proceed with the works programme.

Q80. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager if he will report on the City Council purchase of the houses at, **(details supplied)**, the length of time they have been unoccupied, when they will be occupied, if they can secure the house at, **(details supplied)**, as youngsters are breaking into it, to state if they plan to purchase any further houses on the street and if they will consult with local residents prior to doing so.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The third house referred to has been allocated, is secured at present and the new tenant is due to move in the week commencing 07th April.

The allocation process has begun on the first house referred to which was completed by the builders at the end of February 2008.

The second house referred to is secured at present, will be surveyed next week and then will be allocated to a builder for refurbishment.

Dublin City Council do not plan to purchase any further houses in this area. The 2008 target for the House Purchase Programme is 100 houses. Dublin City Council has on hand a sufficient number of offers from interested house vendors to meet its 2008 House Purchase target. The only additional houses purchased in 2008 will be for financial contribution cases and houses that are required for de-tenanting purposes.

Q81. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the City Manager if there have been recent consultations with the OPW with regards to public transport, traffic management and the bicycle scheme in the Phoenix Park and its environs.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There have been recent consultations between the Office of Public Works, Dublin City Council and the Quality Bus Network Project Office regarding the provision of bus priority and associated traffic management measures in the Phoenix Park and Chesterfield Avenue (Main Road). These consultations arose in relation to a planning application, no. 4556/07, by the Office of Public Works for the upgrading and refurbishment of Chesterfield Avenue (Main Road) which included upgrading of the existing road and pathway surfaces, the provision of a permanent roundabout at Mountjoy Cross, the provision of a pedestrian friendly zone in Dublin Zoo and Parkgate Street Areas, and the extension of the cycle path network.

Q82. COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

To ask the City Manager to refer to planning approval given, **(details supplied)**, and to report on enforcement proceedings re: lack of private open space area which does not comply with:

1. planning approval given,
2. development plan standards

and to:

1. give current position,
2. explain reluctance to deal as per deputations with the issue,
3. say why there has been an approach by City Council to settle complaint by agreement rather than by planning permission and development plan. This has now failed as developer only showed interest for a while.

4. Confirm enforcement notice will be issued and pressed without delay.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Enforcement Section have no record of a complaint on this issue. Details supplied should refer any complaint to the City Council Enforcement Section who will arrange to have the matter examined.

Q83. COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

To ask the City Manager to refer to green area between estates, (**details supplied**), which is the location of much anti-social behaviour and now:

1. give an update on plans for construction of social/affordable housing, number of units, timescale, current situation re: planning, appointment of architects etc.,
2. comment on refusal of planning under 6602/07 for adjacent site, if Housing Department or Area Office had any input into same, if planning should have done so, if approval here would not be of some benefit and would link in with DCC plans and if discussions can now take place between the Area Office and Planning Department with a view to a new application.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (1) It is proposed to develop the open space at Woodbank Drive and at Virginia Park /Rathvilly Drive for the provision of Affordable Housing. Four (4 no.) three bedroom terraced houses will be constructed at Woodbank Drive and fourteen (14 no.) three bedroom terraced houses in two blocks, one consisting of eight houses and one of six houses at Rathvilly/Virginia Park. All houses will have front and back gardens with parking for one car within the curtilage of the dwelling.

Services crossing the site and running along the perimeters of the site will have to be diverted. The Architects drawings have been circulated to the various City Council Departments for comment . Following receipt of the various Reports a Part 8 Planning application will then be prepared and submitted to the City Council for approval.

- (2) Planning Application no. 6602/07 was submitted to the Planning Department by a private individual for the construction of a 2 storey 2 bedroom 86 sq. metre end of terrace house with new vehicular access at the rear. This application was processed in accordance with the Planning and Development Regulations. The application was refused. The following two grounds were listed for refusal:

1. Given the fact that the proposed development would break the existing front and rear building lines along details supplied and the fact that part of the proposed unit would be constructed on/along the site boundary, it is considered that the proposed development would not integrate sufficiently and would be out of character with adjoining properties in the immediate vicinity and would seriously injure the visual amenities of property in the vicinity. The development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development would provide a substandard level of private open space for the proposed unit in relation to the standards set out in the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011. The proposed development would seriously injure the residential amenities of prospective occupiers of the proposed unit; and would constitute a substandard form of development that would seriously injure

the amenities of property in the vicinity. The proposed development would thus be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

These reasons are based purely on planning grounds. It should be noted that neither the Housing Department nor the Area Office had any input into this decision. It is the view of the Planning Department that the reasons for refusal listed above are justified, as only development that accords with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area should be granted planning permission. Development on this site may be beneficial provided it accords with all current development plan standards.

It should also be noted that discussions have taken place with the owner of the subject site with the view to lodging a new application that is in compliance with all current development plan standards.

Planning application 6602/07 is not adjacent to the site for which the City Council is proposing plans.

A planning application was lodged for the site adjacent to the City Council for proposed development and permission was granted for the construction of a dwelling on 15th November 2007.

Q84. COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager please examine situation in relation to new garda station and to problems it will create for residents and in particular children and say if location, **(details supplied)**, can be examined and:

- (1) if footpath for pedestrians will be in place,
- (2) if some can now be arranged,
- (3) if this came under construction at planning stage and what were comments/decisions at this point.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The question of providing of a footpath along, **(details supplied)**, is being pursued with the Office of Public Works. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome of these discussions.

Q85. COUNCILLOR MAURICE AHERN

Will the City Manager please examine grass verge outside, **(details supplied)**, which is constantly being damaged by trucks and arrange to place a few bollards on verge to prevent this.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Bollards are not recommended at this location, as it is illegal to mount the kerb to manoeuvre and/or park on a footpath. Illegal parking should be reported to the Gardai or Dublin Street Parking Services Ph.6022500, for enforcement.

Q86. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager report on the ownership of these laneways, **(details supplied)**, and will he arrange for a thorough cleansing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The two laneways on either side of Glasnamana Road form part of lands transferred from Fingal County Council to Dublin City Council under the extension of the City Boundary Act 1953. These lands were transferred to Dublin City Council in 1997. Arrangements are in hand to have the laneways cleaned as soon as possible.

Q87. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager arrange to deal with the problem of parking at, **(details supplied)**, in view of the damage that has been done to the green and will he consider raising the level of the curb or providing some alternative deterrent.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parking on footpaths including grass verges is an offence under the Road Traffic Acts. The gardai have been asked to take appropriate action. In addition the matter will be referred to our parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS), for inspection and enforcement action to be undertaken as necessary.

Q88. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager provide advice to an elderly resident, **(details supplied)**, on the assistance which Dublin City Council or any other agency may be able to provide in order to replace a damaged window as the resident is not in a position to carry out the work herself.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Housing Aid for Older People allows for essential works to be carried out where the older person is living in poor housing conditions. An application form for the scheme has been posted to **(details supplied)** on 28th March 2008 and will be dealt with promptly on its receipt at this office.

Q89. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager arrange for the removal of the tree stump at, **(details supplied)**, and the planting of a new tree and repair of the footpath.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to remove stump within the next 2/3 weeks and to issue order to Roads & Streets Dept. to repair footpath as required. Location will be included in the 2008/2009 replacement tree planting schedule.

Q90. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager to give a detailed account of the process to be undertaken in order for residents only parking to be enforced in the Croke Park area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In order for resident only parking to be enforced on the days of major events at Croke Park it is necessary to make and implement bye-laws under section 12 of the Road Traffic Act 2007.

Draft bye laws have been prepared and will be presented to the April meeting of the Transport and Traffic SPC and the May meeting of the Central Area Committee. Following that it is proposed to put the draft bye-laws out to public consultation. The bye-laws will be amended in the light of submissions received. Following this the bye-laws as amended will be brought back to the SPC and Area Committee. Formal consultation with the Garda Commissioner will be carried out and then the draft bye-laws will be brought to the City Council for adoption.

In parallel with this it will be necessary to arrange for erection of signs, procurement of an IT system and to arrange for distribution of resident permits. It is not considered that resident only parking will be introduced any earlier than September/October 2008 having regard to the timelines indicated above.

Q91. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager to install a set down layby on the Clontarf Road at Howth Road National School to enable parents to drop their children to school.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is no provision in the Traffic Act for set-down laybys at Schools. Therefore, it is not recommended to provide set-down parking at this location.

Q92. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager to survey residents for permit parking at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

a) In the middle of 2007, residents voted **to proceed** with the permit parking / pay and display parking scheme on, **(details supplied a)**, with hours of operation Monday to Sunday 07.00 to 24.00. This has now been introduced.

b) Provision of permit parking on, **(details supplied b)**, Dublin 7, Dublin 3 will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Area Committee meeting.

c) Parking has recently been examined in the vicinity of, **(details supplied c)**, and a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme will be recommended for this road at the next Central Area Committee meeting

Q93. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager install double-yellow lines at the point where the laneway from the rear of 175 Clontarf Road exists onto Belgrove Road as parking congestion at this point can cause egress difficulties for local residents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter has been referred to TAG and a reponse will be issued directly to Councillor O'Muirí.

Q94. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Approval was issued on 4th October 2007 to **(details supplied)** for €20,320 under the Grant Scheme for People with a Disability. The applicant contacted this office in November 2007 regarding the new revised grant scheme and expressed an interest in cancelling his old application and applying for the new scheme. A new application form for the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability was posted to the applicant on 22nd November 2007. This office is still awaiting a letter of cancellation from the applicant for the old grant scheme and his application form for the new revised grant scheme.

Q95. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager organise to get the four trees on the public green area that is adjacent to 40 Grace Park Heights pruned back. The trees are causing a considerable leaf fall in the winter months through to end January and affecting residents to the east of the trees but especially no's 40, 42, 44 and 46. A cropping would not only reduce this leaf fall but would enhance the appearance of the said trees.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The trees at this location have been inspected by Parks and Landscape Services Division. They are considered to be in reasonable condition and are not considered to require pruning at this time. The impact on volume of leaf arising from these trees would only be reduced in the season of pruning by a limited amount. The longer term volume of leaf produced would not be impacted by a once off pruning operation.

Q96. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

Can the Manager please provide me with a full report from the Drainage Division on the recent sewage spill into the Nanniken River and the resultant pollution of the Duck Pond in St Anne's Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The source of the above pollution incident was sewage entering the Nanniken River at St. Anne's Park, Raheny through an overflow pipe at Brookwood Rise, Artane. The incident occurred due to a blockage in the sewer pipework at the syphon crossing beneath the railway at Brookwood Rise.

The City Council was informed of the incident on Wednesday 26th March and immediately inspected the pond in St. Anne's Park and the Nanniken River. It was decided to empty the pond and refill it with clean water, once the water in the Nanniken was clean. The Eastern Regional Fisheries Board and Dublin City Council worked together on the incident.

The Eastern Fisheries Board transferred the fish to another pond. These will be returned when the pond has been remediated. Dead fish were removed from the pond.

There is no evidence of any environmental damage to the North Lagoon or Bull Island and as the incident occurred outside of the bathing season, it will have no impact on the retention of the Blue Flag at Dollymount Strand.

Q97. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the Manager for a full report on the serious pollution incident experienced over Easter Week-end in St. Anne's boating lake and River Nanniken including:

- a) impact on wildlife,
- b) the source of the pollution, what action has been taken to address the source of this pollution and if any charges are been taken against the polluters.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The source of the above pollution incident was sewage entering the Nanniken River at St. Anne's Park, Raheny through an overflow pipe at Brookwood Rise, Artane. The incident occurred due to a blockage in the sewer pipework at the syphon crossing beneath the railway at Brookwood Rise.

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The Eastern Fisheries Board transferred the fish to another pond. These will be returned when the pond has been remediated. Dead fish were removed from the pond.

- a) There is no other evidence of any environmental damage or impact on wildlife in the vicinity.
- b) Cleaning of the syphons and of the sumps on each side of the syphon are being undertaken to prevent a reoccurrence of this incident. To date no action has been taken against the "polluters" as the reason for the blockage of the pipe, leading to the incident is still being investigated.

Q98. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the Manager for details of Dublin City Council's services for residents living in apartments including:

- a) mentoring service for apartment dwellers regarding management companies,
- b) entitlement to waste management, dry recycling, and organic recycling facilities,
- c) entitlement to on-street parking and resident parking disks where there is no parking available in the apartment building.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(a) It is the responsibility of each Apartment Owner/Dweller to understand clearly their commitments/responsibilities in relation to their involvement in the management of their specific complex. The City Council in the past has mentored apartment dwellers where problems existed in order to try to bring all parties together to successfully manage the complex in question. It would not be the intention of the City Council to continue to mentor apartment dwellers in this manner. Instead in partnership with the National Consumer Agency it is proposed to produce a Computer Module with easy access to all of the relevant questions relating to responsibilities of Apartment Dwellers in the management of their complex. This Computer module will be widely available and should remove the need for mentoring.

(b) The City Council provides a residual waste collection service (grey / black bin) and a dry-recyclable collection service (green bin) to apartments. Many apartments use private collectors and these collectors are also obliged under the Household Waste Bye-Laws to provide both a residual and a dry recyclable collection service.

The roll out of the brown bin has commenced. This roll out should be substantially completed by the end of 2008 and will initially be provided to standard households. When this roll out is completed the service will be extended to apartments. It is proposed that private collectors will also be required to provide a brown bin services to apartments.

(c) Buildings consisting of more than 4 housing units, other than converted houses, located in heavy demand zones are not eligible for residents parking permits under the current Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws. In a low demand zone, all multi unit buildings, including apartment complexes, are eligible for residents parking permits, subject to one permit per unit.

Q99. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the Manager to outline what actions the City Council is taking to encourage householders and developers to protect mature trees in the city. Also to outline what actions are taken by the planning department when planning permission is granted subject to including an existing mature tree(s) as part a development and to ensure that this planning condition is complied with.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Trees growing on private lands do not fall under the remit of the parks division which will only get involved if these trees are a hazard to public safety. Trees in urban areas are not subject to the Forestry Act of 1946.

When developers submit planning applications for sites with significant trees then the parks division will advise the planning department on those trees which should be retained/ conserved and an appropriate planning condition is written to ensure that that these trees are retained.

The parks division and the planning department inspectors will ensure as far as practicable that trees conditioned for retention will be protected and safeguarded during construction works.

This condition will usually involve a bond so that trees are retained.

Q100. COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MAHER

To ask the Manager for a report on the roll-out, and completion of delivery of brown bins to all householders, with the information broken down into each Dublin City Council area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Currently all customers serviced by the Coolock Depot which covers the majority of the North Central Area, have been provided with a fortnightly brown bin collection service. A further delivery of brown bins will continue from April and will last for the rest of the year. A detailed programme for the distribution of the bins will be circulated once dates become known in the coming weeks. It is expected that the roll out for the City Area will be completed around the end of the year.

Q101. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Is the Manager aware of the overhead wires on, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The street trees on, **(details supplied)**, are semi mature Fastigate Hornbeam. They are in good condition and provide an important amenity to the area. The trees are not considered to be overgrown or dangerous. The trees are included in our current tree pruning schedule of works and should be attended to before the end of May 2008.

There are a number of overhead services growing through or close to the trees and this division is of the opinion in the interest of retaining this important visual amenity that the services should be "bounded" or placed underground. This would be a matter for the various utilities.

Q102. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please provide a report detailing the following; what is the current estimated number of homeless people in Dublin City? How much is DCC spending per year on providing services to address the homeless problem in the city? Please provide a summary of the services provided? Will the Manager please identify how many city locations e.g. lanes have been closed to eliminate homeless people living on the street?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following the Assessment of Housing Need 2005 the number of homeless households on the Dublin City Council waiting list was 1309. The 2008 Assessment is currently being carried out to establish the up to date position. The data collected will be collated and analysed by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to produce local and national statistics. This exercise will take a number of months.

A street count carried out by the Homeless Agency in November 2007 indicated that 104 persons were sleeping rough at that time. Another count was undertaken within the last week but the result is not yet available.

The expenditure budget for Homeless Services in 2008 is €47.2 million. This budget covers the provision/funding of the following services:

- Operation of Dublin City Council's three hostels and transitional accommodation.
- Operation of the Night Bus service.
- Provision of approx. 1300 private emergency beds
- Funding of 57 Voluntary Body Projects/Services including the Tenancy Sustainment Service
- Funding of the HSE's Homeless Persons Unit
- Funding of the Homeless Agency

Lane closures are implemented by the five Area Offices. While such closures are often initiated as a result of anti social behaviour I am not aware of any instances where these problems involved homeless people.

Q103. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please advise on, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The street trees in, **(details supplied)**, Estate are pruned on an ongoing basis as part of the tree pruning programme for the area. The trees are mature cherry trees that are best pruned during the months of June/July due to their susceptibility to "silver leaf" disease. Accordingly the trees have been scheduled for pruning this June/July.

Q104. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Could the Manager please give me an update on the following housing matter, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An official from the Allocations and Transfers Section has recently contacted a friend of the applicant, **(details supplied)**, who is acting on her behalf in order to discuss details that should be submitted in support of her housing application. When these details have been submitted the position can be reviewed.

Every assistance and guidance has been offered and is available to the applicant in support of her housing application.

Q105. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

In light of new brown bin roll out in the city of Dublin, could the Manager please indicate if there is a charge for the bin/collection service and if residents don't want another bin that they can refuse same, residents in some area have told me they don't want bins as they have to already bring the green and grey bins into their homes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is an obligation on the City Council to meet EU and national requirements for the diversion of organic waste from landfill. This is being achieved through the introduction of the brown bin service. It is an obligation of the Waste Management Plan that the brown bin service is provided to all households and, under the Household Waste Bye-Laws, households who are provided with this service are obliged to use it.

The roll out of the service commenced on a selected basis last year and it is proposed that it will be substantially completed by the end of 2008. There is no opt out provision. The public reaction has in general been very favourable and all households that are being provided with the service are given a leaflet outlining useful tips for the use of the bin. Our Environmental Liaison Staff are also available to provide advise to householders in this regard.

The standard bin being provided is the 140L one and in order to incentivise households to use the service, there will be no charge for the first 3 months and after that the charge is €2 per lift. This is significantly cheaper than the corresponding charge for the grey / black bin (€5.70 for a 240L bin and €3.40 for a 140L bin).

Q106. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Could the Manager please arrange that small upgrading works be completed in the pocket park at Drumfinn Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Repairs to fencing/basketball hoops and general maintenance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An official from Parks and Landscape Services Division will inspect the pocket park at Drumfinn and will report on the possibility of upgrading at this location.

Q107. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Could the Manager please give me a full report on the efforts to date to try and ensure the proposed Luas line which is proposed to go through Ballyfermot Road/Sarsfield Road and continue into town and if any action has taken place with Irish Rail to try and encourage an additional train station at Le Fanu Road/Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot. Our community is choking to death with private motorist traffic and needs rail and Luas as alternatives.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The government's national transport plan TRANSPORT 21 includes a Luas line from Lucan to the City Centre (Line F). The Railway Procurement Agency (R.P.A.) is endeavouring to select the best overall route for the line. Studies identified two main route options and a number of sub-options for Line F which were brought forward to public and stakeholder consultation. The final selected route may be a variation or combination of the current route options and sub-options or possible new route options identified through the consultation process.

The City Council is formulating a response to the RPA on the route options. A meeting will be organised in the next fortnight to brief the local Councillors on that response. It is expected that a final decision on the route of Line F will be made in the next few months.

The provision and location of train stations on the mainline rail is a matter for Iarnród Éireann. There have been calls for stations to be provided at Kylemore Road and Sarsfield Road in Ballyfermot as part of the Kildare Route Project. These calls have

been supported by the Ballyfermot Area Office at various meetings which have taken place with representatives of Iarnrod Eireann.

Q108. COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

Can the Manager outline, in detail, how the City Council plans to spend the €1 million this year allocated to improving public parks in the inner city, particularly the south east inner city, for those with disability.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

An accessibility audit of parks in Dublin City was completed in 2007. This audit identifies what remedial action is necessary to make parks accessible to people with disabilities. Copies of this audit may be accessed on Dublin City Council website.

Phase 1 of the prioritised implementation plan consists of 25 parks within the inner administrative areas of the City

We are in the process of engaging a consultant to implement the recommendations for phase 1 of the accessibility audit within an 18-month timeframe.

It is hoped that the following parks will be fully accessible by 2008/2009.

Park Name	DCC Area
1. Blessington St Broadstone	Central
2. Boy's Brigade	South Central
3. Cabbage Garden	South East
4. Christchurch Park	South East
5. City Quay	South East
6. Clarevill Park	Central
7. Croppies Park	Central
8. Diamond Park	Central
9. Grand Canal Spur	South Central
10. Great Western Square Park	Central
11. Kings Inn	Central
12. Merrion Square	South East
13. Mountjoy Square Park	Central
14. Oisin Kelly	South Central
15. Peace Park	South East
16. Pearse Square	South East
17. Portland Place	Central
18. Sherrif Street Park	Central
19. St Audeons Park	South Central
20. St Catherine's Park	South Central
21. St Kevins Park	South East
22. St Michan's Park	Central
23. St Patricks Park	South East
24. Wolfe Tone Park	Central

Q109. COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Manager to give a full update on proposed flood protection for the River Dodder

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (Dodder CFRAMS) which includes part of the administrative area of South Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire County Council as well as DCC, is underway. The model has been constructed and assessment of current and future flow runs are in progress. The options stage is next and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process is running in parallel to the Study.

Dodder Flood Alleviation Works Phase 1A. 120m flood wall has been installed at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Track. Works at the Scouts Den, 30a Bath Avenue and the Siphon House section are programmed for completion by the end of 2008.

Dodder Flood Alleviation Works Phase 1B. This includes the Landsdowne Tennis Club, Landsdowne Village and the Jungle area. The Programmed works are due to start in June 2008 and are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009.

Further Phases of Dodder Works are awaiting findings of Dodder CFRAMS and SEA.

Q110. COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Manager for an update on the Poolbeg Development Plan.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A Draft Framework Plan was prepared for the Poolbeg Peninsula in 2006. The draft plan was subject to a public display and consultation process, after which there was a comprehensive review of the submissions and the preparation of a Manager's Report.

The Manager's Report (February 2007), was amended to incorporate a series of agreed recommendations such that the initial framework plan would be developed further to include detailed assessment of environmental, landscape and implementation issues. It was at this juncture, that the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA) made an application to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government under Section 25 (1)(a) of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority Act, 1997 for the powers to prepare a Planning Scheme. This request was sanctioned and formally approved in June 2007.

On commencement of the preparation of a Draft Section 25 Planning, the DDDA invited representatives from the City Council's Planning Department to join the project Steering Group.

Participation on the Steering Group presents the opportunity to ensure that full cognisance is taken of the key provisions of the Draft Southbank / Poolbeg Framework Plan, as well as the findings of the public consultation process and the recommendations for further studies in the amended Manager's Report. The Draft Southbank / Poolbeg Framework Plan is therefore relevant to the preparation of the Draft Section 25 Planning Scheme.

Participation on the Steering Group is considered an appropriate mechanism on the basis that it safeguards against a duplication of resources and facilitates a consistency of approach between the two authorities.

The Dublin Docklands Development Authority intend to submit the Draft Planning Scheme for Poolbeg to the Minister for approval at the end of 2008, at which time a copy must also be sent to the City Council. On receipt of the Draft Planning Scheme, the City Council may make objections, which in turn must be considered by the Minister.

Q111. COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Manager:

- a) How many empty City Council flats are in Dublin's South East Inner City & what is the average length of time they remain empty before being re-allocated,
- b) How many people on the City Council Housing List & Transfer List with address in Dublin South East.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

a) *Number of voids February 2008 (South East Area)*

In February 2008 the housing stock in the South East Area stood at **3,525**. The table below gives a breakdown of the number of voids as a percentage of this figure.

Type	Number of void dwellings	Percentage
Void Ready to Let	71	2.01%
Void Long Term Repair	33	0.94%
Void New Property	5	0.14%
Void Pending Demolition	59	1.67%
Void Pending Refurbishment	62	1.76%
Total	230	6.52%

Length of time under repair

It is the aim of the Housing Maintenance Section to turn around vacant dwellings needing maintenance in the shortest time possible. The condition of the dwelling determines the length of time it is under repair. It is our experience that some level of maintenance will need to be carried out in most cases, before a dwelling can be re-let.

Void Ready to Let and Void Long Term Repair are the two main areas of responsibility for Housing Maintenance. These are dwellings that will be allocated to new tenants when all the necessary repairs have been completed. The following is a breakdown of the number of houses/flats/senior citizen dwellings, under these two categories.

- c) The information requested by the Councillor is currently being compiled and will be forwarded when available.

Q112. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager install a filter light on the traffic lights for south bound traffic on Dorset street turning right into Eccles Street.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY

Provision of a filter light will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Area Committee meeting.

Q113. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager set up a "Users Group/Friends of Ellenfield Park", to allow local residents some sense of ownership of their park? If such a group already exists, will he pass contact details on to me?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parks & Landscape Services Division is not aware of any existing general user group with regards to Ellenfield Park. There is regular contact with the sporting clubs and groups that use the facilities of Ellenfield Park on an ongoing basis. Arrangements will be put in place to contact these individual groups and resident groups of the area to identify the interest that may be present for such a group to be formed.

Q114. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager issue a report on the use of "Full Cut-off Light Fixtures" for the city. These are light fittings that direct all the light from public lighting downwards towards the ground, instead of traditional light fitting that sends the light in all directions. The new light fittings can reduce energy consumption by half and have the added advantage of reducing light pollution which is useful for astronomers. Can the manager report if any full cut-off lights are being used in the city? Have they proved to be as valuable as the theory suggests? Is there plans to roll this out around the city?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council uses very efficient lanterns on all its new public lighting schemes. These lanterns direct nearly all of the light downwards towards the road surface where it is required thereby minimising the light that goes upwards into the sky. Energy consumption is minimised by using very efficient light sources and electronic control gear in light fittings and not only the use full cut-off light fittings as suggested. Full cut off light fittings are normally used on Motorways and the M1 is such an example. Other examples include some of the new estates in Ballymun. There are no plans to roll out full cut-off fittings in the city.

Q115. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Manager to undertake a review of the impact of the traffic restrictions implemented at, **(details supplied)**, and if he has any plans to bring forward traffic calming proposals for details supplied in consultation with local residents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A) The Area Traffic Team is currently examining this matter and will prepare a report for a future Central Area Committee.

B) The majority of residents voted in the recent ballot for no traffic restrictions on, **(details supplied b)**.

A number of items are in the process of being investigated by the Traffic Advisory Group including:

- Install pedestrian lights at, **(details supplied b)**, and Blackhorse Avenue and, **(details supplied)**, and Old Cabra Road.

- Install junction box at Old Cabra Road and, **(details supplied b)**, or, **(details supplied b)**, and Blackhorse Avenue.
- Impose/enforce a ban on Heavy Goods vehicles (3 tonne), lorries and buses
- Stopping illegal parking will help with traffic flows
- Lower the speed limit to 20kph

In addition to the above a speed survey will be conducted on, **(details supplied b)**. Once the speed survey data is available a report will be prepared for a future area committee meeting.

Q116. COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager report on when the missing balustrades at Butt Bridge will be replaced (many are missing for a considerable length of time).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance services are currently drafting contract documents to advertise this remedial work. Once tenders are received the works will commence.

Q117. COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager report on the long promised redesign of the north west corner of Buttercup Park estate, Darndale, Dublin 17 in view of the unacceptable condition of the streets and laneways in that area and the ongoing serious drainage problems at this location?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government has approved in principal the redevelopment proposals for this part of Buttercup subject to submission of more detailed designs and costings. This work is now substantially complete and a meeting is being arranged within the department to enable the City Council to proceed to lodge a planning application. Provided the planning permission is granted and that agreements with the owner occupiers in the area for redevelopment are forthcoming the project will then go out to tender. It is not possible at this time to indicate a definitive schedule however it is unlikely that a contractor will commence on site before mid 2009.

A minor water ponding problem in this area arising from localised dumping and littering that blocked a number of gullies has been rectified.

This location is also cleaned on a very regular basis by the local 5 man crew.

Q118. COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager give a definitive timeframe as to when the Grange Road, Donaghmede will be resurfaced (the work is to be carried out as part of the Capital Works Programme for 2008) as it is in a very bad state of disrepair?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Grange Road (from the Shopping Centre to the junction with St. Donagh's Road) will be resurfaced, July/August 2008.

Q119 COUNCILLOR ANNE CARTER

Will the Manager report on the full design plan for the new senior citizen's complex at Greendale Court, Kilbarrack, Dublin 13?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The proposal for the redevelopment of Greendale Court includes the demolition of the existing 63 older persons bedsit units and the construction of 105 older person's units, a Community/Day Care facility and a dedicated Alzheimers Care facility. The breakdown of the Older Persons units and the size of the Care Facilities are as follows:

98 one-bed units
7 two-bed units
Community Day Care facility (785sq metres)
Special needs facility (165 sq metres)

The one-bed units will be a minimum of 55 sq metres in size and the two-bed a minimum of 80 sq metres, complying with the current space standards. It is proposed to give a full presentation to the Area Committee after further consultation with the Community.

Q120. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

In relation to footpaths and roads will the Manager carry out repairs at the following locations, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- 1) The carriageway will be repaired within the next 6/8weeks.
- 2) All repairs have been carried out on the footpaths adjacent to no.2 **(details supplied)**, within the last 2/3 weeks.

Q121. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Could the relevant official in the Waste Management Department investigate the dreadful littering that is taking place at the following locations and also arrange to meet with this Councillor regarding these issues, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Part A

(Details supplied), is included on the daily route for the South Central Area Public Domain Crew. A litter warden has been assigned to assist the crew on a daily basis and examine material dumped on the street. Fines are issued if supporting evidence is discovered and the waste removed. This service is provided in addition to the efforts of Waste Services staff from Davitt Road Depot. If local residents wish to help stop this dumping they can report incidents to the Public Domain Officer if they are willing to allow their statement be used to support issuing fines.

Part B

There has been an ongoing problem with illegal dumping on these roads for several years. As it stands, the Waste Services Division remove waste from this area on a daily basis, the waste is then searched by the Litter Warden before disposal. The number of fines generated by this process is minimal as the culprits have learned not to leave any evidence in the bags. A warden was assigned to walk around these roads over a four day period as a trial measure. The usual volume of waste was dumped when the warden went off duty so clearly additional Warden cover is not likely to have much of an effect and could only be provided at the expense of other areas. Advice was also sought from CCTV specialists, restricted sight lines and a lack of suitable mounting points ruled this measure out. The residents regularly contact local area staff to report having seen dumping incidents but to date none

have been willing to make a formal statement to support the issue of a litter fine. This has made effective enforcement difficult to provide.

Q122. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

To ask the City Manager could the Road Traffic Department arrange a time to meet with me and examine the following locations, **(details supplied)**, for resurfacing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A repair to the carriageway outside **Location A** (off Bulfin Rd.) is required. Arrangements will be made to carry out this repair over the next 16 weeks.

Location B: A meeting will be arranged with the Councillor in the coming weeks.

Q123. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

To ask the City Manager could the Traffic Engineer have the following location, **(details supplied)**, inspected for the installation of a yellow box.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A site inspection will be carried out at the location in question and a yellow box provided if required.

Q124. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

To ask the City Manager could the Area Manager arrange a meeting with this Councillor and the relevant officials from DCC, RPA and the local Gardai to discuss the number of anti social incidents that have occurred at the following location, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Councillor will be informed when this meeting has been arranged.

Q125. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the City Manager what role the ESB are to play in the improvement of the canal area (Blackhorse Bridge to Kylemore Bridge and beyond), how it has become involved in this proposed project. Also to ask why Waterways Ireland, the relevant Government Department seems to be able to "get away" with a third rate service to City canals in direct contrast to the high level of service and high profile, schemes of improvement and refurbishment for canals all over the country. And would the Manager agree that Waterways Ireland and the relevant government department have shamefully treated some of Dublin's canals and many of their adjacent communities.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Grand Canal Enhancement Project has its origins in the need to provide power to projected developments in the area contiguous to the canal e.g. Parkwest/Cherry Orchard, Grange Castle Business Parks. The preferred route for the installation of power cables was identified as along the canal bank. The project will contribute to achieving the objectives of the City Canals Plan 1999 and South Dublin County Councils Green route along the Grand Canal.

The ESB are responsible for the cost of the installation of the cables and the enhancement works are funded on a pro rata basis by Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and the ESB. Waterways Ireland is providing the land and will be responsible for the future maintenance of the enhanced route.

Q126. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

Well lit streets create safer urban environment at night. In this regard to ask the Manager why it is that so many of our suburban and community streets are so poorly lit and to an extent that they are falling below acceptable standards of safety. Would the Manager set out that the legal or standard requirement is now for public street lighting and to give numbers/names of streets in Ballyfermot that are falling below the proper standard levels of public lighting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is not accurate to say that so many of our suburban and community streets are so poorly lit that they are falling below acceptable standards of safety. All public lighting installed over the years has been lit to the standards that pertained at that time. Over time these standards have risen. Dublin City Council has amended and improved its specification in line with these higher standards and new residential developments reflect the latest standards.

The standard for Road Lighting that the City Council works to is IS EN13201:2003 which is a standard that is used throughout the European Union (EU).

If there are particular streets of concern to groups of residents that the Councillor is aware of we would examine these and consider them for inclusion in future improvement programmes subject to the necessary finances being available.

Q127. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the Manager if he is aware of the increasing frustration and anger among full time, professional taxi drivers as a result of the huge on-going increase in new taxi plates. And to further ask if he could state what he thinks is the appropriate numbers of taxis for a city of Dublin's size. It is believed that the limit is now well over subscribed and the full time professional taxi drivers who have invested heavily in their livelihood are being very unfairly treated by the continuous issuing of taxi plates to the point where this essential city service is being undermined.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has no function in the issuing of taxi licences. The Office of the Taxi Regulator now carries out this function. A copy of the question has been forwarded to the Regulator for direct reply to the Councillor.

Q128. COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please outline progress in the following planning enforcement cases, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following complaints received in this office alleging unauthorised development at the abovementioned properties **(details supplied)** warning letters have been issued to the owners of the properties under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 on the 29/02/2008, 10/03/2008 and 01/04/2008 respectively. The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area will shortly carry out inspections at the above locations and any further action will be taken at that time if required.

Q129. COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please reply to the following questions:

In relation to the pollution of the Nanikin river on the weekend of 22nd March 2008, can the Manager please give the following information:

- A) What was the source and the location of the pollution into the Nanikin river?
- B) What caused the incident (if it came from the city's sewerage system)?

- C) When was the city council informed/became aware of the pollution?
- D) What action was undertaken by the city council and what other agencies were notified or assisted in the immediate remediation of the pollution?
- E) Has the city council informed the EPA or has the EPA been in contact with the city council and what has the EPA demanded of the city council?
- F) What damage has resulted to the Nanikin river, St Anne's pond and the lagoon at the Bull Island and what does the city council propose to restore wild life stocks?
- G) What impact will the pollution have on the retention of the Blue Flag for the Bull Island?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- (a) The source of the pollution was sewage entering the Nanikin River at St. Anne's Park, Raheny, through an overflow pipe at Brookwood Rise, Artane.
- (b) The incident occurred due to a blockage in the sewer pipework at the syphon crossing beneath the railway at Brookwood Rise, Artane.
- (c) The City Council was informed of the incident on Wednesday 26th March.
- (d) The City Council immediately inspected the pond in St. Anne's Park and the Nanniken River. It was decided to empty the pond and refill it with clean water when the water in the Nanniken was clean. The Eastern Regional Fisheries Board and Dublin City Council worked together on the incident.
- (e) The City Council did not inform the EPA as there is no requirement to do so for this type of incident. The EPA has not been in contact with the City Council.
- (f) The Eastern Fisheries Board transferred fish to another pond. These will be returned when the pond is remediated. A quantity of dead fish was removed from the pond. There is no evidence of any environmental damage to the lagoon at Bull Island.
- (g) As the incident occurred outside of the bathing season, it will have no impact on the retention of the Blue Flag at Dollymount.

Q130. COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manger please have the following query dealt with, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Housing Aid for Older People grant scheme allows for essential works to be carried out where the older person is living in poor housing conditions and includes replacement of doors and central heating. An application form for the scheme has been posted to **(details supplied)** on 31st March 2008 and will be dealt with promptly on its receipt at this office.

Q131. COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council approved the grant of a 99 year lease of a site at Alfie Byrne Road to Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann at its meeting on 8th May 2006 for the construction of an Arts Centre (Report 142/2006 refers). The Council issued an Agreement for Lease and a Building Licence to Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann to enable them to enter on site to build the Centre, now almost completed. The legal formalities to grant the lease are at an advanced stage.

Queries regarding individual branches should be directed to Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

Q132. COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager update me on the stage in the application for housing for, **(details supplied)**, namely has the applicant been assessed for points and if not when can the applicant expect this to be done.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I can confirm that an Executive Housing Officer will call to the applicant, **(details supplied)**, in week beginning 07th April 2008. The applicant will be informed of her points on the Housing List when the Officers report is to hand.

Q133. COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager arrange to have a "no ball games here" sign erected on the gate at the entrance to a lane in front of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is illegal to play football on public roads. The enforcement is a matter for An Garda Siochana. There is no statutory sign for "no ball games here".

Q134. COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE

Can the Manager give an indication when remedial works on, **(details supplied)**, will be undertaken.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The works referred to in **(details supplied)** are included in the works programme for Parks & Landscape Services Division 2008. They are scheduled to commence in mid May 2008.

Q135. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager what is the likelihood of securing a playground for, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Resources are not currently available to Parks and Landscape Services Division to install, manage and maintain a children's playground at the open space at **(details attached)**. When resources are made available to this Division they are concentrated on improving existing facilities in neighbourhood parks where there is a staff presence and frequent and regular inspections of play equipment and surfaces. Unsupervised play facilities at this location would be very vulnerable to vandalism damage, and therefore are not being considered for placement at this time.

Q136. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager can we get a speed limit sign put up and ramps also for this area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The speed limit on, **(details supplied)**, is 50kph which is the default speed limit throughout the city. Therefore, a speed limit sign is not recommended at this location. However, the request for speed ramps is referred to TAG.

APPENDIX B

LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

26th January - 29th February 2008

Balance	Credit		17,427,151
Payments during period		244,488,917	
Receipts during period		144,649,519	
Difference	Debit		99,839,398
Balance	Debit		<u>82,412,247</u>

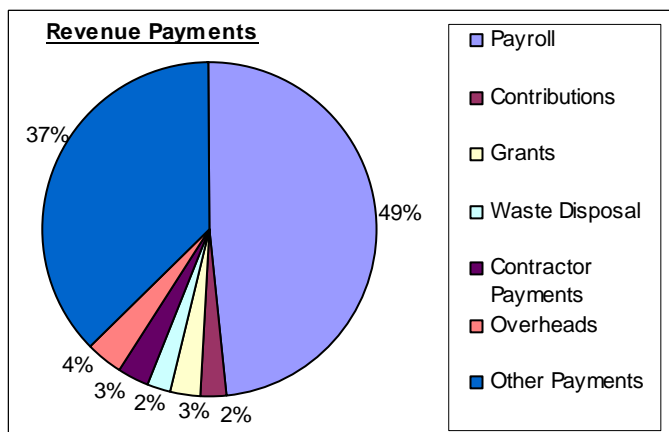
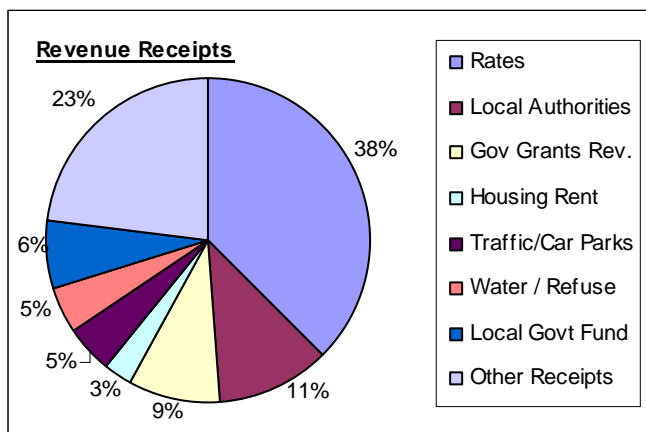
The above analysis sets out the movement between payments and receipts over the period 26th January to 29th February 2008. Total receipts amounted to € 144.6m with payments of €244.5m, leaving a net Payments difference of €99.8m.

Analysis of Revenue Receipts & Payments February 2008

Receipts	%	This period	29/02/2008	Payments	%	This period	29/02/2008
Rates	37.59%	27,306,176	29,383,873	Payroll	48.42%	47,370,229	77,478,515
Housing Rent	2.77%	2,011,680	4,102,547	Contractor Payments	3.08%	3,016,669	5,906,985
Shared Ownership	2.68%	1,950,148	3,854,212	Local Authorities	1.55%	1,517,450	5,640,757
Other Housing Receipts	9.43%	6,848,361	10,117,290	Grants	2.74%	2,684,372	4,467,857
Gov Grants Rev.	9.00%	6,540,699	19,040,494	Rent/Rates	12.87%	12,593,092	13,182,617
Water/Refuse	4.79%	3,477,397	5,017,570	Fees Payable	3.11%	3,042,954	4,961,152
Local Gov Fund	6.47%	4,700,751	29,072,828	Overheads	3.67%	3,591,474	6,254,776
Traffic/Car Parks	4.82%	3,500,884	5,578,777	Computer Purch/Maint	1.11%	1,083,670	1,888,435
Clamping	0.46%	334,671	579,682				0
Local Authorities	11.42%	8,293,501	13,226,277	Contributions	2.36%	2,310,746	4,734,948
Superannuation	2.12%	1,540,259	2,377,732	Utilities	2.05%	2,003,306	6,765,834
Other Debtors	6.53%	4,744,618	10,639,340	Vehicle Equipment Hire	2.12%	2,077,541	5,224,059
Planning Fees	0.50%	364,489	715,148	Equipment Vehicle/Materials	3.01%	2,946,460	4,727,231
City Estate Rental	0.33%	239,572	339,570	Waste Disposal	2.31%	2,261,862	4,563,022
Administration	1.09%	794,655	3,337,655	Stores	1.52%	1,484,061	2,657,813
Total Receipts	100.00%	72,647,859	137,382,993	Personal/Property Awards	2.39%	2,334,218	3,878,808
				Site Clearance	0.86%	836,486	822,759
				Installations	0.99%	971,520	1,311,396
				Relocation of Utilities	0.05%	46,842	102,913
				Insurance	4.82%	4,718,941	4,742,394
				Clamping	0.63%	612,656	2,115,574
				Administration	0.32%	317,461	1,777,980
				Total Payments	100.00%	97,822,010	163,205,825

Revenue receipts for the period amounted to €72.6m with Revenue Payments of €97.8m. Included in Revenue receipts are Government Grants of €6.5m including Homeless Policy €1.0m and Dept of Education re VEC Recoupment €4.0m..

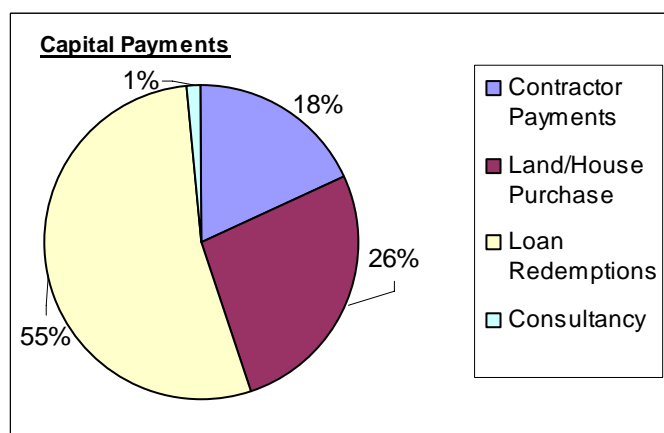
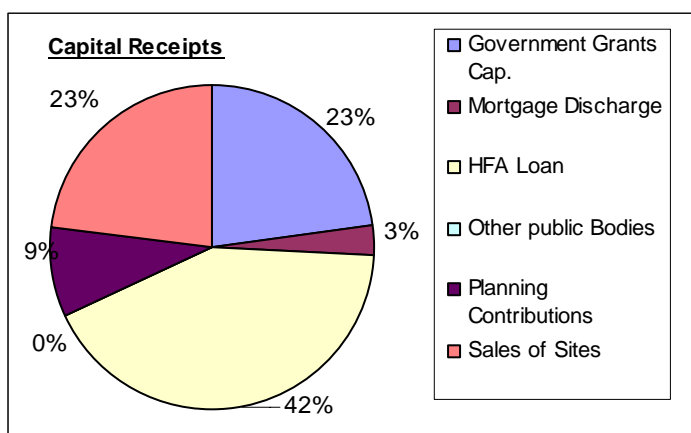
Included in the Revenue Payments is €47.3m for Payroll .



Analysis of Capital Receipts & Payments February 2008

Receipts	%	This period	29/02/2008	Payments	%	This period	29/02/2008
Mortgage Discharge	3.25%	2,339,469	4,792,705	Contractor Payments	18.37%	26,945,259	57,717,720
Government Grants Cap.	22.66%	16,314,421	75,794,809	Land/House Purchase	26.27%	38,532,316	63,234,744
Other Public Bodies	0.00%	0	218,389		0.00%	0	0
Planning Contributions	8.92%	6,420,636	7,922,867	Consultancy	1.38%	2,026,201	5,006,519
HFA Loan	42.15%	30,345,889	60,380,027	Loan Charges/Redemptions	53.97%	79,163,131	79,163,131
Sale of Sites/Apartments	23.03%	16,581,246	22,233,890				
Total Receipts	100.00%	72,001,660	171,342,686	Total Payments	100.00%	146,666,907	205,122,114

Capital receipts for the period amounted to €72.0m with capital payments of €146.6m. Loan Charges of €23m were paid re Dec 2007 while loan redemptions of €56m were paid to cover delayed redemptions from October ,November and Dec 2007.



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