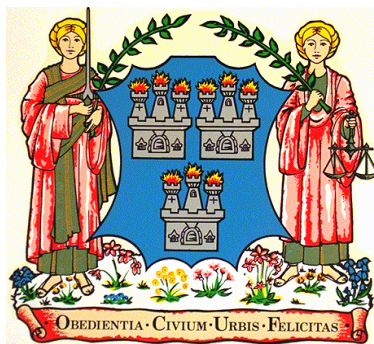


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniúl Míósúil a tionóladh ar 6 Nollag 2010 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

I Láthair an tArdmheara, An Comhairleoir Gerry Breen sa chathaoir.

Comhairleoir:

Paddy Bourke
Tom Brabazon
Christy Burke
Clare Byrne
Julia Carmichael
Aine Clancy
Joan Collins
Emer Costello
Pat Crimmins
Dessie Ellis
Declan Flanagan
Mannix Flynn
Killian Forde
Mary Freehill

Comhairleoir:

Deirdre Heney
Kevin Humphreys
Vincent Jackson
Dermot Lacey
John Lyons
Ray MacAdam
Paul McAuliffe
Ruairí McGinley
Séamas McGrattan
Marie Metcalfe
Louise Minihan
Andrew Montague
Rebecca Moynihan
Eoghan Murphy
Criona Ní Dhálaigh

Comhairleoir

Catherine Noone
Jim O'Callaghan
Aodhán Ó Ríordáin
Damian O'Farrell
Naoise O Muirí
Claire O'Regan
Mary O'Shea
Larry O'Toole
Maria Parodi
Cieran Perry
John Redmond
Nial Ring
Brid Smith
Bill Tormey
Edie Wynne

Oifigigh

John Tierney
Philip Maguire
Kathy Quinn
Michael Phillips

Michael Stubbs
Seamus Lyons
Vincent Norton
Terence O'Keeffe

Mary Pyne
Peter Finnegan
Carmel Walsh
Oonagh Casey

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by inviting Councillor V Jackson to propose that a reception be held to honour Ms Mary Byrne from Ballyfermot for her success in the X-Factor. Councillor Jackson said that Mary had made Ballyfermot and indeed the whole country proud and that a gathering of the local community would be a fitting tribute. Councillor C Burke seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

The Lord Mayor then called on Councillor M Freehill to join him in extending an invitation to Aung San Suu Kyi to come to Dublin to sign the Roll of Honour as she was awarded the Freedom of the City in 1999 during the mayoralty of Councillor Freehill but was unable to travel to Dublin as she was under house arrest. This invitation received the enthusiastic support of the City Council.

The City Council agreed to take the following motion on the same subject, submitted by Councillor A O'Riordan and standing at Item No 50 on the Agenda Paper That the Lord Mayor will facilitate, in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs, a

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visit from Freeman Aung San Suu Kyi to Dublin in order for her to sign the City's Roll of Honour in accordance with her wishes and in a manner appropriate to the unstable Burmese political climate.

The Lord Mayor then congratulated Mr Michael Phillips, Director of Traffic & City Engineer, and his team and all who were involved in the Samuel Beckett Bridge Project which recently won the Engineering Project of the Year in the 2010 Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards.

The City Manager then gave an update on the roads and water situation during the current severe weather. He thanked the Director of Traffic and his staff for the commitment shown in such harsh conditions, saying it was a magnificent achievement to keep so many roads open in such challenging conditions. He stated that there were places for all homeless people but that a few did not avail of the accommodation offered. He said the Government had indicated that it would reimburse the cost of the operation in relation to gritting and salting of roads. He said there was now an increased demand for water which was not sustainable. He said there would inevitably be water restrictions and that he would brief the Members on the situation on Tuesday, 7th December.

Many Members spoke on the subject of the weather, all of them complimenting the management for their excellent response to the situation and being particularly high in their praise of the Dublin City Council employees for the tremendous effort they made to keep the city open. Residents and local communities were also commended for their efforts in clearing footpaths and helping out neighbours.

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 — It was moved by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 137 questions lodged for the City Council meeting of the were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Submitted Letter dated 27th October 2010 from Waterford City Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their October Meeting, regarding the National Minimum Wage. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
4. Submitted Letter dated 1st November 2010 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at a recent meeting: “That Donegal County Council opposes the Government’s introduction of a Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy on electricity bills that will increase the cost of electricity to householders and businesses by an average of 5%”. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Letter dated 1st November 2010 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at a recent meeting, calling on the Government and HSE to make Alzheimers and other forms of Dementia a National Health Priority and to meet the growing needs of families affected by dementia. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

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6. Submitted Letter dated 2nd November 2010 from New Ross Town Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their October Meeting calling on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to implement a scheme of free radon tests in areas of high risk – as recommended by the RPI – and that a grant system for remediation works be likewise put in place. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
7. Submitted Letter dated 4th November 2010 from Monaghan Town Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their October Meeting calling on the Government to address the plight of the self-employed, who now find themselves unemployed, to access welfare assistance more speedily. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Letter dated 9th November 2010 from Carrick on Suir Town Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their November Meeting: “That Carrick on Suir Town Council would request a review of the powers of HIQA (Health Information and Quality Authority) in the ability of its inspectorate team to decide the appropriate/inappropriate care needs of people requiring care in nursing homes and other residential settings and the fact that there is no place in current nursing home legislation to the right of redress by care providers following publication of their findings”. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
9. Submitted Letter dated 10th November 2010 from Fingal County Council conveying the terms of two motions agreed at their November Meeting: (a) calling for the retention of the Dublin Fire Brigade Swords Emergency Ambulance Service as a vital service that covers Swords and the North County and calls on the Manager of Fingal County Council to make the strongest possible representations to the HSE and Dublin City Council to ensure this vital service is retained; (b) calls on the County Manager to organise discussions with the HSE and Dublin Fire Brigade to deal with the proposed withdrawal of ambulance cover for Swords and other areas of Fingal. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
10. Submitted Letter dated 24th November 2010 from North Tipperary County Council with regard to a motion agreed and referred from November Meeting of Dublin City Council to all local authorities, requesting the Oireachtas to introduce regulations on the “Cash for Gold” business, members endorsed this motion at their November Meeting. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
11. Submitted Letter dated 25th November 2010 from Monaghan Town Council conveying the terms of a motion from their November Meeting calling on the Government to increase the fuel allowance. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

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12. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 1st November 2010 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
13. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor R Mc Ginley and seconded by Councillor M Metcalfe "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.
14. Submitted Report of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8 : Report No. 391/2010: Proposal by the Roads & Traffic Planning Department for a revised access to be provided to Balcurris Gardens from Balcurris Road, which will be realigned and extended to meet Balbutcher Lane North. It was moved by Councillor D Ellis and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 391/2010 and hereby approves the contents thereof". The motion was put and carried.
15. Submitted Report of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8 : Report No. 399/2010: Demolition by Dublin City Council of five blocks of flats Numbers 33 to 112 at O'Devaney Gardens, Dublin 7. It was moved by Councillor E Costello and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 399/2010 and hereby approves the contents thereof". The motion was put and carried.
16. Submitted Report of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8 :Report No. 400/2010: Demolition of Numbers 61 – 108 inclusive, Dominick Street Lower, Dublin 1 being the two remaining flat blocks on the east side of Dominick Street. It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor M Metcalfe "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 400/2010 and hereby approves the contents thereof". The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No. 393/2010 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – Proposal to provide for a long-term expansion of the dublinbikes Scheme. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor A O'Riordan "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 393/2010 and hereby adopts "The dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework 2011 – 2016" The motion was put and carried.
18. The Lord Mayor vacated the Chair at 8.16pm at which time it was taken by the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor E Wynne. The Lord Mayor resumed the chair at 8.30pm and thanked Councillor Wynne for deputising for him.
19. Submitted Report No. 402/2010 of the Chairperson of the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Andrew Montague*) – With Reference to Draft Bye-Laws entitled "Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2010" and proposal to initiate public consultation of Draft Bye-Laws entitled "Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2011. It was moved by Councillor E Costello and seconded by Councillor D Lacey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of

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Report No 402/2010 and hereby resolves to make Bye-Laws entitled “Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2010” as outlined in the report and to initiate the public consultation process in relation to Draft Bye-Laws entitled “Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2011”. The motion was put and carried.

20. Submitted Report No. 409/2010 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) – Local Government Act 2001, Section 85 Agreement with South Dublin County Council to carry out statutory Food Safety Functions. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 409/2010 and hereby approves the Agreement with South Dublin County Council to carry out statutory Food Safety Functions under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001” The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 403/2010 of the Assistant City Manager (*S. Lyons*) – Draft Dublin City Sustainable Energy Action Plan 2010 – 2020. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 403/2010 and hereby adopts the Dublin City Sustainable Energy Action Plan 2010 – 2020” The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No. 405/2010 of the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (*Cllr. Andrew Montague*) – With reference to proposal to make Bye-Laws entitled Dublin City Council Control of Horse Drawn Carriages Bye-Laws 2011. It was moved by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 405/2010 and hereby resolves to make Bye-Laws entitled ‘Dublin City Council Control of Horse Drawn Carriages Bye-Laws 2011’ as outlined in the report” The motion was put and carried.

The City Council agreed to take the following motion on the same subject submitted in the name of Councillor E Costello and standing in her name at Item No 45 on the Agenda Paper “That the City Manager provide a full report in relation to bye-laws regarding the operation of Jarveys in the City Centre and to address the issue of licenses, the number of ranks, driver badges/identification, insurance requirements and the requirement for "dung bags", and to state when review of the bye-laws will be carried out by the Strategic Policy Committee” Councillor Costello requested that a report be sent to her on the motion.

23. As it was then past 9pm, the City Council agreed to the Lord Mayor’s proposal that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the meeting to take the next item on the agenda instead of proceeding to motions.
24. Submitted Report No. 434/2010 of the Executive Manager (*P. Finnegan*) – Proposed Twinning with Beijing. During the discussion of this report, some Members expressed reservations about the human rights record of the Chinese Government while others welcome the initiative as a means of promoting trade with China .Two amendments were put forward but one was ruled out of order. At the request of 5 members of the City Council, a roll call vote was held on the 2nd Amendment proposed by Councillor M Freehill and seconded by Councillor P Bourke.

The following Members voted in favour of the motion (2nd Amendment) :- ,

Lord Mayor G Breen	Edie Wynne	Eoghan Murphy	Paddy Bourke
Emer Costello	Dermot Lacey	Pat Crimmins	Mary O’Shea

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Declan Flanagan	Christy Burke	John Lyons	Clare Byrne
Ray MacAdam	Mannix Flynn	Julia Carmichael	Paul McAuliffe
John Redmond	Ruairí McGinley	Mary Freehill	Nial Ring
Deirdre Heney	Catherine Noone	Bill Tormey	Kevin Humphreys
Jim O'Callaghan	Damian O'Farrell	Naoise O'Muire	Vincent Jackson

The following Members voted against the motion :-

Joan Collins	Dessie Ellis	Séamas McGrattan	Cieran Perry
Larry O'Toole	Louise Minihan	Claire O'Regan	Aodhán Ó Ríordáin
Andrew Montague	Brid Smith	Maria Parodi	Críona Ní Dhálaigh

As the amendment was then declared to be accepted, the amended substantive motion was put. It was proposed by Lord Mayor G Breen and seconded by Councillor P Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report 434/2010 and hereby approves the twinning of Dublin with Beijing and further agrees that an all party group, within the context of the international committee, be established to work out the details and programme for the practical aspects of twinning of Dublin and Beijing".

At the request of 5 members of the City Council, a roll call vote was held on this motion.

The following Members voted in favour of the amended substantive motion :- ,

Lord Mayor G Breen	Eddie Wynne	Eoghan Murphy	Paddy Bourke
Vincent Jackson	Damian O'Farrell	Pat Crimmins	Mary O'Shea
Declan Flanagan	Christy Burke	John Lyons	Clare Byrne
Ray MacAdam	Mannix Flynn	Julia Carmichael	Paul McAuliffe
John Redmond	Ruairí McGinley	Mary Freehill	Nial Ring
Deirdre Heney	Catherine Noone	Bill Tormey	Naoise O'Muire
Jim O'Callaghan			

The following Members voted against the motion :-

Joan Collins	Dessie Ellis	Séamas McGrattan	Cieran Perry
Larry O'Toole	Louise Minihan	Claire O'Regan	Aodhán Ó Ríordáin
Andrew Montague	Brid Smith	Maria Parodi	Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Kevin Humphreys	Dermot Lacey		

Councillor Emer Costello abstained. The motion was declared to be carried.

25. The City Council agreed to refer the following motion, standing in the name of Councillor P McAuliffe at Item No 43 on the Agenda Paper, to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee for consideration “ In conjunction with the celebrations which will take place between 2013 and 2016 for significant historic events in Dublin, Dublin City Council supports the creation of a ‘Freedom Trail’ - a trail, similar to the Freedom Trail in Boston, around Dublin City Centre passing the main sites that are associated with the 1916 Easter Rising, the 1913 lock-out and Irish involvement in the first World War. The Boston Freedom Trail is a 2.5 mile red brick, painted path from Boston Common to Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown with simple ground markers, graveyards, notable churches and other buildings, along the way. The Irish Freedom Trail would similarly be a green brick, painted path passing by buildings such as the GPO, Liberty Hall, Dublin City Hall, and St. Stephen’s Green etc, which were all involved in the 1916 Easter Rising. Locations such as Wynn’s Hotel, where the Volunteers were founded, which are associated with the build up to the Rising could be included in the trail. The trail may also include important locations associated with the 1913 Lock-Out and the First World War. While there are currently proposals for building markers for locations associated with the Rising, a trail marked on the pavement would serve as a physical reminder on the street of the Capital. It would create employment for those in the tourism industry and improve the visitors’ experience making it easy to navigate the way to important buildings or locations associated with the 1916 Rising and the other tumultuous events of that decade”

The meeting concluded at 10pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 10th January 2011.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2010

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 06th DECEMBER 2010

Q1. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to set out the cost of the Traveller Accommodation programme for Dublin City for 2009 and 2010 year to date.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Capital Allocation for the Traveller Accommodation Programme for both 2009 and 2010 was €3m for each year.

It is not possible to definitively state what the Capital outturn for 2010 will be. City Council officials recently met the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government (DEHLG) and outlined recoupment proposals for a number of Capital Schemes on a citywide basis. The final outturn can only be determined when decisions are made on these proposals and formal capital recoupment claims made to DOEHLG.

Q2. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to set out the closure date of Arthurstown landfill facility, the total rehabilitation costs and the number of years over which these costs will be incurred.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The closure date for the Arthurstown Landfill facility is December 21st 2010. The cost of rehabilitation will be borne by the three Local Authorities involved - Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The rehabilitation works will be carried out over a number of years. The duration and cost of the programme will be dictated by site conditions such as quantities of gas and leachate being produced as well as ongoing EPA requirements. It is expected that the rehabilitation will cost a minimum of €30m over a 30 year period from 2011. However recent indications from the EPA have indicated that the period may be extended as far as 50 years from 2011. In addition to the above, expenditure of circa €10m will be incurred by the 3 local authorities over the next 2 to 3 years for capping of the facility. Funding for the capping will be provided by raising of loans. The duration of the loans is presently being considered having regard to the resources available.

Q3. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will check all the shores and public lighting at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The gullies at **(details supplied)** were checked on the 18th November 2010. 26 out of 26 gullies were cleaned.

A night inspection was carried out here on the 18th November 2010 and all public lighting standards were found to be operating.

Q4. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council's Traffic Department would arrange to install a yellow box at the entrance to, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q5. **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will provide hot meals and blankets for people sleeping rough on the streets of Dublin this winter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Building on previous partnership responses in providing emergency provision for people who are rough sleeping in Dublin city, a Cold Weather Initiative (CWI) was put in place on November 5th 2010. This year, the CWI is an interagency collaboration involving the Homeless Agency, Dublin City Council, Crosscare and the outreach services provided by Dublin Simon and Focus Ireland.

This Initiative is based on the following two principles:

1. Provision of a harm reduction approach to people who are rough sleeping, who may not be in regular contact with homeless emergency accommodation providers and who may be resistant in coming in from the streets during the cold weather period.
2. Ensure a collaborative and coordinated response to managing presentations of homelessness to existing emergency service providers and the dedicated CWI service with specific emphasis on an 'assertive' outreach approach.

The below is an overview on the current situation (today Tuesday November 30th) in relation to access and capacity of homeless services:-

- We are **strictly** monitoring rough sleeping through the Outreach Steering Group/Operational Group (working group structure in place to coordinate outreach/monitor rough sleeping) **on a daily basis** to ensure that we have sufficient capacity in emergency accommodation - we currently have sufficient capacity in homeless services and have a number of measures in place to ensure that we will have additional temporary capacity if necessary.
- The Outreach Teams are **working very assertively** to get people off the streets that are rough sleeping, particularly those who are resistant to using homeless services.
- Focus Ireland Coffee Shop on Eustace Street has been extended as part of the reconfiguration of their service to 9pm and access times for emergency accommodation services have been extended where necessary.
- Hot meals are available through day services and also a number of soup runs that are actively operating on a daily basis in the city.
- The Outreach Teams and Soup Runs would distribute sleeping bags on a daily basis, but the intention here would be to encourage all individuals who are rough sleeping to avail of accommodation during the cold weather.

Q6. **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council or the Gardaí monitor the two CCTV'S at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are five fixed cameras at the location in question, each of which is on automatic digital record. When and if an incident is reported authorised City Council personnel and the Garda authorities can access relevant recordings.

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Q7. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the Plaque stating the name of the Swimming Pool in Ballyfermot as Sean Dunne Pool to be replaced as soon as possible.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter is currently being discussed with the Councillor.

Q8. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the insulation of attic etc. of house, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The insulation of an attic is not part of the maintenance programme. It is the responsibility of the tenant. The Maintenance Section will not, therefore, be carrying out this work.

Q9. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to look at the placing of railings on the wall at the side of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I refer to a reply given to the Councillor at the November meeting of the North West Area Committee on behalf of a resident who lives on the opposite side of this wall. Similarly with this request Dublin City Council does not have a funding stream available currently for this type of work.

Q10. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs to path facing, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The repairs at this location will be carried out within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Q11. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS

To ask the City Manager to arrange for an area outside, **(details supplied)**, to be tarmacadamed where a tree once was.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The repairs at the location will be carried out within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Q12. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to ensure that residents at The Oaks Apartments, Clonshaugh Woods, Dublin 17, will not be without a water supply, due to low pressure, at weekends.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Readings taken along Clonshaugh Road averaged 16m head at weekends. This is above the minimum target pressure. An inspection of the internal plumbing and water supply arrangements within the complex is organised between Dublin City Council Water Division and the management company to take place over the following week.

Q13. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the City Manager to reply to the following, **(details supplied)**.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

2 of 2 gullies were cleaned at, **(details supplied)**, Crescent at the Dart Station on 24/11/2010.

A new gully is required at this location. Road Maintenance services will consider this location for inclusion in the 2011 Major Works Programme. Project selection will be dependent on budgetary restrictions.

Q14. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the City Manager to have the front door replaced at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that a new front door has been fitted to this dwelling.

Q15. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the Manager for locations of all mobile phone masts or ariels in the Ringsend area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

For information on the actual location of masts in place, it might be more useful to contact ComReg who are responsible for regulation and monitoring of mobile phone masts. The ComReg website provides a useful site-viewer which shows on a map the location of these structures; at present it shows 7 masts in the Ringsend Area.

Q16. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE

Will the Manager agree to have his inspector investigate the trees which are requiring pruning or even replacement with smaller trees at, **(details supplied)**. With the current winters we are experiencing the residents are afraid that the trees will cause injury or damage and will he make a statement on this request.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

These four mature trees contribute significantly to the visual amenity value of the street. They are in good condition and do not require pruning at this stage.

Q17. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to arrange for remedial works to be carried out at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer confirms that a call was made to this tenant, however access could not be gained. A card was left with details for the tenant to contact the area depot. When contact is made, arrangements will be made with the tenant to investigate the report of dampness in their dwelling.

Q18. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to advise when following vacant houses will be brought back into stock, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q19. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager and water services section to URGENTLY support this family with high lead levels, **(details supplied)**. High level results of 50 ug/L which is serious. Can the Council put in proper non-lead pipes as a priority please?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Water Division replaced its part of the supply pipe to the above house on the 18th October 2010. The replacement of the remaining section within the private property is the responsibility of the householder.

Q20. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the overgrown tree at, **(details supplied)**, cut down in the interest of safety. Will the Manager agree that as the tree in question was planted long before the current tenant moved in, they cannot be held accountable for the cost of its removal.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Team Leader from our northside mobile cleaning crew called to this dwelling to inspect the tree. The tenant was informed that we will prune the tree; however we do not have the equipment to remove it completely. The tenant refused the offer of pruning.

The Housing Maintenance Division is not in a position to have it removed completely. If the tenant wishes for the tree to be pruned, they can contact this office, and arrangements will be made to have this work carried out.

Q21. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he could outline any circumstances in which non Councillors and non staff of Dublin City Council are paid a fee or any other form of financial reimbursement for serving on any Task Force, Committee, Board or any other body established or part established by Dublin City Council to undertake functions on behalf of the Council or in Partnership with the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Planning and Development Department are responsible for the Urban Advisory Panel which is a panel of Irish and International experts in the areas of urban design, culture, architecture, planning, economics and social development. The panel members are paid a fee up to €2,000 per meeting at which they advise the City Council, and provide us with the benefit of their experience, on significant projects and proposals. A maximum of 4 meetings are held per year.

From 2011 the Advisory Panel will be stood down. Advice on the matters referred to will be sought through a variety of networks and events organised by the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Dublin City Council, in association with Dublin County Councils, has established an Advisory Panel for the World Design Capital project. Of the 12 members, 4 members are based abroad. We will be organizing two meetings of the Advisory Panel in the New Year and will be reimbursing travel and accommodation expenses of these 4 members.

Independent chairpersons of Urban Regeneration Boards are paid a stipend to meet the cost of their expenses and outgoings in relation to these boards. The stipend is paid on request and is not vouched. In some cases the amount is claimed but is made payable to a charity or not for profit organisation.

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Dublin City Council is the sole shareholder in Temple Bar Cultural Trust. A number of Directors on this board who are neither Council officials nor City Councillors are paid a modest honorarium for the benefit of their expertise on this board. The chair of BRL is paid a fee for his services to the board.

Q22. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he yet had any contact with the Efficiency Review Group established by the Minister to consider the finances of Dublin City Council, the nature of that contact and to issue a report on the general matter of this question.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I understand the first meeting of the Independent Group is likely to be held in the first week in December. Subsequent to this and in accordance with the terms of reference (circulated to Elected Members at the November Meeting), there will be engagement with the City Council.

Q23. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager to arrange to have the uneven surface on the footpath outside, **(details supplied)**, resurfaced following a fall by the resident of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Roads Maintenance Services has inspected the footpath at this location and finds the path to be in a reasonable condition and therefore not requiring a repair.

Q24. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager what funding is available for buy-backs in the Dublin Central Area and how many units are currently being invested in for buy backs.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The programme for the purchase of houses on the private market is subject to a number of criteria that have been determined by the Housing Social & Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (S.P.C.). The main provisions of this policy include:

- House purchases are spread throughout the city as far as possible.
- On roads with 40 houses or less, no more than 20% will be purchased and on roads with more than 40 houses no more than 15% will be purchased by Dublin City Council.
- Dublin City Council does not purchase at all in areas where to do so would exacerbate existing social imbalance.
- Dublin City Council does not purchase houses that require excessive repairs or with unauthorised or substandard extensions.

To date in 2010 seventy four units have been acquired under this Programme throughout the City. An additional nine transactions are scheduled to legally close during the next fortnight and contracts have been signed in respect of a further seven units.

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Funding for the House Purchase Programme is received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government as part of the Social Housing Investment Programme. Funding is available within our 2010 Social Housing Investment Programme allocation to purchase these units. The cost of units purchased to date in 2010 is €15.49m.

Q25. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager about the condition of the property at, **(details supplied)**, which is unused and a venue for anti-social behaviour.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There has been no change in the condition of this property since the previous inspection by the Derelict Sites Section. All openings are secure and it is not derelict within the meaning of the Derelict Sites Act. However, the presence of dumping has been observed and this matter has been referred to Waste Management.

Q26. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager to investigate the current state of the supply of water at, **(details supplied)**, why this is a recurring problem for the residents to have no water and the current steps to address the problem.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that maintenance work is being carried out to the pumps at this location this week. This should alleviate the problems being experienced by the residents.

Q27. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager to investigate the following issue as raised by this resident, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Housing Aid for the Older Person's Grant scheme is available to private homeowners where everyone in the household is over 60 years living in poor housing conditions. The types of work grant-aided under the scheme includes re-roofing, re-wiring, the provision of central heating (where none exists) and the replacement of a boiler when broken beyond repair.

Q28. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager to investigate the following issue as raised by this resident, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The clocks controlling the public lighting standards on, **(details supplied)**, have been adjusted.

Q29. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager to arrange to have the centrepiece shrubs/trees in the planters at, **(details supplied)**, replaced as they died during the severe winter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parks and Landscape Services Division have had discussions with the local residents with a view to agreeing an acceptable arrangement regarding the above.

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Q30. **COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the City Manager to state report when, **(details supplied)**, will move from its current location and to carry out a full investigation into complaints by local residents in relation to, **(details supplied)**, and to agree to close the centre at night as its activities are not compatible with the residential area:

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q31. **COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin Bus have a licence to use, **(details supplied)**, as a Bus Terminus and to investigate Dublin Bus's newly started activities where buses are reported to be revving engines all day and night and causing high levels of noise pollution and to state what action he can take to deal with this.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin Bus does not require a licence from Dublin City Council to use a section of carriageway as a bus terminal/stop. Under Section 85 of the Roads Act 1961, the Garda Commissioner has the powers to introduce a bus stop on a public road in consultation with a bus operator.

The matter of the noise pollution has been referred to the Environmental Health Officer for examination as to whether mechanically propelled transport vehicles are subject to any legislation in this regard.

Q32. **COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the City Manager to examine the feasibility of converting, **(details supplied)**, to a pedestrian only street, repair the cobbles and improve the lighting to prevent anti social behaviour.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Public Lighting Services have investigated the lighting here and consider the lighting levels to be to an acceptable standard. There are no plans at present for any further improvements.

Closing of roads to through traffic, rather than preventing anti social behaviour, can exacerbate the problem, as it removes the effect of disturbance and passive surveillance of such activities by motorists passing through the area.

Roads Maintenance has inspected this lane and notes that there is an amount of subsidence from heavy goods vehicles delivering to the local area. This item will be added to the Northside Works Depot List and will be carried out in the New Year, finance permitting.

Q33. **COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Manager if Dublin City Council is operating the Choice Based Letting Schemes and if not is it being considered.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council do not operate a choice based Letting system although there are some elements of choice incorporated in the Scheme of Letting Priorities, e.g. local area preference points and the option to choose three different housing areas, option to choose older persons accommodation if eligible etc.. The current system used by the City Council is allocation of accommodation to those determined to have the highest need and also takes into account priority cases, e.g. medical, welfare and

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homelessness. The making of the Scheme of Letting Priorities is a reserved function of the City Council and the current scheme was discussed and agreed by the SPC prior to ratification by the full Council. The Scheme came into effect in February 2010.

The choice based system of lettings was looked at a few years ago and it was recognised that this system does have some merits. However, it was also recognised that the allocation of social housing does have to take into account applicants' housing need and the current Scheme of Letting Priorities is a proven system in that regard. It should also be noted that the Scheme has been amended on several occasions over the years due to changing socio economic factors in society and where it was considered appropriate to make the required amendments.

As the current Scheme is relatively recent, amendments should not be necessary at this time. However, in the future if it becomes apparent that further alterations or adjustments should be considered or that issues are identified with the current Scheme, the City Council will engage in consultation with the elected Members. Any future Allocation Scheme will be required to be in accordance with the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2009 and any regulations made by the Minister under this Act. Any further consideration of utilising a Choice based system or incorporating some such aspects into a Revised System of Allocation would need further research into the suitability of such a scheme within the Dublin City Council area. As the making of such a Scheme remains a reserved function of the City Council, the elected members would, of course, be involved in any such process.

Q34. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the City Manager to state the number of people currently in training for Dublin Fire Brigade; the date of the last graduation and the number of Firefighters who actually graduated; the current stage with regards to the Refurbishment of Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre, Dublin 3; if there are plans for a recruitment drive for Dublin Fire Brigade in 2011 or 2012; the number of requests currently with the DOEHLG for additional resources, appliances or equipment. Can the Manager also state the number of times the following appliances: The Rescue Tenders, Hydraulic Platforms, Turntable ladders Appliances, Foam Tenders and the Chemical Incident Unit Appliances were called out to incidents in September, October, November and to date in December 2010.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade has on average 35 personnel training (9 staff approx. from each of the four Watch's) in the training centre on a weekly basis. In addition to this on station training is carried out on a daily basis. Thirty Fire Fighters graduated on 18th November 2009. There is no provision in the 2011 budget for a new recruit class. However, this will be re-examined again in 2011, when the 2012 budget is being formulated. Phase 3 of the refurbishment of the Fire Brigade Training Centre has commenced, which includes new shower areas, changing areas and dining facilities. Seven requests were made in November to the DOEHLG for capital funding for Fire Brigade Training Centre, Tallaght Fire Station, Dolphins Barn Fire Station, and balance of monies due on two Class B Fire Appliances.

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Appliance Type	September	October	November (up to 25th)	Total to 25th Nov2010
Emergency Tender*	147	158	128	1,381
Emergency Tender*	130	143	138	1,453
Turn Table Ladder 1	100	117	99	1,112
Turn Table Ladder 2	4	10	1	72
Hydraulic Platform	44	43	25	441
Foam Tender	1	4	4	19
Chemical Incident Unit	1	2	2	16

**Please note there are 2 Emergency Tenders*

Q35. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY

To ask the Manager to arrange to remove the leaves and clear the gullies at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have arranged to remove the leaves at, **(details supplied)**, as soon as the snow has cleared.

Two gullies outside, **(details supplied)**, were cleaned on 30/11/2010.

Q36. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

Can the Manager advise if there was a tender put in place for the repair work on the footbridge in Fairview? Also can the Manager please provide a breakdown of the quotations and an estimated time for completion of the work on the bridge?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is planned to carry out the refurbishment of the Fairview footbridge next summer when traffic volumes are light. The work will take about two months. Tender documents will be prepared and correct procurement procedures will be followed in the awarding of a contract for the refurbishment work.

Q37. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

Can the Manager request that the Traffic Department investigate, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following a recent site visit to, **(details supplied)**, to investigate parking problems on the road, it was noted that there are many driveways on, **(details supplied)**. It is illegal to park blocking a driveway except with the permission of the resident. It is also illegal to obstruct access to emergency vehicles. There are double yellow lines

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and single yellow lines at various locations on, **(details supplied)**. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to the local Gardaí or Dublin City Council's Parking Enforcement Section on (01) 602 2500.

Q38. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

Can the Manager request that the Drainage Department issue a report on the drainage in Tara Lawns, Donaghmede which was fixed less than a year ago is now flooding again.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Within the next 2 weeks the Drainage Division are laying a section of pipes in this area to alleviate any flooding.

8 of 8 gullies were cleaned in Tara Lawns on 30/11/10.

Q39. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

Can the Manager request that the Roads Maintenance Department fix trip hazards between 550 – 552 and 562 – 564 Howth Road, Raheny.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Division will include this location in the inspection for the 2011 Works Programme. Works selection is based on funding availability and footpath condition.

Q40. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will respond to any further maintenance complaints received from this dwelling, including heating complaints.

Q41. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the Manager for a full report in relation to the operations of Marine Terminal Ltd. and on the effects it is having on residents in Coastguard Cottages and that report covers measures that the Environmental Health Officer is taking to ensure that noise levels are illuminated or reduced, that minutes or notes are made available to this Councillor and residents in relation to a meeting held on the 9th November with Dublin Port Co.

That the EHO ensures that noise monitoring takes place when berths 42, 43 and 44 are in operation. Sunday night seems to be the worst night for noise and a full report is made available.

Planning Enforcement on Marine Terminal; can a full report be made available in relation to complaints made of intensification of use and what progress has been made.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This Section initially received a complaint from a resident of the Pigeon House Road area on the 28th July 2003 that the activities of Dublin Port were causing a noise nuisance.

Extensive monitoring was carried out between the 6th August 2003 and the 29th January 2004 and it was determined that the noise did not constitute a noise nuisance under the terms of internationally accepted criteria.

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As no noise nuisance was determined it was not envisaged that any enforcement action could be successfully prosecuted under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992. In the interim period no further complaints were received.

In October of 2010 a further complaint was received from a resident of Coastguard Station on Pigeon House Road that the activities of Dublin Port were causing a noise nuisance. Following on from this complaint a meeting was held on the 9th November 2010 between Mr. Charlie Murphy of Dublin Port and Mr. Paul Rutherford of The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Section of Dublin City Council. The measures undertaken by Marine Terminal Limited to reduce noise levels were discussed and Mr. Rutherford asked that those measures should be forwarded in writing to Dublin City Council. The file notes completed by Mr. Rutherford after the meeting and a copy of the report forwarded by Mr. Murphy to Mr. Rutherford have been posted to Councillor Humphreys at his home address.

Mr. Rutherford asked Mr. Murphy to determine when next terminals 42, 43 and 44 are in operation at the same time and monitoring will be carried out on that occasion to determine a noise nuisance.

Q42. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the Manager can the footpath at, **(details supplied)**, be repaired and to ensure that the new dust bin recently installed on, **(details supplied)**, is emptied on a regular basis.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The footpath on, **(details supplied)**, will be examined and any remedial works programmed once the current snowfall has melted and the pavement can be more easily seen and assessed.

Waste Management Services will ensure that the new litter bin on, **(details supplied)**, is emptied on a regular basis.

Q43. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS

To ask the Manager for an update on the upgrading of Glover's Court Flats and has a decision been made on start date.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DOEHLG) has requested that cost reductions in the region of 25% should be made to the proposal to upgrade Glover's Court Flats.

The City Architects and the Quantity Surveying Division have been exploring different options to achieve this cost reduction. A revised scheme and costings will be submitted to the Department by 3rd December 2010 with a view to holding a meeting with the Department Inspectorate in the week beginning 13th December 2010.

It is not possible to give a start date until a final approval has been received from the DOEHLG.

Q44. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY

Could the Manager please resolve the following issue, **(details supplied)**.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Office has written to Smart Telecom with the Councillor's concerns. Once a reply is received we will report directly to the Councillor.

Q45. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY

Could the Manager please provide a full report on the following planning application, **(details supplied)**. Could the Manager clarify why an extra burden is being placed on the applicants in this situation as it is a standard planning application.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q46. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY

Could the Manager provide a report on the following issue, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q47. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY

Could the Manager please have the graffiti at the following locations removed immediately, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to have the graffiti removed at these locations.

Q48. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager and the Planning Department to support these two people, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The individuals mentioned in, **(details supplied)**, can contact the Senior Executive Planner for the Area, Diarmuid Murphy (tel: 222 3501 or email diarmuid.murphy@dublincity.ie) with a view to discussing the matters of concern.

Q49. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager to provide a full report on the following matter please **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services carried out a search of work records for this location. No works records were found for this location from 2004.

Q50. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager and Council to upgrade and repair the footpaths (including providing footpath dips for the elderly and/or disabled in the, **(details supplied)**, area please? Also, specifically there were footpath dips promised to residents at the junction of, **(details supplied)**, and I request that these be completed a.s.a.p. please.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance will include this location in the inspection for the 2011 Works Programme. Works selection is based on funding availability and footpath condition.

Road Maintenance has no record of any commitment to provide dishings at this location.

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Q51. **COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY**

To ask the City Manager what quantitative information is available on the economic impact of Busgate on City Centre Business.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Economic Impact of the College Green Bus corridor was dealt with in a report to the Transportation & Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (S.P.C.) in September of this year. This report was then accepted by the full City Council at the October meeting. The Breviate of the meeting is as follows:

“College Green Bus Corridor Economic Assessment.

The Members discussed the economic assessment report in detail. Mr B. O'Brien, Head of Technical Services, responded to issues raised. Cllr M. Fitzpatrick said it was important to note the statement in the report's conclusions that it is impossible to determine the specific economic impact the Bus Corridor has had or will have on retailing in the region in the absence of detailed transactional data. In that absence it was an impossibility to get conclusions or answers to the questions being asked.”

A copy of the report issued to the meeting will be forwarded to the Councillor

Q52. **COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY**

To ask the City Manager could the City Manager set up a task force to spearhead a new beginning to the development of Finglas Village.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A presentation on a review of the Finglas Village Regeneration Strategy 2005 was made by the Area Planner at the June meeting of the North West Area Committee. It was agreed at that meeting that short, medium and long term goals be identified that could afford an opportunity to improve the general environs of the village, whilst being mindful of the difficult economic climate, the fact that a large percentage of property in the village is in private ownership and to give guidance to any potential developer in the context of the new City Development Plan. A commitment was given at the June meeting that a further report would be brought back to the Area Committee in early 2011.

Following discussions between the area office and Planning Department, we have decided to proceed on the basis of developing a Public Realm Plan for Finglas Village as a priority, rather than undertaking a complete review of the Finglas Regeneration Strategy at this juncture. It is also agreed, in order to formulate a way forward, that various departments within Dublin City Council meet to determine possible short and medium term options, delivery of which is within the capacity of Dublin City Council, and so produce a work plan to improve the public domain in Finglas Village. Separately but parallel to this, the Planning Department can develop guidance criteria for the benefit of any private developer who may have an interest in pursuing re-development opportunities in the environs of the Village in the context of the revised City Development Plan and any Local Area Planning Requirements.

A number of meetings have taken place and a further series of meetings are planned with a view to bringing a progress report on the development of a Public Realm Plan for Finglas Village to the North West Area Committee in early 2011. It is envisaged that a working group would be set up to deliver and oversee the implementation of such a plan.

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Q53. **COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY**

To ask the City Manager what is the current status of the Treasury Holdings Ballymun Shopping Centre Project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The heads of agreement were drafted (subject to contract) between DCC/BRL and Treasury Holdings in relation to Ballymun Town Centre; this along with the planning permission attaching to the site cover such issues as site fines, levies, services, infrastructure, accommodation works, design, scale, phasing, timescales and shopping mix/context of centre.

This Draft Agreement however was not executed or turned into a binding contract.

As Councillors may know from media reports Treasury Holdings are now in NAMA discussing a business plan. As far as we are concerned a copy of this plan as it relates to Ballymun Town Centre must be signed off with Dublin City Council. This has not yet occurred. We will keep Councillors advised of any progress in this matter.

Q54. **COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN**

To ask the City Manager since the displacement of a number of local football teams from the playing fields known as Boys Brigade pitches in St Theresa's Gardens, I have been made aware that the land has been rezoned for use as housing development. By what process was this achieved and why were the previous users not informed and also can all relevant documentation on the rezoning process be made available to me.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Some years ago following a lengthy and extensive period of consultation and negotiation all the football teams who used the pitches on the lands known as the Boys Brigade at St Teresa's Gardens were relocated to pitches of their choice in adjoining areas. Accordingly the Council are satisfied that it has more than adequately satisfied the requirements of the former users of this land. The extent of the replacement open space including sports facilities in the St Teresa's Gardens regeneration lands will be decided as part of the regeneration planning process taking account of the needs of the estate and its environs and also taking account of existing provision. The requirements of the Dublin City Development Plan, the Community Charter and the Dolphin Barn's Framework Plan will inform decisions as to the type, extent and location of open space.

Section 5.4.1.3 of the 2006 Dolphin's Barn Framework Plan which addressed the issue of "play" proposed that leisure and recreation facilities would be provided in a new park off Donore Avenue.

The Dublin City Development Plan 2011 to 2017 identifies St Teresa's Garden as a Strategic Development and Regeneration Area with a Land Use Zoning Objective Z14; "To seek the social, economic and physical development and/or rejuvenation of an area with mixed use of which residential and Z6 would be the predominant use. Within this zoning open space is a permissible use".

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In the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 - 2017 Section 16.3.1 SDRA 12 St Teresa's Garden contains the following principle for its redevelopment "A new public park is proposed as a landmark feature and integral part of the Masterplan with passive supervision by residential and other uses. This park will have a comprehensive landscaping strategy to provide significant greenery within the scheme and will make provision for a diverse range of recreational and sporting facilities for use by the wider neighbourhood." The community charter which is informing the work of the STG Regeneration Board is known as "Growing our Future Together". This 2007 document includes the provision of adequate amenities as one of its objectives.

The lands were rezoned from Z1 and Z9 to Z13 by Variation No. 33 which was adopted by the City Council at its meeting on 2nd February 2009. In the Development Plan 2011 to 2017 Z13 zoning was replaced by Z14 zoning. The rezoning of land is a function of the City Councillors and the process by which these particular lands were rezoned was the subject of a statutory process that included publication of notices which explicitly sets out the intention and mechanism for commenting on the process.

Q55. COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager did the original plans for the regeneration of St Theresa's Gardens include the reinstatement of the Boys Brigade pitches? The plans shown to Liam Hicks (Chairman of the Football Club) by DCC Project Office did according to Mr Hicks. What is the current situation regarding the inclusion of playing pitches in plans for future regeneration?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The PPP proposals for St Teresa's Gardens were not sufficiently advanced when the process collapsed for any definite location to have been agreed for open space including playing pitches. However the proper planning and development of such a significant parcel of land will always require that sufficient open space is included in the proposal. The nature and extent of this open space will be determined on the basis of need and existing provision by the Sports and Parks Sections of the Council in conjunction with the Planning Authority and in consultation with the local community. There are ongoing design sub group meetings taking place between the Council's task force and the St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Board.

Q56. COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to confirm who is in ownership of the Boys Brigade pitches in St Theresa's Gardens, and when was that ownership registered with the relevant authority and were any conditions regarding its future use a condition of ownership.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The title documents have been requested from the Muniments Section of the Law Department. Following examination of the documents a report will issue to the Councillor in relation to conditions (if any) contained therein in relation to the future use of the land.

According to the records in the Property Register Section, Dublin City Council acquired this land from Alfred Baldwin on 20/05/76.

This land is registered in Land Registry on Folio No. 150942F since 28/10/06.

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In relation to any conditions regarding its future use there are no specific conditions in the Deed of acquisition. However, the land is subject to covenants & conditions relating to the use and enjoyment of the property contained in 2 Fee Farm Grants dated 1891 & 1895. These would require further investigation by the Law Department. When the investigation is complete we will let the Councillor know the outcome.

Q57. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the City Manager give an update regarding the ongoing internal investigation in DCC regarding the issues concerning the issuing of driving licences.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A staff related confidential report has been forwarded to the Human Resources Department which is dealing with the issue. This report is consequently not available to Councillors. However the Audit Report in relation to procedures and systems in the Motor Tax Offices was presented to the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 18th November 2010.

Q58. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Given that the different areas of Dublin city are under a separate electorate and management, can the City Manager examine the idea of branding or visibly identifying each area with individual logo designs in order to identify the given areas (e.g. Tower Hamlets, Hackney Council London). This would identify the areas and give greater public visibility of the management structure in DCC.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Each of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities has a separate logo and brand. These are clearly visible at the entry point into the Council's area e.g. Welcome to Dublin on the N11 near the Belfield Flyover, Welcome to South Dublin County at the corner of Dodder Park Road and Rathfarnham Road. There are Welcome to Fingal signs on the M3 and M1.

All of the Councils use their brand to advertise their services and to identify such places as Bring Centres, Parks, Libraries etc.

Dublin City Council's logo of the three castles has been used for many years to identify Council services. This logo was refreshed in 2001 when the name was changed from Dublin Corporation to Dublin City Council. Since 2001 the Council has spent a considerable amount of time and money ensuring that the brand for the Council is used correctly and that it is visible on the Council's fleet of vans and trucks, it is visible on buildings, letter heads etc.

It is not considered appropriate to introduce a further brand or logo as this would diminish the strength of the brand. This matter has been extensively researched by the Council and is in line with best practice in brand management throughout the world.

Q59. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the City Manager inquire into the potential of twinning or linking between different areas of Dublin (the urban area) and parts of rural Ireland under the general heading of in partnership with 'the capital city'.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Section 75 of the Local Government Act 2001 provides that

“(1) A local authority may enter into arrangements for the twinning of its administrative area or a part of it or establish other similar links with any other area, whether within or outside the State.

(2) The decision to enter into an arrangement under *subsection (1)* is a reserved function.”

In considering whether or not to enter into a twinning arrangement regard would have to be had to the benefits likely to accrue and the total cost involved. Twinning proposals are considered by the Protocol Committee in the first instance.

Q60. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the City Manager issue a report on the amount of money and grants given to various individuals and organisations throughout the DCC region; these to include community groups, festivals (i.e. Tall Ships Festival) etc etc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The total contributions paid by the Events Unit including our outdoor event programme and Tall Ships, in 2010 is €507,803. Please also see attached documents.

Q61. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to update this Councillor on the following, **(details supplied)**, and also to erect a children at play sign there.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This request will be forwarded to the Traffic Advisory Group (T.A.G.) for their consideration and recommendation. They will respond to the Councillor in due course.

Q62. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Manager what our policy is regarding the following, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q63. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager for an update as to, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q64. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager to have the damaged footpath repaired outside, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Due to the adverse weather conditions Roads Maintenance are unable to inspect the above road to determine its condition. As soon as weather conditions improve, this location will be inspected.

Q65. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager to have the road markings repainted at, **(details supplied)**, as the markings are gone.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Traffic Officer has been requested to inspect and renew the roadmarkings as required.

Q66. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council has received, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q67. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager to state when the following footpath repairs will be undertaken, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is a repair scheduled for 33, **(details supplied)**, Road. This repair will be completed within the coming 8-10 weeks. It is not possible to carry out footpath repairs in the current weather.

Q68. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the following matter, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This office is awaiting quotations for the above works. Upon receipt of same and selection of a bidder, funding will be sought to enable these works to proceed.

Q69. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the following matter, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q70. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the following matter, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services clean, **(details supplied)**, every Friday after the refuse collection has taken place in this area. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this area to see if any improvements can be made.

Q71. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager whether planning permission is required for excessively bright lights in the back gardens of houses on Emorville Road, Dublin 8 and which is a nuisance to some of the residents of Carlisle Street, Dublin 8.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Many households across the city have installed external lights to the rear of their house and/or garden for convenience or for security reasons. Planning permission is not normally required as such works would be considered to be exempt from planning under Section 4(1) (h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as they would not "*materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or neighbouring structures.*"

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Q72. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager whether clinical waste can be removed from outside Nos. 2 and 3 Woodstock Court, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 as soon as possible. This waste is attracting birds and cats and is regularly strewn across the footpath.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Our Housing Caretaking unit for the area called out to these flats. It is their view that a bigger bin should be supplied for the tenant in No. 3, so they can dispose of their waste without it spilling out over the top. The bins currently in use in these flats are the smaller ones. The Project Estate Officer has spoken to the Environmental Liaison Officer for the area, who is making arrangements to have a new larger bin provided for this flat. This should alleviate the problem in the future.

Q73. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager why it is that St. Louis Infant School, Rathmines, Dublin 6 is being questioned about the flag poles being installed on its campus.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A planning application was lodged for the erection of 6 no. 8 metre high flagpoles in the front car park of the St. Louis Infant and Senior Primary School. No information was submitted with the application regarding the purpose of the flagpoles, why 6 are needed or why they need to be 8 metres high. It was considered reasonable to require further information given this lack of support documentation, and having regard to the location of the proposed flagpoles within a conservation area and adjoining protected structures. It should be noted that the further information was submitted on 12th November 2010.

Q74. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager why mature trees were recently removed from Burlington Road, Dublin 4 and why no notice of same was given to residents of Burlington Road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A new Dublin Bus route opened along Burlington Road. A decision had to be made regarding three trees which were a danger to the double decker buses along the route. Three trees were removed and several trees had to be pruned for Health and Safety reasons. The Parks and Landscape Services Division regret that we did not have enough notice to consult with local residents on this occasion.

Q75. **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager the number of applications received by the City Council for Higher Education Grants, the number of grants approved and the number remaining to be processed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The total number of applications received by the closing date of 26th November 2010 under the 2010/2011 scheme is 4,320 (new and renewal applications). All renewal applications have been processed, and over 2,000 of the 2,454 new applications received have been dealt with, (i.e. approved, refused, more information requested etc.) To date, 2,729 of the total number of applications have been approved a grant under this scheme.

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Q76. **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to outline what measures are property owners required to undertake to ensure vacant commercial properties or sites are made secure and safe.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Derelict Sites Section is receiving an increasing number of representations concerning vacant commercial properties throughout the city. While some are occasionally subject to unauthorised dumping by third parties, most are not derelict within the meaning of the Derelict Sites Act. However the Derelict Sites Section continues to monitor each premises and will take appropriate action when and where necessary.

Q77. **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the filling in of potholes on, (**details supplied**), as the road is in terrible condition.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Due to the adverse weather conditions Roads Maintenance are unable to inspect the above location to determine its condition. As soon as weather conditions improve, this location will be inspected.

Q78. **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager the number of residential properties it has acquired throughout 2010.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

To date in 2010 seventy four units have been acquired under the House Purchase Programme. An additional nine transactions are scheduled to legally close during the next fortnight and contracts have been signed in respect of a further seven units.

Q79. **COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Manager provide details regarding the current backlog with replacing windows for City Council tenants, can he detail the number of units approved for wooden double glazed windows who are now waiting and provide the waiting time for the latest approval. Can he detail the investment which has been made to date in the workshop and the number of staff working there. Finally with regard to the productivity can he state how many windows are being produced on a weekly or monthly basis.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance manufacture windows, doors, screens, frames, stairs and kitchens in our Joinery Workshop for any of our twenty seven thousand tenancy dwellings deemed in need of these fittings. Miscellaneous woodwork fittings for other Departments are also manufactured in the workshop. The workshop is staffed with one Area Maintenance Officer, two foremen, nine carpenters, nine apprentice carpenters, four machinists, and two general operatives.

There are approximately sixty window units manufactured each month, excluding other units referred to above.

Currently there are nine hundred and forty orders for windows approved, with a timeframe of approximately twelve to fifteen months for manufacture and installation. The provision of window units in void properties, where required, are not supplied by our Joinery Workshop.

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Other than the purchase and fitting of this workshop in 2004, the investment in the workshop has been three hundred and forty thousand Euro, in 2007, for a specialist automated unit for cutting wood to the precise lengths and shapes required. This allowed for a fourfold increase in the production of window frames since its introduction.

It should be noted that orders have increased significantly over the past few years, and that the quality of windows being manufactured has improved, with double glazing and spraying completed before the windows leave the workshop for installation. The cessation of overtime since early 2009 and the moratorium on recruitment has also had an effect on output.

Q80. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Manager investigate the drain in the garden of, **(details supplied)**, which blocks on a regular basis. Can he state if this is a private drain, which homes are connected to it and whose responsibility it is to clear a blockage of the drain. Should it be the responsibility of residents? Can the Council confirm how many homes on this drain are in their tenancy and if they are willing to contribute to the drain being cleared by a contractor.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This dwelling is privately owned, therefore the City Council is not responsible for checking or clearing the drain if blocked. All drains in gardens are the responsibility of the individual owner. The City Council owns No. 11 on this line/drain. Our choke car has confirmed that it has cleared the drain in No. 11 once in the past six months, for our tenant, which is not excessive.

In the event where there is a constant and recurring problem with blockages, the City Council will contribute to the drain being cleared, for the dwellings owned by the Council. However it must be established where the blockage is, and agreement reached with Housing Maintenance, prior to any work being carried out by a private contractor.

Q81. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Manager provide a cost for placing railings around the green in front of, **(details supplied)**. Can he make arrangements to erect such a railing to prevent people travelling through the cul-de-sac and across the green in to Tesco as it is causing antisocial behaviour. Can the Manager explain why this was not done as promised when the homes were constructed and detail where the development levies from the homes were spent.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

To provide a low wall and railing in front of 10, **(details supplied)**, would cost approximately €23,000.

The low plinth wall would be required with the railings to prevent cars ramming the railing.

The houses at this location were all constructed as affordable housing and were exempt from development levies.

Consideration will be given to providing a low wall and railing at this location when work is in progress on the final phase of the driveway extension programme at, **(details supplied)**, Road. There is no agreed timeframe or funding identified for the continuation of the driveway extension programme at this time.

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Q82. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager to investigate the following issue as raised by this resident, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q83. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN

To ask the Manager to investigate the following matter, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A drinking water sample will be taken on the 6th December. It will be approximately 2 weeks before full results will be available. The Water Division has also been requested to arrange flushing of the mains at, **(details supplied)**.

Q84. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

In view of the ongoing maintenance and expenditure incurred by residents on Drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot No 34 to 44 that Dublin City Council take away the old vegetation from the flower beds and that the three flower beds be topped up with topsoil. Residents will pay for flowers and maintain as in previous years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Residents should contact The Parks & Landscapes Services Division on (01) 222 3832 for assistance with the three flower beds.

Q85. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can Dublin City Council please investigate the possibility of providing some mulch to Mary Queen of Angels School, Gurteen Road, Ballyfermot towards there School Gardens. The school can afford to pay for the transport of mulch if it's available.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

If the school contacts the Parks & Landscapes Services Division on (01) 222 3832, arrangements will be put in place to supply a limited amount of mulch.

Q86. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council agrees to cut down the trees in the rear garden of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

As this is not a Dublin City Council tenancy it is not a Housing issue, therefore we are not in a position to respond to this question.

Q87. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager that the very dangerous footpath damage caused by the root system of the tree outside of 26 Clifden Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10 be fixed without delay. I saw an elderly person fall here recently and failure for us to repair same will result in serious injury of persons and exposure of the City Council to serious levels of financial compensation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Matter is under investigation with the Paving section. We will revert directly to the Councillor with a response.

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Q88. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager if he will investigate the possibility of developing a green area, **(details supplied)**, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q89. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager if he will consider implementing a scheme similar to one, **(details supplied)**, operated by South Dublin County Council, in the City Council area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q90. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager what impact the cuts in departmental spending announced in the National Recovery Plan on Tuesday 24th November, will have on agreed spending commitments including, **(details supplied)**, and other projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q91. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager if he will review the effectiveness of the traffic lights and the timing of the light sequence at the following junctions, **(details supplied)**; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter is being investigated by ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) who are in the process of contacting the Councillor who issued the request asking for further details to enable a proper investigation of the matter. Once this information has been received the matter will be investigated and a report on the findings will be issued to the Councillor.

Q92. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager what impact the departmental spending cuts announced in the National Recovery Plan on Tuesday 24th November, will have on the City Council over the lifetime of the City Development Plan, and what impact the expenditure cuts will have on the ability of the Council to achieve the aims of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The new City Development Plan sets out a core strategy, together with supporting policies and objectives, for the next 6 years, until 2017 and provides a framework for the future direction of the city over the next 25-30 years. The core strategy, in essence, is to promote the sustainable consolidation of the city where workplaces and residential areas are supported by a quality public transportation and social infrastructure system. There are 3 essential standards to this case strategy 1. A quality, compact, green, connected city. 2. Real long term economic recovery. 3. A city of socially inclusive communities.

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While it is acknowledged the public expenditure cuts in the National Recovery Plan 2011-2014 may extend the timelines for the delivery of some of the objectives in the Development Plan, it remains the case that the core strategy remains intact.

The National Recovery Plan stresses that investment must be targeted to promote economic recovery and economic competitiveness. In this respect policies in the Development Plan, such as those to support Metro North and the Dart Underground, are included in the National Recovery Plan. Similarly, the National Recovery Plan provides for programmes of investment in water services, education capital, energy efficiency, health capital investment, housing, including important regeneration projects, and tourism promotion, all of which echo the policy objectives in the new City Development Plan.

The new Development Plan also incorporates the City Council's Housing, Settlement and Retail Strategies which are all consistent with National and Regional Policy. The Development Plan now places an emphasis on co-ordinated phasing of development, which is in tune with the National Recovery Plan.

In conclusion, while the Recovery Plan is likely to result in extended timelines for the delivery of certain projects, the new Development Plan core strategy for a quality compact city, where increasing numbers of people will want to live and work, remains intact.

Q93. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager how many people have signed up for the reduced price Parking Tag for the Christmas period; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council's half-price parking Christmas/New Year initiative runs from 15th November 2010 to 9th January 2011(inclusive). During this period, any motorist who parks on-street in a paid parking place and pays using Parking Tag is charged half the normal tariff (e.g. in the very high demand yellow zone the tariff is €1.45 per hour instead of the standard tariff of €2.90 per hour).

The following schedule shows the level of activity in the weeks before the initiative and in the first two weeks of the half-price parking scheme:

Week Ending	Cumulative No. of Accounts	Cumulative No. of Transactions	Cumulative Value of Transactions	Value of Transactions per Week
10/10/2010	9,344	438,030	€1,604,912.51	€40,785.00
17/10/2010	9,458	450,478	€1,644,562.51	€39,650.00
24/10/2010	9,559	462,625	€1,683,238.51	€38,676.00
31/10/2010	9,668	472,167	€1,714,339.40	€31,100.89
07/11/2010	9,939	485,627	€1,758,050.40	€43,711.00
14/11/2010	10,276	499,676	€1,804,428.40	€46,378.00
21/11/2010	10,565	514,734	€1,829,129.40	€24,701.00
28/11/2010	10,817	530,216	€1,855,407.40	€26,278.00

In the two weeks since the scheme commenced a total of 541 motorists have activated Parking Tag accounts. This is an average of 270 new accounts per week. In the five-week period immediately prior to the announcement of the initiative, the average number of new accounts activated per week was 119.

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It is likely that further take-up of the scheme will be negatively impacted by the inclement weather experienced at the end of November/start of December.

Q94. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager what updates will be provided to the City Council of the effectiveness of the, **(details supplied)**, now operating in the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q95. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER

To ask the City Manager what impact the spending cuts announced in the National Recovery Plan on Tuesday 24th November, will have on infrastructure projects including, **(details supplied)**, and other projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q96. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager arrange for the Parks Department to examine a tree at, **(details supplied)**, which is overgrown and blocking the public street light.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Several trees at this location were pruned in autumn of 2009; this involved pruning trees close to some lamp standards. The tree will be placed on our Tree Pruning schedule for 2011-2012.

Q97. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager arrange to have an area cleaned, **(details supplied)**, as leaves have accumulated and are now stuck to the footpath.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The above location was cleared of leaves on the following dates during and November: 1st, 5th, 9th, 13th, 18th 25th. This location will continue to be monitored and cleared of leaves, if required, after the current spell of bad weather.

Q98. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager inspect the roof at, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the eaves at the roof of this dwelling need to be bedded. This work will be carried out within the next four weeks.

Q99. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager arrange for the connection of a lamp to the mains supply at, **(details supplied)**, and the removal of soil to allow the residents put paving around this area to make it safe for them to walk on.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The residents of, **(details supplied)**, have fitted an ornamental light fitting in the complex but are unable to wire the fitting. Dublin City Council is currently installing CCTV in, **(details supplied)**, and the contractor has been instructed to wire the light fitting.

The soil will be removed early in the New Year when the weather is more favourable. The Area Housing Manager has met with the residents to discuss the requirements for paving. We will assist them with these works in the New Year.

Q100. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager address the residents concerns at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The windows at, **(details supplied)**, are in good condition. Additional silicon has been applied to the edge of the windows where they abut the reveals.

The water pressure is low but operable and both the bathroom wash hand basin and the attic tank are in working order. However the Councillor's concerns will be examined in detail when emergency problems due to the current cold weather improve.

The gully cover in the back garden will be replaced when weather conditions improve.

Q101. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager address the residents concerns at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

To my knowledge the sign at, **(details supplied)**, has been in place in one way or another for the last 10 years. This sign was requested by local residents as a result of organised football games being played on this open space, which resulted in some anti social activities at night.

The sign is mainly directed to prevent organised football games being played on this open space and not to stop young children having a kick about. At present there is no review date in connection with this sign at, **(details supplied)**.

Q102. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will the Manager examine the side wall at, **(details supplied)**, and carry out the necessary repairs.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has arranged to meet with the tenant to ascertain the extent of the problem.

Q103. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Will The Manager outline what future plans he has for the continued securing of the boundary area of Coultury Park which is currently protected by a palisade fence. Furthermore, will he ensure that any changes to this current boundary are done in conjunction with all relevant parties, in particular, adjacent residents of Wood Hazel Terrace and Coultury Terrace.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following report was submitted by Ballymun Regeneration Limited:

The Palisade fence around Coultry Park was placed and is owned by Kilwex, the contractor on the job in 2006. The palisade fence removal at the time was taken out of the contract, as BRL decided to leave it in place. This measure at the time was seen as a good idea to be able to better view and control the social interaction of a newly built park and the public using it, having regard to the number of vacant flat blocks and incomplete housing development around the park.

At the time it was decided that the fence would be removed once the 24-hour CCTV was in place and working.

We have now received a quotation from Kilwex for the removal of their own fence. The fence will only be moved where new housing fronts onto the park i.e. at Woodhazel Terrace and Coultry Terrace. These works also allow for moving bollards and placing such in different locations to prevent cars entering the park.

Q104. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Can the Manager please provide a report on, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Please find attached report on the gullies cleaned in the, **(details supplied)**, area from 1st January 2010 until 29th November 2010. Please note that the gully cleaning crew are currently back working in this area.

Q105. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A response has been issued to the Councillor.

Q106. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Can the Manager please arrange to remove, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tree in question is a medium to large Betula Pendula and is considered to be in a satisfactory condition. It does lean slightly towards the private property of **(details supplied)**. However this is the way the tree has naturally grown over the years and it is not considered to be a hazard. The Parks Division have previously reassured the resident that it does not pose any threat. Accordingly the Parks Division do not propose to remove the tree.

Q107. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Will the Manager please arrange to have, **(details supplied)**, repaired.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Due to the adverse weather conditions Roads Maintenance are unable to inspect the above road to determine its condition. As soon as weather conditions improve, this location will be inspected.

Q108. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Can the Manager give me further information in relation to the following posters, **(details supplied)**. Can they be prosecuted for littering?

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council is currently investigating the matter and will take appropriate action under the Litter Pollution Acts. We will update the Councillor on progress.

Q109. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

To ask the City Manager can TAG give an update on the following road traffic situation, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Enquiries with the Roads and Traffic Department has revealed that there are no current traffic restrictions in the Street indicated. The Councillor is asked to contact Ms. Cathriona Woulfe, South Central Area Office on (01) 222 5189 for further investigation.

Q110. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Can the Manager give an update in relation to the serious loitering issue at the following location, **(details supplied)**. The loitering situation is getting out of hand and the smell is appalling. Some bags of rubbish at this location have commercial tags on them; can these not be traced back to the shop/business? There is also rotten food, broken glass and some domestic medical waste. Can this street be monitored and not just cleaned up when someone makes contact with DCC?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have, **(details supplied)**, cleaned every Wednesday after the refuse collection has taken place there. There is no doubt that the parked cars on this street hinder our cleaning efforts. Our litter warden has the unlabelled dumped bags removed from this street and a fine is issued where any concrete evidence is found. He will continue to include this street as part of his regular patrol and do all he can to deal with this problem

Q111. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE

Can the Waste Management Department confirm if they removed bikes that have been chained to road signs and railings where the wheels and other parts of the bike have been removed, does this deem the bike as being litter? I have seen many bikes thrown on the side of streets with no wheels and other parts attached and the bike is obviously unusable. Furthermore from a safety point of view these are dangerous obstructions to pedestrians and vehicles when on the streets and road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Our Public Domain crews, which are attached to the various Area Offices throughout the city, remove bicycles, which obviously have been abandoned, from road signs and railings. These abandoned bicycles are removed because they can be a dangerous obstruction to pedestrians and also because of their negative visual impact on the environment.

Q112. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Manager report on the monetary amount of commercial rates currently outstanding to Dublin City Council and what monetary amount of outstanding commercial rates are expected to remain uncollected or written-off.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Rates discharged for the year to week ending 27th November 2010 was 80.59% which is 3% back on 2009. The amount outstanding is €67m. I estimate that by year end total write off of €20m (€12.6m already written off) and a debtor carried into 2011 of €45m.

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Q113. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager provide a complete report on the activities/ meetings/ reports/ achievements/plans of the Creative Dublin Alliance?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Creative Dublin Alliance

The purpose of the Creative Dublin Alliance is to identify, discuss, recommend, distribute and implement solutions in response to the challenges that Dublin faces as an international competitive city region. It is currently chaired by the Dublin City Manager and members include the Lord Mayor, the Chair of the Regional Authority, senior level staff from Dublin's Local Authorities, Universities, State Agencies, and reps. from Business and the Not-for-Profit Sector. The Alliance meets approximately six times per year. The first meeting of the Alliance was held on May 1st, 2008 and 17 meetings have been held since its establishment.

The secretariat of the Alliance is provided by the Economic Development Unit of Dublin City Council, who also co-ordinate the work programmes. It does not have a dedicated executive or a budget assigned as it is a leadership group identifying synergies and innovative collaborations across organisations, rather than an operational organisation in its own right. Budgets for projects come from within existing resources.

The Objectives of the Alliance:

- Create a clear vision that unifies around the strengths and future potential of Dublin City Region
- Build a Dublin Region that is supportive of its people by encouraging innovation and enterprise
- Continue to grow an internationally renowned higher education and research sector
- Communicate, show and engage people in the variety of entrepreneurial initiatives that are occurring in the Dublin City Region
- Encourage an open, merit-based, tolerant and inclusive society that promotes well-being
- Develop a high quality information, communications and transport network

Key Projects

The Alliance assists in developing creative solutions for the challenges Dublin faces by executing on and facilitating selected projects. There are eleven projects currently:

Innovation Dublin: A festival showcasing, promoting and inspiring innovation and creativity in Dublin. The first Innovation Dublin was held from October 14th to 20th 2009. There were 465 events organised across the City Region by 54 partner organisations, companies (both local SME's and Multi-National Corporations), universities and public sector bodies. A website was created at www.innovationdublin.ie and an online social media network established. Innovation Dublin 2010 ran from November 10th to 21st. Preparation on a full report on the festival is currently underway.

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Economic Development Action Plan for the Dublin City Region: Positioning the Dublin City Region, the engine of Ireland's economy, as a significant hub in the European knowledge economy with a network of thriving spatial and sectoral clusters and a magnet for creative talent and investment. The cornerstone of the Action Plan is its delivery across the City Region which is the administrative area of the four Dublin Local Authorities. Its framework is the delivery of actions across the three strands of developing Smart Leadership – Smart People – Smart City. The CDA proofed the plan prior to presentation to the four local authorities.

City Identity – Discovering Dublin's True Potential: An active research project by Marketing and Design students of UCD Smurfit Business School and DIT respectively working with the Creative Dublin Alliance and The Brand Union to give a focused rethink about what Dublin offers and what it can offer in the future. The research identifies what is valuable about the city that its businesses, institutions and residents want to retain, that will attract investors, visitors and talent and that will make commentators and influencers recommend the city. The research culminated in an exhibition in the Civic Offices during Innovation Dublin, and over January – March will tour the three other Dublin Local Authorities.

Designing Dublin: A project that engages individuals in a design process that generates collaboration, invents solutions and builds entrepreneurship by giving individuals the opportunity to interact with Dublin City as a living laboratory. The teams are made up of local authority staff working with volunteers in the City. A pilot project ran from September – November 2009 called 'Finding the Hidden Potential of Place' in Clongriffin, which identified 3 projects - the Community Hub, Path to the Coast and Grown Local. Phase two of the project, Love The City, is running for six months from September 2010 to March 2011 and is focusing on the City Centre.

UniverCities: Establishing a 'creativity and innovation' alliance between local government, universities and research institutions to trade experience, opinion, research and share outputs that are of tangible value to both the universities and the City, to align the teaching and research programmes of the universities and institutes with the needs of the city, and to ventilate research ideas and provide exposure for student work. The partners of the alliance are Dublin City Council and the seven 7 Universities and Colleges in the Dublin Region (DIT / DCU/ UCD/ NCAD / GradCAM/ NUIM / Trinity). It is aligned with the UK based Academy of Urbanism.

City Indicators & International Benchmarking: Identifying measurements of the city's performance that will inform future policies, including the Economic Action Plan, and enable the benchmarking of Dublin with other cities worldwide.

Network Mapping: To identify the formal and informal cross-agency / cross-sectoral alliances and linkages that exist across key players in Dublin in order to capture existing and potential knowledge networks and information flows and benefits that accrue as well as weaknesses or gaps in participation of the networks. DIT is the lead partner in this project and a working group is currently being formed.

The Fifth Province Citizen Engagement Project: A multi-platform project to engage Dubliners in contributing to their city via discussion forums events, web presence and project initiatives. The purpose is to develop a clear vision of unique strengths and future potential of the city; to articulate a model of engaged cultural citizenship; to engage critically and reflexively with citizens; this project is at early planning stage which DCU are leading on and a working group is currently being established to scope out the methodology, time span, necessary participants and the resources necessary to deliver this project.

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DataDublin: DataDublin is developing an Open Data Framework for public sector data to be made available to entrepreneurs, researchers and individuals to support the developing innovation eco-system. The lead drivers of the initiative are Dublin City Council and Maynooth University, working in partnership with the MNC and SME business sectors. DataDublin is still in planning stages and will be publicly launched in early 2011.

IBM Smart City Collaboration: In March 2010, IBM announced it had chosen Dublin to set up its first 'Smarter Cities Technology Centre', where IBM researchers will work with the city authorities, universities, small and large businesses to research, develop and commercialise new ways of making city systems more connected, sustainable and intelligent. This was coupled with the four Dublin Local Authorities signing a Memorandum of Understanding to provide access to city data in the areas of Energy, Transport and Movement and making the city available as a Test-Bed for the development of new prototypes for more efficient and effective solutions to city challenges. IBM has also become key partners with the Dublin Local Authorities and our Universities in the evolution of Innovation Dublin. SmartCamp has been a key event within Innovation Dublin for both 2009 and 2010, and its expansion from an Irish to a Global competition over those two years is the essence of the festival, which showcases, promotes and supports the innovation that happens in Dublin to a growing international audience.

Sustainable Dublin Ventures: This initiative was launched during Innovation Dublin 2010 and creates a green network of researchers and entrepreneurs through Dublin's universities, local government and businesses, both multi-nationals and small /medium enterprises. The ambition is to leverage strong network players in Dublin GreenTech sector to brand Dublin as a Green Hub as an internationally competitive Green/CleanTech Network. It is aligned to National Policy for Smart Green Economy and will link to the economic corridors and clustering plans in Economic Development Action Plan for the Dublin City Region

Q114. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Manager provide a complete list of all premises which Dublin City Council rent, the duration of the leaseholds on these premises and the period of rental agreement for all these premises?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

					Term	Start	expiry
Local Area office	NW Inner City Housing	97-97A	Cabra Road	D.7	500 yrs	25/03/1937	24/03/2437
Art Gallery	Hugh Lane Gallery	22	Parnell Square	D.1	500 yrs	01/05/2006	30/04/2506
Local Area office	NEIC Regional Office	51/53	Sean Mc Dermott Street Lower	D.1	500 yrs	01/05/1843	30/04/2343
Local Area office	Crumlin Area Office	13	St. Agnes Road (Crumlin Village)	D.12	150 yrs	29/09/1954	28/09/2104
Offices	Coroner's Office	3	Store Street	D.1	500 yrs	00/00/1844	01/01/2344

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Local Area office	Dorset St/Canal Area Office	53	Dorset Street Upr	D. 7	9,997 yrs	12/05/1806	11/05/11803
Local Area office	Kilbarrack/Donaghmede Area Office		Unit 18 Greendale SC Greendale Road	D. 5	10 yrs	01/03/2002	28/02/2012
Leisure Complex	Part of basement & part of Grd Flr only-Markievicz Leisure complex.& retail unit		Townsend Street	D. 2	988 yrs	01/01/1999	31/12/2987
Local Area office	Kilmainham/Inchichore Area Office	637-639	Circular Road South	D. 8	8 yrs	01/07/2003	30/06/2011
Motor Tax Office	Clondalkin Motor Tax Office		Ninth Lock Road	D.2 2	20 yrs	08/09/1999	07/09/2019
Motor Tax Office	Nutgrove Motor Tax Office		Nutgrove Ave	D.1 4	35 yrs	01/12/1985	30/11/2020
Re-cycling Depot	formerly Dublin Kerbside Re-cycling		Unit 8 Cookstown Industrial Estate	D.2 4	20 yrs	01/11/1999	31/10/2019
Rowing Centre	Municipal Rowing Centre		Chapelizod Road	D.8	21 yrs	25/03/1992	24/03/2013
Local Area office	North West Inner City Housing office	182 - 184	Ashleigh House - Flrs 1, 2 & 3 Parnell Street	D.1 .	4 yrs & 9 mths	01/04/2006	01/01/2011
Offices	Waste Management office	2-3	Unit 1 Grd Flr & Flr 1 Parker Hill	D.6 .	9 yrs & 6 mths	01/08/2004	31/01/2014
Offices	QBN Project Office		Flr 4 Verizon Building Pearse St/Erne St Lower	D. 2	4 yrs & 9 mths	01/01/2008	30/09/2012
Offices	Transport 21 Projects Liaison Office	2	Flr 3 Ocean House Arran Quay	D.7	10 yrs	01/01/2008	01/01/2018

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Offices	Procurement & Stores Management Unit	31-36	Flr 2 The Ormond Building Ormond Quay Upper	D.7	25 yrs	01/01/2009	01/01/2034
Offices	DCC Staff Support Unit		Unit 2 Grd Flr Marshalsea Court Merchant's Quay	D.8	10 yrs	01/01/2009	01/01/2019
Local Area office	Ringsend & Pembroke Area office		Portview House- Unit B, Flr 1Thorncastle Street	D.4	4 yrs & 9 mths	01/06/2006	28/02/2011
Offices	DCC PMDS Unit & Sports Section	159-160	Capel Street	D.7	4 yrs & 9 mths	01/09/2005	01/06/2010
Pumping Station	Sutton pumping station		Station Road,	n/a	999 yrs	01/01/1998	01/01/2997
Waste Management depot	(Thornton's) Office and Warehouse Unit		Ballymun Industrial Estate	D.1 1	25 yrs	03/04/2006	02/04/2031
Library	Donaghmede Library		Unit 48 Donaghmede Shopping Centre Donaghmede Road	D.1 3	35 yrs	30/06/1984	29/06/2019
Library	Finglas Library		Unit 14A Main Street	D.1 1	35 yrs	01/11/1975	31/10/2010
Library	Ilac Library		Ilac Centre Henry Street	D.1 .	35 yrs	01/11/1981	31/10/2016
Youth info Centre c/o E & C Dept. - vacant premises			Unit 1 - Sackville House Sackville Place	D.1 .	35 yrs	01/10/1978	30/09/2013
Motor Tax office			Distillery Building Smithfield	D.7 .	25 yrs	01/07/2006	30/06/2031
Playschool		28	Stoneybatter	D.7 .	300 yrs	01/06/1959	31/05/2259

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Waterworks Depot			Islandbridge-part of Fabrizia Development South Circular Road	D.8 .	500 yrs	01/07/200 2	30/06/2502
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Q115. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Manager, in relation to the swimming pools at Sean MacDermott Street, Crumlin and Coolock:

- When it is expected that the finances available from the Department of Sport and Tourism for the pools will be drawn down,
- Can an indication be given as to a timescale for the works to be completed using these funds,
- Once the necessary works are completed will Dublin City Council undertake a campaign to promote greater pool use, highlighting the improvements,
- Will the Manager outline how the community and user groups will be involved in partnership with DCC to use their local knowledge, expertise and commitment to ensure the pools are utilised to their full potential.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- The finance/grant has been received by Dublin City Council.
- It is intended that all works will be completed in the first half of 2011.
- Initially, as soon as the revised hours are in place in January a promotion campaign will take place. The local action groups and user groups / clubs will be contacted directly for their advice and to utilise their local knowledge and allow them participate in the campaign. When the works are completed a further promotion campaign will be organised to advise the general public and groups that the pool works are complete.

Q116. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the Manager when will suitable accommodation be offered to this, **(details supplied)**, most deserving family.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently included on the City Council's Older Persons Housing List with an Overall Welfare Priority awarded on the 25/9/2010 for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore) and Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown). The vacancies section is aware of this application. The applicant **(details supplied)** will be considered for all suitable vacancies currently arising in Area J.

Q117. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

To ask the Manager when appropriate accommodation will be offered to this deserving young family who are living in very overcrowded conditions, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the City Council's Housing List with 157 points for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore). There are also other applicants on the Housing List with similar or higher points of longer standing who also merit consideration as suitable vacancies arise, therefore it is likely to be some time yet before the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is reached with an offer of accommodation. It is difficult to predict when an applicant will be reached for an offer of accommodation as any offer or likelihood of an offer is dependent on the number and availability of suitable vacancies within an applicant's area of preference and the demand for the accommodation at the time it becomes available for re-letting.

Q118. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN

In light of the availability now of the Council's most recent Flood Report, to ask the Manager to give the relevant detailed information regarding the situation of the Chapelizod Village area and environs now in light of the serious flooding threat experienced last year; specifically to ask what appropriate measures have been taken to mitigate flooding and minimise the threat of flooding to residential property. Further to ask the Manager what protocols are now in place for activating emergency measures and giving notice to residents in the eventuality of a "flooding scenario".

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following the November 2009 Liffey fluvial event there is now much closer co-operation between the six local authorities in the Liffey Catchment (Wicklow, Kildare, Meath, Fingal, South Dublin Co. Co. and Dublin City) and the ESB. Each has been contacted, as well as the EPA Hydrometric Division, to establish all existing and historical rain and river gauge locations. A draft plan for new rain gauge and river gauge locations to be incorporated in an extended early warning system is nearing completion and an application for funding of same will be submitted in the first quarter of 2011.

DCC has a number of contacts in Chapelizod (COVA) who will be informed of any significant impending river flooding threat. Fluvial flooding threats form part of DCC's 24/7 monitoring regime and it's Emergency Plan.

Chapelizod Village (and environs) is one of the areas in Dublin City specifically designated as an APSR (Area of Potential Significant Risk) in the Eastern Regional District Catchment Flood Risk Assessment & Management Study (CFRAMS), of which the Liffey catchment is a substantial part. This study is due to be awarded by the OPW in the first quarter of 2011. This means that Chapelizod and environs will receive specific detailed attention in the Study.

Q119. COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

In relation to driveways on (a) Hollybrook Road and (b) St Lawrence Rd:

- Can the Manager clarify what steps/policy changes would be needed from a planning perspective to introduce the option for creating driveways for parking on these properties (irrespective of the rear access arrangements of particular houses),
- Can the Manager confirm what mechanisms would be available under any such changes to ensure a high quality finish and uniformity of any new driveways at these locations.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Each proposal will be taken on a case by case basis. However all developments should adhere to the relevant adopted planning policy at National, Regional and Development Plan level.

The areas of Hollybrook Road and St. Lawrence road are zoned 'Z2' residential conservation areas, and contain mainly recorded protected structures. To date many refusals relating to creation of vehicular accesses relate to the loss of boundary and impact on structure and on the potential cumulative negative impact on streetscape character. The current Development Plan policy relating to the above and which is to be carried through into the next Development Plan is outlined in Section 15.10.5 as varied '*Parking in the Curtilage of Protected Structures and in Conservation Areas*' and in Appendix 18 as varied under heading '*Residential Parking in the Curtilage of Protected Structures and in Conservation Areas*' of the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011 (Relevant extracts below),

It is noted from discussions with the Conservation Section that Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) are proposed for the Hollybrook Road and St. Lawrence Road areas, with the intention of delisting the recorded protected structures (RPS) on those streets from the RPS list after the ACAs are adopted. It is noted that in the proposed/draft ACAs for these areas the retention of front boundary treatments will be sought considering their critical role in the streetscape character. This is entirely consistent with DoEHLG's 2004 Planning Guidance document *Architectural Heritage Protection*.

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15.10.5 Parking in the Curtilage of Protected Structures and in Conservation Areas

Where off street parking is proposed in terraces or streets that are characterised largely by pedestrian entrances with few vehicular access openings, such proposals will be examined on their own merits and will be subject to the criteria outlined above. Where terraces/streets are characterised by railings of unique significance, which are of a type not found largely throughout the city, the Planning Authority may seek to retain such railings. Similarly, proposals to provide more than one private car within the curtilage of an owner occupied residential building will only be considered in exceptional circumstances where the integrity of the building or area is protected and retained.

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Residential Parking in the Curtilage of Protected Structures and in Conservation Areas

Features including boundary walls, railings and gardens are important to the character and setting of protected structures and conservation areas. In addition to the development control standards laid out in Chapter 15, proposals for off-street parking shall have regard to the following design requirements:

(Including)

Walls, Fences & Hedges

The retention of most of the original boundary wall and/ or railings and plinth wall and the re-use of the removed railings for new access gates will be sought;

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- *Where an opening has to be made in an existing fence or wall it should be kept to a minimum and made good at both ends to match existing materials and details, e.g. cast iron railings or brick piers. Gates thus be provided and designed to swing inwards or if there is insufficient depth they may fold or slide behind the wall/railing.*

Q120. COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q121. COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Manager please organise for new hoops x 2 and new nets x 2 to be installed at the courts beside Wades Avenue adjacent to St. Anne's. Basketball skills are taught in Scoil Assaim and Scoil Aine, so this little park is the only out of hours area to play during the short evenings. A bout of vandalism earlier on in the year resulted in the hoops/nets being damaged so it is currently unusable.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This location is subject to frequent and ongoing vandalism which has included damage to the hoops and nets and the frequent breaking of glass bottles on the playing court.

The Parks and Landscape Services Division proposes to replace damaged hoops and nets at this basketball/football area early in 2011 subject to confirmation of the availability of the necessary resources, and will continue regular clean-up operations with respect to broken glass.

Q122. COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Manager please clarify the road-sweeping regime implemented for the cycle-track running from Sutton to the Alfie Byrne Road. Broken glass is a regular problem on the cycleway particularly after weekends. Can the Manager please up the cleansing standards in this regard and give special consideration to the stretch between Vernon Avenue and Lawrence Road?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The cycle-track is swept on a weekly basis every Wednesday. We will monitor the cleaning of this cycle-track to see if any improvements can be made, particularly along the stretch between Vernon Avenue and Lawrence Road.

Q123. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager to outline what steps are being taken by Dublin City Council to ensure that 14/17 Moore Street is secured protected, preserved and developed in accordance with its status as a National Monument and to confirm that it is, under the Dublin City Development Plan, to be partially (i.e. number 16) converted into a museum under the control of Dublin City Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Planning permission exists for the conversion of number 16 Moore Street into a commemorative centre (this permission is part of a large urban renewal project for the area around Lower O'Connell Street).

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Dublin City Council carries out regular inspections of 14-17 Moore Street to ensure that the building is properly looked after, in accordance with its status as a National Monument.

Q124. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager to confirm that, given the fact that the Part 8 planning for the Tolka River Pedestrian Cycle Bridge was withdrawn at the City Council Meeting of 1st Ult., any future proposal in relation to the Premium Cycle lane project to route the Cycle Lane along West Road, East Wall will not be considered in accordance with the wishes of the residents of East Wall and in accordance with the Motions passed at the Central Area Committee of 12th October last, namely Motion 4935 and 4936 in the name of Cllr. Nial Ring and motion 4921 in the name of Cllr. Christy Burke.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Letter of 11th of November last from the Department of Transport in relation to the proposed cycle route has clear indication that the Department no longer considers the S2S connection via Ossary Road, West Road, East Wall Road to Fairview Park viable and should not be proceeded with. In addition the proposed construction of a bridge to span the Royal Canal and rail lines or the proposed bridge over the Tolka to Fairview should not be proceeded with.

The route outlined has no funding provision from the Department of Transport and Dublin City Council has no funding to develop the route and therefore it can not be considered.

Q125. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager to confirm, whether or not, Dublin City Council holds a record of commemorative plaques, memorials, nameplates etc. erected in the City and, if not, to confirm that it will be in order for the 1916 Centenary Committee to commission a citywide survey to establish the whereabouts, condition and accuracy of such memorabilia where relevant to the 1916 rising and its aftermath.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not hold such a record. Hundreds of commemorative plaques are erected on buildings throughout the city. In most cases these have been erected as private initiatives by historical societies, etc. and are not the property of the City Council. Also in most cases the plaques are erected onto buildings in private ownership. We will explore alternative ways of promoting sites of importance to 1916 to the general public, in time for the commemorations.

As far as I am aware know there isn't a comprehensive list of commemorative plaques anywhere. The existing position is:

- Dublin Tourism Commemorative Plaques: Standard round plaques, brown, placed on buildings by Dublin Tourism with consent of building's owner: list at Dublin Tourism
- National Graves Association: Commemorative plaques relating to period 1916-1922: NGA may have a list of these
- Plaques placed on buildings directly by their owners: no list available

It's not necessary to obtain planning permission for plaques, so Dublin City Council is not involved in putting them up.

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The Public Art Manager is undertaking an inventory of all public art in the ownership of Dublin City Council or in our care to create a Public Art Register. We have been making notes of any inscriptions, plaques which relate to these art works. The Public Art Register will not include other plaques, or inscriptions.

Q126. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager to detail the number of applications under the "Housing Aid for Older People" scheme in the year to date and to detail the amount of grants anticipated to be drawdown against the budgeted amount available in the year. Also, to confirm the amount available in 2011 and if it is possible to bring forward any undrawn amounts from 2010 to 2011.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has already paid out 273 grants this year under the 'Housing Aid for Older People' grant scheme and has received and processed a further 159 new grant applications since the scheme re-opened on July 5th 2010. The budget allocation for the 'Housing Aid for Older People' grant scheme was €1,400,000 for 2010 and to date €1,352,305 has been spent. It is anticipated that all of the funding allocated to Housing Aid for Older People will be utilised in 2010. It is not possible to confirm the amount of funds available in 2011, however a recent circular from the Department of Environment Heritage & Local Government has informed local authorities that they can commit up to 50% of its allocation for 2010 for payment in 2011.

Q127. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to the tree outside house, **(details supplied)**, which residents feel is far too big for a footpath and say:

- (1) if he can arrange to have the footpath repaired and,
- (2) remove this tree as residents say the hazardous condition of the footpath it is getting worse the bigger the tree gets; there is about a 2" lift in the footpath which could cause children or even worse an elderly person to fall down and injure themselves.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tree at this location is an Acer spp, and is not considered a large specimen. Removal of this roadside tree is not being considered at this time.

However, an inspection of the path will be carried out as soon as possible. Following this inspection any necessary repairs will be scheduled.

Q128. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

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

- (a) provide a detailed breakdown including a map, of site delineation and ownership i.e. City Council and private lands
- (b) say what plans there are for that part of this site in City Council ownership and give details of any planning applications for the site, both public and private
- (c) refer to suggested use as detailed below from a constituent and let me have your comments on each of constituents suggestions on same.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q129. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Could the Manager please refer to area, **(details supplied)**, and say:

- (1) if recommendation/request from residents during the consultation process to name the trees in the park and erect small signs at same for educational purposes is being included in the final plans,
- (2) if park lighting is still part of the plan and if so, give details of the design/positioning of same and say if lighting is for effect only or if it will be lighting up a pathway through the park for pedestrian usage/safety,
- (3) what times both summer and winter, the playground will be open to the public,
- (4) what security/park warden service is currently in place in the park and if any increase in this service is proposed into the future.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(1) The improvements at, **(details supplied)**, will utilise the existing mature trees for education purposes. At this time it is not clear as to whether individual labels, signs or general signage will be use to identify the trees present.

(2) Lighting of the playground and the access path to and from the playground is incorporated into the improvement proposals. At this time it is intended to have a minor effect lighting element at the performance area.

(3) The playground and other improvements will be available during park opening hours. Specific access for a period to the playground facility in the evenings will be available; however the specific times have not been determined and will be dependent on anticipated demand later in 2011.

(4) Currently the Parks & Landscape Services Division provides a park ranger at, **(details supplied)**. During the summer months this service is supported by the mobile Park Warden Services for the area. Resources are not available to increase the level of either of these services at, **(details supplied)**, at this time.

Q130. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to severely damaged footpath at, **(details supplied)**, which is in a hazardous condition and say if can arrange to have same repaired and made safe as residents say it is a danger to pedestrians, particularly senior citizens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Division will carry out an inspection as soon as possible. Following this inspection any necessary repairs will be scheduled.

Q131. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager remove the tree stump outside 18 Lorcan Drive and put in a new tree.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The roadside tree stump outside 18 Lorcan Drive will be removed during the current dormant season and replanting will take place should the planting pit at the location be considered suitable.

Q132. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager move, **(details supplied)**, to more suitable accommodation due to medical concerns.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied), applied for a priority on medical grounds. The applicant was not awarded a medical priority. This case is now being considered by the Housing Welfare Section.

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Q133. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager do an assessment of the trees on Ardlea Road and replace any trees that are breaking up the footpaths, trim any trees that need to be trimmed and treat any weeds around the tree bases.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parks and Landscape Services Division carries out regular inspection of the roadside trees at Ardlea Road and minor pruning works, including low branch removal and sucker removal, are carried out as required. It should be noted that tree-maintenance operations and pavement repairs associated with roadside tree root growth, including those requested at Ardlea Road, are considered on a priority basis in the North Central Area, based on the level of availability of specific resources for such works throughout the city. On recent inspection a general weed control operation was not considered to be required. Such control measures are best carried out during the growing season and the next expected weed control operation will be carried out in spring 2011.

Q134. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager extend the double yellow lines on the south side of Shangan Road from the Plaza to the end of Murphy's off licence.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) for a recommendation.

Q135. COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'REGAN

To ask the Manager to seek Child Friendly City status for Dublin under the UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Initiative in order that the voice of the child is heard and that the needs and rights of all children living in and visiting Dublin city are met, and to ask the Manager to begin implementing the spirit of Section 8 (1) (b) of the Planning (Amendment) Act 2010 in the new LAPs for the city in the new Development Plan, the relevant section stating that that children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations regarding objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the development plan.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is aware of the goals of the UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI) in its delivery of services to children and young people. The CFCI aims to guide local governance towards including children's rights as a key component of their structures, goals, policies and programmes. Becoming child friendly is a process involving a number of steps which CFCI identifies as 9 building blocks which are necessary for a child friendly city around structures/activities that are necessary to ensure a children's rights perspective and active involvement. In meeting the Council's commitment to the National Children's Strategy 2010 and Towards 2016 (lifecycle approach), a Children's Services Unit was established in 2007 as well as an interdepartmental Children's Services Steering Group. This led to the development of a children's services document, which was agreed by the Housing, Social & Community Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) in September 2009, which works "towards making Dublin a better place for children and young people". This statement is a significant step towards a child friendly city and is reflected in the new City Development Plan which includes a range of policies which support the interests of children and young people.

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Work will continue in 2011 through the steering group and corporate plan to assist departments/areas in engaging with communities, government departments and statutory/voluntary agencies where appropriate to further meet the building blocks necessary to help make Dublin a child friendly city.

Groups representing a range of organisations, communities and sectoral interests have always been encouraged to make submissions to Development Plans, Actions Plans and Local Area Plans under preparation. However, by the 2010 Act highlighting the importance of submissions from organisations representing children, it is the intention that during future Local Area Plan consultations the Council will actively seek and encourage submissions addressing the rights, needs and wishes of children from organisations representing the interests of children.

Q136. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if, further to previous questions, his attention has been drawn to another commercial event planned for Fitzwilliam Square and given the frequency of commercial events now held there he will institute the collection of applicable commercial rates.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The issue relating to Fitzwilliam Square was discussed with the Valuation Office, in particular the use of the square which is owned by the residents, for occasional events. Many of the properties around the Square are now in commercial use and it is the case that an element to reflect the benefits arising from the existence of the Square would already have been subsumed into their Rateable Valuations. Any further assessment would give rise to the possibility of double rating even if it could be established that the occasional use of the Square amounted to the establishment of a new relevant property – this is unlikely given that there is only occasional use and the establishment of a rated occupier would be problematic.

Q137. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the Manager to take in charge the road leading to the C of I Training College from Church Ave, Rathmines.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Planning Department can accept requests for the taking in charge of developments from the majority of owners of the houses involved under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

If the majority of owners wish to make such a request they should contact the Planning Department directly, T 222 3127, where the procedure will be explained to them in full.

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LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

25th September to 29th October 2010

Balance	Debit	33,726,620
Payments during period		107,166,014
Receipts during period		95,995,658
Difference	Debit	11,170,356
Balance	Debit	<u>44,896,976</u>

Reconciliation of Revenue and Capital Income & Expenditure to Payment & Receipts, October 2010

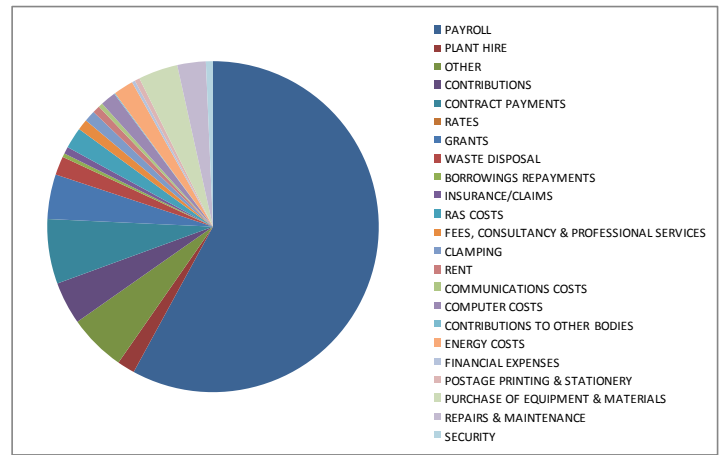
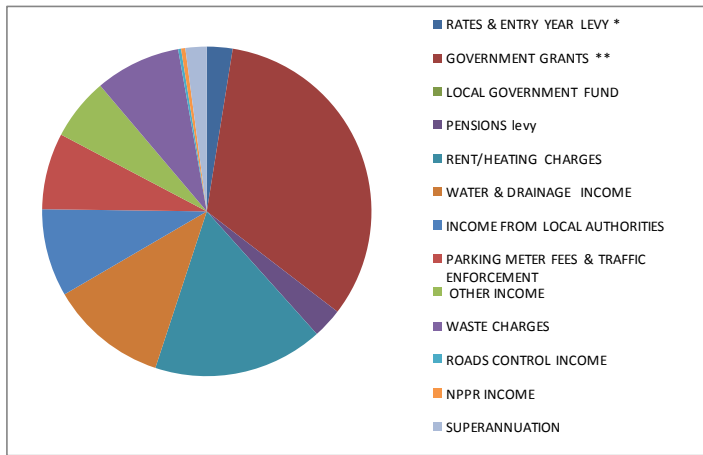
Income	This period	29/10/2010	Expenditure	This period	29/10/2010
Total Revenue Income	51,977,973	801,527,646	Total Revenue Expenditure	66,180,594	638,692,181
Total Capital Income	26,916,440	163,711,310	Total Capital Expenditure	26,328,268	230,604,900
Mortgage Discharge	1,520,303	9,712,133	Shared Ownership Loan Repayment	375,574	47,467,552
Movement in debtors	15,580,942	29,693,670	Movement in Creditors	14,281,578	80,473,314
Receipts during period	95,995,658	1,004,644,760	Payments during period	107,166,014	997,237,947

Income	%	This period	29/10/2010	Expenditure	%	This period	29/10/2010
Revenue Income				Revenue Expenditure			
RATES & ENTRY YEAR LEVY *	-2.7%	1,382,165	334,842,566	PAYROLL	57.9%	38,345,437	369,746,983
GOVERNMENT GRANTS **	34.6%	18,005,644	119,847,880	PLANT HIRE	1.7%	1,138,511	9,812,165
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND	0.0%	-	57,019,324	OTHER	5.6%	3,700,465	21,338,026
PENSIONS levy	3.1%	1,609,113	15,094,409	CONTRIBUTIONS	4.2%	2,757,604	26,313,864
RENT/HEATING CHARGES	17.6%	9,143,383	72,854,677	CONTRACT PAYMENTS	6.3%	4,180,310	28,719,213
WATER & DRAINAGE INCOME	12.2%	6,317,614	52,885,529	RATES	0.0%	1,816	23,436,880
INCOME FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES	9.1%	4,713,158	49,152,631	GRANTS	4.4%	2,887,777	17,857,634
PARKING METER FEES & TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	7.9%	4,107,021	28,455,833	WASTE DISPOSAL	1.8%	1,205,684	10,004,111
OTHER INCOME	6.4%	3,335,123	27,468,327	BORROWINGS REPAYMENTS	0.4%	243,589	12,626,901
WASTE CHARGES	8.9%	4,600,958	18,029,777	INSURANCE/CLAIMS	0.7%	453,326	10,669,735
ROADS CONTROL INCOME	0.3%	158,193	1,170,161	RAS COSTS	2.1%	1,361,900	12,619,470
NPPR INCOME	0.4%	226,900	13,087,900	FEES, CONSULTANCY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1.1%	699,008	11,360,828
SUPERANNUATION	2.2%	1,143,031	11,618,633	CLAMPING	1.1%	725,012	7,985,768
Total Revenue Income	100.0%	51,977,973	801,527,646	RENT	0.7%	483,435	5,245,903
				COMMUNICATIONS COSTS	0.4%	279,810	4,564,373
				COMPUTER COSTS	1.5%	993,438	5,684,003
				CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER BODIES	0.1%	62,717	351,131
				ENERGY COSTS	1.9%	1,289,846	11,987,484
				FINANCIAL EXPENSES	0.3%	199,615	8,590,131
				POSTAGE PRINTING & STATIONERY	0.5%	327,194	3,142,768
				PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS	3.9%	2,550,011	19,036,487
				REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2.8%	1,839,367	13,130,533
				SECURITY	0.7%	454,720	4,467,791
				Total Revenue Expenditure	100.0%	66,180,594	638,692,181

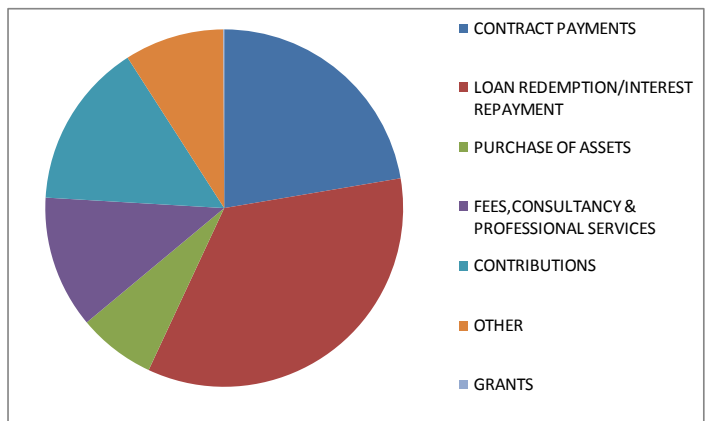
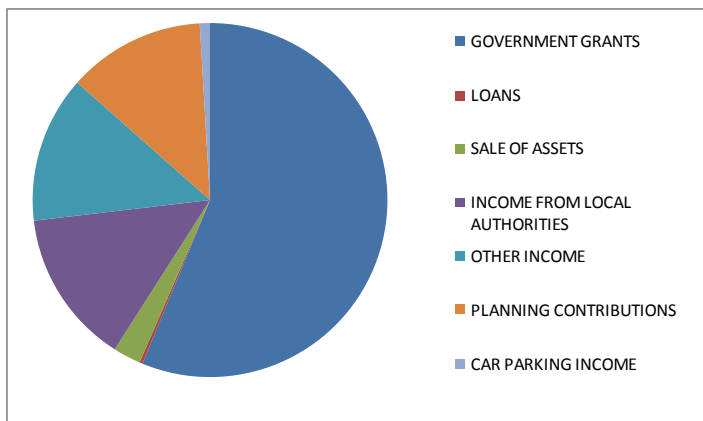
** Income from Government Grants of €18m includes: VEC Recoupment €2.9m, HEGS €1.7m, Homeless Policy €8m, Roads €1m & RAS €3m

* Annual Rates Income is billed in January of each year.

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Capital Income	%	This period	29/10/2010	Capital Expenditure	%	This period	29/10/2010
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	56.2%	15,134,475	81,429,970	CONTRACT PAYMENTS	22.3%	5,879,693	93,544,367
LOANS	0.3%	75,305	50,864,974	LOAN REDEMPTION/INTEREST REPAYMENT	34.6%	9,111,331	47,073,026
SALE OF ASSETS	2.5%	677,601	10,072,005	PURCHASE OF ASSETS	7.0%	1,844,945	33,209,086
INCOME FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES	14.1%	3,798,244	11,369,015	FEES, CONSULTANCY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	12.0%	3,156,648	16,908,701
OTHER INCOME	13.4%	3,608,600	21,453,010	CONTRIBUTIONS	15.0%	3,944,876	18,316,251
PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS	12.5%	3,372,471	5,921,440	OTHER	9.0%	2,369,771	18,455,776
CAR PARKING INCOME	0.9%	249,744	5,338,928	GRANTS	0.1%	21,003	3,097,693
Total Capital Income	100.0%	26,916,440	163,711,310	Total Capital Expenditure	#####	26,328,268	230,604,900



Capital Grants of €15.1m relate to Housing Projects €11m , Alfie Byrne Sports Facility €1m, Medical Legal Centre €1.033m and €744k relate to Roads Projects.

MAJOR SOURCES OF INCOME (October 2010)

	Housing Rents	Domestic Refuse	Metered Water	Rates
Debtor as @ 1/01/2010	19,526,762	19,566,287	23,215,804	44,455,944
Income Raised	61,197,296	11,377,752	19,972,835	334,842,567
Receipts	60,939,375	13,241,432	20,171,293	262,082,801
Bad Debts			2,915,581	5,217,004
Debtor as @ 29/10/2010	19,784,683	17,702,607	20,101,765	111,998,706
% Collection	75.49%	42.79%	50.09%	70.06%

Domestic Refuse Income Raised includes VAT of €538,153

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