

## COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniúl Míosúil a tionóladh ar 7 Feabhra 2011 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  
Emer Costello  
Pat Crimmins  
Dessie Ellis  
Mary Fitzpatrick  
Declan Flanagan  
Mannix Flynn  
Killian Forde  
Mary Freehill  
John Gallagher

**Comhairleoir:**

Deirdre Heney  
Kevin Humphreys  
Vincent Jackson  
Dermot Lacey  
Ray McAdam  
Paul McAuliffe  
Séamas McGrattan  
Marie Metcalfe  
Louise Minihan  
Andrew Montague  
Rebecca Moynihan  
Eoghan Murphy  
Criona Ní Dhálaigh  
Catherine Noone

**Comhairleoir**

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  
Oisín Quinn  
John Redmond  
Nial Ring  
Brid Smith  
Edie Wynne

**Oifigigh**

John Tierney  
Philip Maguire  
Kathy Quinn  
Michael Phillips

Michael Stubbs  
Terence O'Keeffe  
Richard Brady  
Damian Drumm

Tom Leahy  
Vincent Norton  
Mary Pyne  
Oonagh Casey  
Catherine Darmody

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by extending the sympathy of the City Council to the family and friends of Mr Patrick (Paddy) Weir who died recently. He said that Mr Weir had been House Steward in the Mansion House for 17 years and had served 20 Lord Mayors during that time. Sympathies were extended to his wife, Netta, who also worked in the Mansion House, and his daughter, Mary, who works in Dublin City Council Events' Section.

He also extended sympathy to the husband, daughter and extended family of the late Ms Paula Mulvaney who had worked in the Culture, Recreation & Amenity Department of the City Council and also to the husband, and family of Lynda Collins, daughter of former Lord Mayor of Dublin, Fergus O'Brien, who was killed tragically by a falling tree last Thursday.

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The Lord Mayor welcomed Dick Brady who recently took up duty as Assistant City Manager for Housing and Residential Services. He then informed the Members that the Lord Mayor's Awards ceremony had been postponed and would **not** be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February as previously notified. The Lord Mayor then wished every success to all Councillors who are going forward for election in the upcoming General Election.

He then called on Mr Michael Stubbs, Assistant City Manager, to brief the Members on the situation with regard to judicial review proceedings against Dublin City initiated by the Sisters of Charity and RTE in relation to zoning decisions included in the Development Plan 2011 - 2017. Mr Stubbs explained the background to the current challenge and sought the approval of the City Council to defend the proceedings. The City Council gave its approval. The Members asked to be notified of the date of proposed hearings so that any Member wishing to attend could do so.

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 125 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 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 from Ballybay Town Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their December 2010 Meeting calling on the Oireachtas to introduce regulations on the "Cash for Gold" business. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
4. Submitted Letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of two motions agreed at a recent meeting calling on the Government to maximise in forthcoming legislation the protection of An Post from the liberalisation of postal services  
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calling on the Government to recognise the unique and vital role of the postal service in Ireland, particularly rural Ireland, as a means of communication, a vital economic tool, an intrinsic part of the fabric of the community, and thus demands that as the Government draft legislation to open the postal market to full competition, it ensures that the priceless social service provided by An Post, the Universal Service Obligation, and the jobs of An Post staff are protected. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of these letters". The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at a recent meeting requesting that this Council contact all relevant authorities and raise the need for addressing the serious issues facing the undocumented Irish in America. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
6. Submitted Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 from Limerick County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their November 2010 Meeting: "That, in the case where a said planning application is about to expire that the site assessment and sightlines pertaining to that application transfers to any new

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application on the said site by another applicant who satisfies the need and all other relevant criteria to obtain planning". It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

7. Submitted Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 2010 from Municipality of Rhodes – Office of Mayor – informing us that they have named one of their streets in Rhodes after our capital city. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 from Monaghan Town Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their recent meeting calling on the Oireachtas to introduce regulations on the "Cash for Gold" business. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
9. Submitted Letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 from Monaghan Town Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their December 2010 Meeting: "That Monaghan Town Council implore the Competition Authority to implement measures that will enhance competition within the bulk LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) market". It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
10. Submitted Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011 from Galway City Council conveying the terms of two motions from their December 2010 Meeting requesting that a Civic Reception be held for Aung San Suu Kyi following her recent release from captivity and that the City Council liaise with Dublin City Council in this regard and response dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 from Mr. Vincent Norton, Executive Manager, Dublin City Council. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
11. Submitted Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 from Clonmel Borough Council conveying the terms of a motion from their November 2010 Meeting calling on the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the Minister for Enterprise Trade and Innovation and the Minister for Finance to provide funding to Local Authorities to allow them to administer a waiver scheme for commercial rate payers genuinely struggling to make rates payments. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
12. Submitted Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 from Clonmel Borough Council conveying the terms of motion from their December 2010 Meeting calling on the Government to recognise the unique and vital role of the postal service in Ireland, and particularly rural Ireland, as a means of communication, as a vital economic tool and as an intrinsic part of the fabric of the community. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
13. Submitted Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 from Castlebar Town Council conveying the terms of a motion from their December 2010 Meeting calling on the Minister for Education to ensure that protocols are introduced in all primary and secondary

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schools re Book Rental Scheme, Stick-on Crests on all school uniforms and provision of a Confidential Information Box as part of Anti-Bullying Policy. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

14. Submitted Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 from Castlebar Town Council conveying the terms of a motion from their December 2010 Meeting requesting that members of Castlebar Town Council condemn the recent increases in mortgage rates by our financial institutions. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
15. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
16. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Freehill "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.
17. Submitted Report No. 51/2011 of the Dublin City Manager – Appointment of external member to Dublin City Council Audit Committee. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council hereby ratifies the appointment of Mr B Cawley Director General of the Institute of Public Administration, to the Dublin City Council Audit Committee as recommended in Report No 51/2011" The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No. 24/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) – Arts Funding for 2011 (Arts Act 2003). It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 24/2011 and hereby approves the funding as set out in the report" The motion was put and carried.
19. Submitted Report No. 34/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) – Grants towards the running costs of private swimming pools for year 2009. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 34/2011 and hereby approves the grants as set out in the report" The motion was put and carried.
20. Submitted Report No. 44/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) – Development Contribution Schemes – Annual Indexation. It was proposed by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 44/2011 and hereby approves the recommendation contained therein" The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 50/2011 of the Executive Manager (*V. Norton*) – Appointment to Dublin City Joint Policing Committee. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by R McAdam "That Dublin City Council hereby ratifies the appointment of Mr R Brady to the Dublin City Council Joint Policing Committee as recommended in Report No 50/2011" The motion was put and carried.

22. Submitted Report No. 28/2011 of the Executive Manager (*C. Reilly*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way at 20/24 Swift's Grove. It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor M Freehill "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way at 20/24 Swift's Grove, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 25713, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993" The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 33/2011 of the Executive Manager (*C. Dunne*) – With reference to the disposal of the fee simple interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 19 premises. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 33/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No. 35/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*R. Brady*) - With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Apartment 6, 82 Reuben Street, Herberton, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No35/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No. 37/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in a site on Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 37/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 38/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in No. 7 Main Street, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 38/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 39/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of a site to the rear of 37 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 39/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No. 40/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of 558 North Circular Road, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 40/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No. 41/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a licence to operate a crèche at Pearse

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Memorial Park, Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 41/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

30. Submitted Report No. 42/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the proposed lease of site at St. Helena's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 42/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No. 26/2011 of the Chairperson of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Julia Carmichael*) – Breviate of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010. It was proposed by Councillor Freehill and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 26/2011" The motion was put and carried.
32. Submitted Report No. 29/2011 of the Chairperson of the Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Naoise O Muiri*) – Breviate of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor E Wynne "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 29/2011" The motion was put and carried. The City Council also agreed that a report on changes to the Waste Management Waiver Scheme would be brought to the next meeting of the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee.
33. Submitted Report No. 32/2011 of the Chairperson of the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Andrew Montague*) – Breviate of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 32/2011" The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No. 36/2011 of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Planning and International Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Mary Freehill*) – Breviate of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010. . It was proposed by Councillor M Freehill and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 36/2011" The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed that a report on tall trees in private gardens would be brought to a future meeting of this committee.
35. Submitted Report No. 47/2011 of the Chairperson of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Killian Forde*) – Breviate of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011. It was proposed by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor A Montague "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 47/2011" The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No. 49/2011 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2011 – *Councillor Dr. Bill Tormey, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 49/2011" The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed that a letter be sent to the Garda Commissioner on foot of a motion agreed by the North West Area Committee in relation to securing Garda clearance for potential employees in the area of youth service provision.

37. Submitted Report No. 25/2011 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2011 – *Councillor Aine Clancy, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor E Costello and seconded by Councillor M O’Shea “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 25/2011” The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No. 45/2011 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2011 – *Councillor Clare Byrne, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor C Byrne and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 45/2011” The motion was put and carried.
39. Submitted Report No. 27/2011 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the Special Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 - *Councillor Clare Byrne, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Byrne “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 27/2011” The motion was put and carried.
40. Submitted Report No. 22/2011 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2011 – *Councillor Jim O’Callaghan, Vice-chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor E Wynne and seconded by Councillor E Murphy “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 22/2011” The motion was put and carried.
41. Submitted Report No. 22/2011 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2011 – *Councillor Jim O’Callaghan, Vice-chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 22/2011” The motion was put and carried.
42. Submitted Report No. 21/2011 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2011 – *Councillor Paddy Bourke, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor D Heney “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 21/2011” The motion was put and carried.
43. Submitted Report No. 30/2011 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Subcommittee – Breviate of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – *Lord Mayor, Gerry Breen, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor T Brabazon and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 30/2011” The motion was put and carried.
44. Submitted Report No. 48/2011 of the North West Area Joint Policing Subcommittee – Breviate of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – *Councillor Paul McAuliffe, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor D Heney “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 48/2011” The motion was put and carried.
45. Submitted Report No. 43/2011 of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee – Breviate of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – *Lord Mayor, Gerry Breen, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor J Redmond and seconded by Councillor D Heney “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 43/2011” The motion was put and carried.

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46. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following emergency motion without debate. This motion was submitted in the name of Councillor Kevin Humphreys "That there is a full structural survey carried out on Ringsend Bridge and the approach roads to the bridge in light of the collapse of the quay wall at Fitzwilliam Quay"
47. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following emergency motion without debate. This motion was submitted in the names of Councillor Ray McAdam and Councillor Christy Burke "That the City Manager would provide a report to all Councillors outlining what contacts the Traffic Department had with Irish Rail in respect of Dart Underground and in particular to the size and width of the planned relocated bridge on West Road. Evidence provided by Irish Rail at the ongoing Oral Hearing contradicts that provided by the Traffic Engineer. We would ask that this report be circulated prior to the March City Council meeting for discussion"
48. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following emergency motion without debate. This motion was submitted in the name of Councillors B Smith, J Collins and C Ni Dhalaigh "This Council declares its total solidarity with the heroic democracy protestors of Egypt, and especially with those currently occupying Tahrir (Liberation) Square. It strongly supports their demands: for the immediate removal of the dictator, Hosni Mubarak, from his office as President; for the repeal of the anti-democratic Emergency Law (which since 1981 has given the notorious State Security Forces the right to detain people without charge or trial); for the dismantling of the whole Mubarak regime of murder, torture and corruption; for full freedom of the press and genuine democratic elections. This Council resolves to refuse all collaboration with the illegitimate Mubarak Government or its agents.

This Council also calls upon the Irish Government to:

- a) End all diplomatic relations with the Mubarak/Suleiman regime until such time as a new democratically elected government is established
- b) To make a public statement of its' support for the democracy movement
- c) To vote accordingly at the United Nations and in the EU Council of Ministers and European Parliament
- d) To call publicly for Mubarak to be put on trial at the International Court of Human Rights at The Hague.

Following a vote, the motion was carried. Councillor P Bourke asked that it be recorded that he voted against the motion.

49. It was proposed by Councillor D O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "This Council warmly welcomes the ICTU campaign to protect the weak and vulnerable in our society and strongly condemns the FF led government that has brought our country to its knees through the gross mismanagement of our economy. We also also condemn the actions of senior bankers, developers and speculators" Following a vote, the motion was declared to be defeated.
50. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council calls on the Government to recognise the unique and vital role of the postal service in Ireland as a means of communication, as a vital economic tool and as an intrinsic part of the fabric of the community. Our postal service has a social value and an economic value; these must be properly protected as the Government drafts legislation to open the

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postal market to full competition. Proper regulation to protect against urban 'cherry picking' must be enacted. 'Cherry picking' occurs where profitable urban postal routes are taken over by new operators thereby denying An Post much needed revenues to fund the loss making rural post under the Universal Service Obligation. Postmen and women provide an important public service and also function as an integral part of the social fabric of their community, particularly for the elderly and the isolated citizens whose only human contact might be their post person. Furthermore An Post's extensive delivery and collection network, is an intrinsic part of the economic and business infrastructure of the country.

Reaching every corner of the country and by delivering to every front door An Post is an essential partner in business from a marketing, payment collection and business generation point of view. As Ireland prepares to liberalise its postal market it is essential that the Government acknowledges this important public service, ensures that the Universal Service Obligation is protected by legislation and does not allow the opening of the market to lead to wide spread job losses, social dumping and an erosion in service levels as has happened in other countries who have already opened their postal market to competition" The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed to write to the Communications Workers' Union to convey the terms of this motion.

51. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor P Crimmins "That a report be provided to the Area Committee on the future plans for the City Council land bank in the North Central Area" The motion was put and carried and the report presented by Mr Vincent Norton, Executive Manager was noted.
52. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That the members of Dublin City Council reject the proposed creation of the position of Mayor of Dublin and proposed associated powers attaching to the office" Councillor Ring read the following extract from the proposed legislation into the record ".....the ultimate objective of the Bill is to provide for a Mayor of the Dublin Region who will lead the development of Dublin in becoming an attractive city....." A proposed amendment, put forward by Councillor Freehill and seconded by Councillor E Costello, was defeated. The original motion was then put and carried.
53. It was proposed by Councillor M Metcalfe and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "To call on the City Manager to ensure that all will be done to realise a permanent structure for Gaelscoil Bharra, Cabra, Dublin 7 and to provide an update on the current situation" Following discussion, it was agreed that a report be sent to the Members of the Central Area Committee.
54. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor S Kenny on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 35 on the Agenda Paper "That Dublin City Council calls on the Commission for Communications Regulation to conduct a site survey on Non-Ionising Radiation emission levels from mobile phone masts erected on flood lighting poles at St. Monica's GAA pitch, Millwood Park, Raheny, Dublin 5, in view of local concerns at emission levels already recorded"
55. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Burke "Can the Area Manager please give me full details of what objections, if any, we in Dublin City Council have to the establishment of a full river authority to take responsibility for the maintenance and management of the river course. The water course needs ongoing maintenance to prevent the siltation of the river bed, also maintenance of the weirs and millrace. Failure to maintain will result in the potential for flooding, etc. Can I ask what efforts, if any, we have made to have the river

authority established similar to the River Lagan in Belfast" The motion was put and carried.

56. It was proposed by Councillor P Crimmins and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "Will the Manager investigate the possibility of letting business concerns place advertisements on Dublin City Council public seating, particularly in the City Centre areas. Advertising on seating would perhaps generate extra revenue. This is working very well in Wicklow town" Mr Michael Stubbs, Assistant City Manager, informed the Members that a Public Realm Strategy would soon be ready for the public consultation phase and that these issues were addressed in it. The motion was put and carried.
57. The Lord Mayor vacated the Chair at 8.32pm at which time it was taken by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor E Wynne. The Lord Mayor resumed the chair at 9pm and thanked Councillor Wynne for deputising for him.
58. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor M Metcalfe "That the City Manager calls upon the voluntary housing association sector to publish their housing allocations list in keeping with DCC's published best practice procedure with regards to adherence to transparency, openness and fairness in public and voluntary housing" The motion was put and carried.
59. The City Council agreed to take Item No 47 on the Agenda next. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor P Bourke "Dublin City Council calls on NAMA to conduct an audit of all major buildings and amenities owned by Financial Institutions now under the control of NAMA with a view to transferring these to more appropriate public use" The motion was put and carried
60. It was proposed by Councillor C Perry and seconded by Councillor M Metcalfe "That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to reject the application for funding for the Spencer Dock development designated Block N while the proposed apartment sizes do not meet the current standards and while the social mix does not comply with the North Lotts Planning Scheme or best practice. Dublin City Council tenants should not have to endure substandard housing" The Motion was put to a roll-call vote and defeated.

The following Members voted in favour of the motion – Councillors Metcalfe, Perry and Smith. The following Members voted against the motion – Lord Mayor Gerry Breen, Councillors P Bourke, C Burke, Costello, Fitzpatrick, Freehill, Humphreys, Jackson, Lacey, McAdam, Montague, O'Callaghan, O'Regan, O'Shea, Parodi, Redmond, Ring and Wynne. Councillors Flynn, Heney and McAuliffe abstained.

61. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke "That Dublin City Council seeks a change in the law to bring back a deposit system for all glass bottles, plastic bottles & aluminium cans. The present system is a disgrace with huge levels of littering. Germany, Sweden, Holland and other European countries have a 25c charge resulting in an incentive to return empties" The motion was put and carried.
62. It was proposed by Councillor C O'Regan and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "Will the Manager introduce a moratorium on limitations to access to emergency services with regard to nationality and status for the duration of the homeless services 'cold weather strategy' and/or where an appeal is pending against a

finding of non-compliance with the Habitual Residency Condition. This moratorium would be subject to review” The motion was put and carried.

63. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That the Manager please refer to on-going problems being experienced by residents of Cadogan Road, Fairview, Dublin 3 who are suffering as a result of missiles being thrown from the balconies of the flats in Ballybough House. Now say what measures the City Council is putting in place to prevent this on-going nuisance being inflicted on nearby residents by City Council tenants” The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that a report would be sent to the North Central Area Committee on this issue.
64. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor M Flynn “That the Manager organises a common insurance scheme that all Residents’ Associations can pay to join. This should result in cheaper insurance for the Associations but at no cost to the Council” The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that the Housing Department would send details to all Members of a special group insurance policy negotiated by the Irish National Voluntary and Community Forum.
65. The following motion, standing at Item No 44 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor R McGinley, was deemed to have fallen due to his absence “That this City Council calls on the City Manager to bring forward specific costed and timebound proposals to increase water production capacity for Dublin Region as the current inadequate production levels are giving rise to unacceptable limitations for businesses and residents in the region”
66. It was proposed by Councillor C O’Regan and seconded by Councillor D Lacey “That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to congratulate Dublin City Council workers, Gardai and Dublin Bus drivers, in particular, for their work, professionalism and dedication to duty shown during the recent cold spell and requests the Manager to write to the City Manager, the Garda Commissioner and the Chief Executive of Dublin Bus to pass on our appreciation” The motion was put and carried.
67. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor M Freehill on the following motion standing in her name at Item NO 46 on the Agenda Paper “That in future to include in the contract when tendering for a car Clamping Company that a flexibility clause be written into the contract stating that in extreme weather conditions that 50% of the Company staff are available to help in the City Council effort in making the city safer for citizens”
68. The City Council agreed to defer the following motion in the name of Councillor E Costello standing at Item No 48 on the Agenda Paper to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 “That this City Council agrees to review the casual trading by-laws to extend the dates of Christmas trading in Henry Street to the end of December, to formally extend the hours of trading to bring them into line with the shop opening times, to allow for additional people to be included on the trading licenses and to work with the Traders Association to improve the situation for all traders there”
69. The following motion standing at Item No 49 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor J Lyons was deemed to have fallen due to his absence “In relation to the Ballymun Masterplan, that the Manager confirm the start dates in 2011 on

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those projects that have been submitted for planning permission and tendered to date; that he outline the opportunities that exist for sub contractors at these housing schemes; and that he further outline what opportunities exist for sub-contractors on the Housing and Infrastructure work being carried out in 2011”

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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

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### QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 07<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

#### **Q1. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS**

To ask the Manager to quantify the number of apartments that are having problems with the windows since moving into the Bottleworks Apartments Ringsend. There is a mould growing on the windows and condensation running down the ledges onto the floors. Will the Manager outline the measures that have been taken and when can the residents expect the faults in the windows to be repaired?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Our Housing Maintenance Executive Engineer has called and inspected the City Council-owned apartments at this location within the past week. There are three apartments identified as having condensation-related issues. This is due to the size of the windows, which is a design feature, and the fact that the vents were not being used to allow air circulation.

The tenants have been advised on how to prevent and manage further condensation-related issues. This is the responsibility of the individual tenants as identified in our tenant's handbook.

#### **Q2. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS**

To ask the Manager the number of bin charge waivers that have been granted in 2005,6,7,8,9,10 and how many applications to date for 2011.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waivers granted:

2010	41123
2009	38872
2008	38204
2007	39637
2006	39878
2005	38200

As the Charge for 2011 has not yet been raised, there are less than 1,000 applications to hand.

#### **Q3. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Manager to itemise all funding requests made to the Department of the Environment in the past 3 years, in connection with the water rehabilitation programme and give a precise current status in respect of each request and the related works.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Funding for water main rehabilitation is provided through the DEHLG Water Services Investment Programme (WSIP). These are 3-year programmes conveying general approvals in principle only. Every scheme must undergo a series of separate approvals before construction can commence.

The Dublin Region Water Main Rehabilitation Programme (DRWRP) is a regional project managed by Dublin City Council. This followed on from the very successful Dublin Region Water Conservation Project (DRWCP) which reduced leakage from 42.5% to 28% but also confirmed that leakage below this figure could only be

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achieved when the ancient Victorian mains were replaced through a rehabilitation programme.

The water supply is divided into District Meter Areas (DMAs) of approximately 1,500 houses where use is constantly monitored and leakage is identified. This information forms the basis for identification of schemes for rehabilitation in the Region.

Under the previous WSIP (2007 – 2009) DCC requested approval to carry out works in the City and received approval as follows:

<b>WSIP (2007-09) CONTRACT NO.</b>	<b>DISTRICT METERED AREAS (DMAs)</b>
Contract 1	Merrion Road North, Merrion Road South, Kilmainham
Contract 2	Pembroke Road & Anglesea Road
Contract 3	Irishtown Phase 1 & Crumlin Cross
Contract 4	Irishtown Phase 2 & Mespil Road
Contract 5	Belmont Avenue & Skelly's Lane

All of the above areas are in Dublin City. Work was also carried out in Leopardstown and Broadford in Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown Co. Co.'s area. The above works are known as Tranche 1 of the DRWRP. These Contracts are now completed (12 DMAs completed) with a total of 60 km of watermain rehabilitated and savings of 9 Million Litres per day. A total of 200Km. of additional mains were designed in the region (intended for construction in Tranches 2 and 3).

### **Water Services Investment Programme 2010 -2012**

In October 2009 under WSIP 2010 -2012, DCC applied for approval to carry out works in a further 42 DMAs, equivalent to a further 200km of watermains for rehabilitation. In March 2010, when the WSIP 2010 - 2012 programme was published by the DEHLG, a total of 20 DMAs out of the 42 applied for were included in WSIP 2010 -2012. In June 2010 financial approval was granted by the DEHLG for Tranche 2 of the works.

### **Tranche 2**

Following on from DEHLG approval to Tranche 2 in June 2010 which includes Contracts, 6, 9, 10, 11 & 12 along with work to be carried out by the Water Division in Townsend Street, DMA Tender documents were prepared and contracts advertised. Each individual contract must be approved in detail by the DEHLG prior to construction. In Autumn 2010, Contracts 9 and 10 commenced in Bray, Dun Laoghaire and South Dublin.

**Contract 9:** Blackrock, Deansgrange, Gort Muire, South Avenue and Town Hall

**Contract 10:** Ballyduff, Limekiln, Old Bawn and Red Cow

**Contract 11:** In January 2011, Tenders have just been received for contract 11 works in the following areas in Dun Laoghaire, Fingal, South Dublin & Wicklow - Baldonnell, Clonmel/Blanchardstown, Greystones & Monkstown

**Contract 12:** In February 2011 Tenders are due for contract 12 works in the following areas in Dun Laoghaire - Glenageary and Sallynoggin

It is hoped to carry out works on Contracts 11 & 12 in the surrounding counties throughout the Summer and Autumn of 2011.

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**Contract 6:** Contains works in Dublin City as follows - Grand Canal Street, Church Street, Green Street, and All Hallows. It is hoped to commence works on Contract 6 in DCC's area late this year; however this is dependent on DEHLG approvals.

### **Tranche 3 (Not included in WSIP 2010-2012 for construction)**

Following the severe problems with water mains in both December 2010 and January 2011, DCC has secured agreement in principle from the DEHLG to carry out rehabilitation work on the remaining DMAs not originally approved under WSIP (2010 – 2012). On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011, DCC submitted a formal application to include these DMAs within the Department's programme and this is under consideration by the DEHLG. Tranche 3 will consist of the remaining works in the City along with some works in Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown Co. Co.'s area.

The following is the proposed list of DMAs under Tranche 3 in Dublin City:

Gardiner Street, Camden Street Upper & Clanwilliam Place  
Redmond's Hill, North Strand Rd, Rathgar Ave., Terenure Rd North, Bride Street, Rathgar, Dolphin's Barn, Richmond Hill, Dorset Street, Rathdown, Sussex Terrace, Donore Ave, Marrowbone Lane, Christchurch Place, Sean Moore Road & Patrick St/Thomas St.

Tranche 3 also contains the following works in Dun Laoghaire:

Foster Ave, Mather Road South & Carrickbrennan Road

As soon as formal approval to Tranche 3 issues from the DEHLG, a more detailed implementation report will issue.

#### **Q4. COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

With regard to the decision made by Council some months ago that all new street signs be in Irish language only would the Manager state if this is possible given that legislation exists which states that all public signage be in both Irish and English.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Under current legislation all street signs must include the Irish Language version. However it is Dublin City Council Policy to include both the Irish and English versions of the relevant message. There are some signs which are specified in the Traffic Signs Manual as English only: 'Stop', 'Yield' and 'Taxi' signs. In addition Variable Message Signs are permissible in English only.

#### **Q5. COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

Would the Manager please state the annual income received from parking meters and that the amounts are given by parking zones?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The total income received in respect of pay & display parking in 2010 is set out below:

	<b>Parking Ticket Machines</b>	<b>Parking Tag</b>	<b>Total</b>
Yellow Zone (Very High Demand)	€14,047,217.86	€1,076,901.93	€15,124,119.79

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Red Zone (High Demand)	€4,984,496.66	€251,740.19	€5,236,236.85
Green Zone (Medium Demand)	€1,948,485.06	€66,275.54	€2,014,760.60
Orange Zone (Low Demand)	€1,463,109.59	€30,566.82	€1,493,676.41
Blue Zone (Suburban Villages)	€249,224.83	€1,766.24	€250,991.07
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€22,692,534.00</b>	<b>€1,427,250.72</b>	<b>€24,119,784.72</b>

**Q6. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Manager to have the following matters dealt with in the, **(details supplied)**, area.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q7. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Manager to make provision for windows and inner front door replacement at, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer called to inspect the windows of this dwelling. Currently there are aluminium windows installed. However, the tenant along with all City Council tenants, was informed by letter in June 2009 that no routine repairs will be carried out where there are over six weeks rent arrears outstanding. If the tenant wishes to contact our Rents Section, make an agreement and maintain this agreement, the situation in relation to replacing her windows will be examined.

**Q8. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Manager to have the following work carried out, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A local low point in the paving at this area collects water during rain; however, no drainage infrastructure exists to clear it. Road Maintenance will inspect this location during wet weather to assess the drainage issue. Following this inspection a decision will be made on what remedial actions are required.

Cleansing of this walkway is carried out every Tuesday.

**Q9. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to review the decision not to close the laneway connecting, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The possibility of closing this lane was originally raised in October 2002 by An Garda Síochána. Following initial investigations a petition signed by 132 residents objecting to any closure of the laneway was received. Due to the level of local opposition it was decided not to initiate the extinguishment procedure at that time.

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A request to extinguish the public right of way over this laneway was again received in February 2008. The procedure to carry out the extinguishment was initiated at the March 2008 meeting of the Central Area Committee, with a public consultation period commencing from 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008. During this consultation period a petition, signed by 184 residents, was received which objected to the proposed extinguishment. It was also noted that the proposed extinguishment was causing a great deal of division in the community. It was for this reason that a report was presented to the May 2008 Central Area Committee by the Area Manager which did not recommend proceeding with the extinguishment of the public right of way.

The extinguishment procedure costs approximately €3,000. It is therefore not intended to proceed with a new extinguishment procedure unless a new request is accompanied by a petition from residents in favour of such a proposal.

**Q10. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to provide a report on the current parking situation on, **(details supplied)**, and whether any complaints about parking have been made in relation to this street over the past three months?

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The matter will be investigated and a reply will be issued to the Councillor.

**Q11. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager whether he has made a decision in respect of, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q12. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the City Manager has the Council completed any work around water metering systems as yet. Has the Council conducted any research as to what systems it will need etc. When do they envisage that water metering will commence and who on the City Council will be overseeing this project.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Water metering of non-domestic consumers has already taken place and these consumers now pay for water services, both the supply of water and the collection and treatment of wastewater, based on usage.

The issue of charging domestic consumers for water services requires a change in legislation before it can be introduced. The Minister for the Environment Heritage and Local Government is to put proposals before the Oireachtas in relation to the way in which any new charges are to be introduced and also on how the fitting of water meters on domestic properties nationally is to be managed. Charges for water services for domestic consumers will not be introduced before 2014 according to the Government's 4-year plan to revive the national economy.

The City Council awaits the legislative change and the Minister's direction regarding the implementation of a charging mechanism and the fitting of water meters to domestic properties.

**Q13. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the City Manager how far ahead has the Council gone in terms of LED lighting systems for street lighting?

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Has the Council completed much research into it and when does it feel that it may introduce LED into its street lighting going forward?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The proposed advantages of LED lighting are long life and energy saving. As far as energy efficiency is concerned they are, at present, only similar in efficacy to other tried and tested lighting sources on the market. Reputable street lighting manufacturers, who also sell LED fittings, will agree with this fact.

As regards life and reduced maintenance the case is still unproven and the experience of Dublin City Council with LED technology would indicate that many of the claims do not stand up.

Dublin City Council has a small number of LED installations, the most extensive being in Smithfield. This site can be visited to get an experience of LED lighting and also allows comparisons with adjacent technologies.

LED street lights are currently in the order of three times the price of standard light fittings.

LED technology efficacy is constantly improving and the prices are constantly decreasing.

Based on the analysis of the current state of the technology Dublin City Council has no plans, at present, to embark on major investment in this technology. However the changing situation in this technology area is constantly being kept under review.

### **Q14. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to provide an update on the status of an application for a Mobility Aids Housing Grant submitted by, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

An application under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme was returned to the applicant on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011 as relevant documentation was not submitted with the form. When the form is returned with the documentation it will be processed in a prompt and efficient manner.

### **Q15. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS**

To ask the Manager to have Grand Canal Street Upper cleaned on a regular basis.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have Grand Canal Street Upper cleaned every Monday after the refuse collection has taken place there.

### **Q16. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY**

To ask the Manager to say when he will make safe the tree on the footpath outside, **(details supplied)**, which is causing the footpath to break up and is endangering the garden boundary.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Parks & Landscape Services Division has inspected the condition of the path at, **(details supplied)**. This location will be identified on the 2011 list of locations requiring repairs to Roads Maintenance Division and repairs will be arranged on confirmation of the availability of the required resources.

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### Q17. **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council is in need of additional funding to deal with the problems that arise during bad weather conditions and if Dublin City Council will have to request these funds from the Department of the Environment.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The costs concerning the winter maintenance of the road infrastructure during the severe weather events of the year 2010, i.e. during the dates prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010, have been recouped by Dublin City Council through additional funding / grants.

Further costs, currently estimated at €290,000, concerning the winter maintenance of the road infrastructure during the latter period of 2010, i.e., the period extending from the 19<sup>th</sup> December to the 26<sup>th</sup> December, are not provided for within the allocated Road Maintenance Services budget for the year 2010. The recoupment of these costs is currently being examined.

### Q18. **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager to outline what was the cost in regards to wages and repairs to some pipes damage to roads and other areas.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

It is too early to count the cost as some overtime and other costs are still being incurred and the information for January is not yet available. The cost of the January 2010 event was approximately €500,000. The current event extended over a longer period. It started in early December and the situation is only now beginning to get back to normal. It is therefore likely that the costs will be higher.

The Minister of the Environment Heritage & Local Government (DEHLG) has indicated that special funds will be made available to local authorities to cover the extra costs involved in dealing with the impacts of the severe weather. Special funds were provided by the DEHLG towards the cost of the severe weather in January 2010 and early December 2010.

### Q19. **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager if there is another part of Moore Lane or Street that is of concern to Dublin City Council that may have to be demolished due to inspection by Dublin City Council.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Inspector for the Dangerous Buildings Section reports that no other structures on Moore Street, Moore Lane or Henry Place have come to his attention at this time that would require action by the Section.

### Q20. **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager if DCC would arrange an extra sweep along North Strand Road, Dublin 3 as at times this area is in need of an extra clean up.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have North Strand Road scheduled to be cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday. We also include North Strand Road in our weekend cleaning schedule. We will monitor the cleaning of this area to see if any improvements can be made.

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**Q21. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS**

To ask the Manager for the footpath at the side of 6 Prospect Terrace to be re-instated.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The broken kerb edge on Dromard Avenue (to the side of 6 Prospect Terrace) will be repaired by Road Maintenance staff within 8 weeks.

**Q22. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Manager to improve public lighting at, **(details supplied)**, and to remove the senior citizen sign at same location.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that there was a problem with youths gaining access to the meter room at this location. The door to this meter room has been changed and secured to prevent access, which should alleviate the problem of youths loitering. There are no proposals to remove the sign as people require this to locate the apartments.

Our Electrical Services Section will check out the lighting levels in these apartments.

**Q23. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the City Manager what substance was used to grit the footpaths and is he aware that on paths between Thomas Street and Pimlico and near St. James's Hospital there is a still a thick layer of this substance on them. In many places the paths are actually very uneven because of the sand and stones and could be hazardous for the disabled or elderly people.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Sand was applied to the footpath between Thomas Street and Pimlico and on James's Street leading up to the Hospital. Waste Management Services are currently removing grit from the footpaths in the above-mentioned areas and will continue this work until the task is completed.

**Q24. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Manager to make provision for a new front door at, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that a new front door has been ordered for this dwelling and will be available for installation when manufactured by our Joinery Workshop. It is expected to be available for installation within the next ten to twelve weeks.

**Q25. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q26. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS**

To ask the City Manager to arrange for a shore to be cleaned and replaced in the courts facing, **(details supplied)**, as there is a constant blockage at this location.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the shore will be cleaned at this location within the next few weeks.

### **Q27. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS**

To ask the City Manager to outline as to when windows that were measured a long time ago at, **(details supplied)**, will be fitted.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The windows will be supplied and fitted by end March/early April.

### **Q28. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS**

To ask the City Manager to look at the conditions in, **(details supplied)**, where dampness and water are still a major problem even though walls have been plastered.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Foreman called to inspect this dwelling and reports that there are condensation-related issues. However he is making arrangements to investigate further using a moisture meter. He will then be in a position to advise the tenant on the best preventative methods to manage this issue.

He also confirmed that two radiators are air locked. Arrangements will be made to clear these air locks.

### **Q29. COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS**

To ask the City Manager to arrange for bushes that are overhanging onto the footpath on, **(details supplied)**, to be trimmed as they are causing a nuisance to pedestrians.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Parks Division will arrange to have these shrubs pruned within the next four weeks.

### **Q30. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the City Manager to extend pedestrian traffic lights on all four sides of the junction of, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The junction has been checked and the pedestrian crossings allow sufficient time to cross the junction. For information, the green man is an invitation to begin to cross the road only. The amber man indicates that pedestrians can complete their crossing manoeuvre but should not start to cross.

### **Q31. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the City Manager to ensure that all, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q32. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the City Manager what is the total number of, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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### Q33. **COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the City Manager to carry out any necessary improvements to the pathways along, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The footpaths along, **(details supplied)**, (No's 1-151) are in reasonably good condition. Road Maintenance will carry out any repairs as they arise.

There is a defective temporary Waterworks reinstatement, which will be made safe as soon as possible.

### Q34. **COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE**

To ask the Manager if there is any requirement for Dublin Bus to consult with local residents about changing bus termini and taking into account the impact of constant noise and vibration of buses in residential areas and potential for accidents on the relevant streets and to seek a review in accordance with, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q35. **COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE**

To ask the Manager for a response to the issues raised about lack of water supply in the, **(details supplied)**, area.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q36. **COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Manager to arrange for clearance of laneway, **(details supplied)**, and the erection of no dog fouling signs, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q37. **COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY**

To ask the City Manager to state the number of times The Incident Command Unit/Marine Emergency Response Unit/ Decontamination Unit/River Rescue Boat & The Water Support Unit have been called out to incidents in the past 12 months; if there are plans to provide Ambulance Personnel with anti-stab vests; if DFB has enough resources and equipment to deal with a terrorist attack; the last date DFB received an additional Ambulance; the number of vacancies currently by rank; the number of promotions that have been approved by rank; the persons who allocate either resources or personnel to stations; if DFB still plans to provide an extension to Tallaght Fire Station; if DFB has made any requests to the DOEHLG for additional equipment or appliances; the overtime budget for Dublin Fire Brigade in 2008/2009/2010 and what budget is allocated for this in 2011; if there are plans to increase the number of Fire Prevention Officers within DFB; the number of Advanced Paramedic Vehicles currently in use by DFB; the stations in which they are based; the amount of funding still outstanding to DFB from the HSE with regards to Swords Ambulance; if all Ambulances currently have defibrillator on board; if this Councillor would be provided with a copy of the Emergency calls DFB has received in the past month.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

During 2010, Incident Command Unit - 14 mobilisations, Marine Emergency Response - 2 mobilisations, River Rescue Boat & Water Support - 115 mobilisations. With regard to stab vests; all Health and Safety Measures are subject to an ongoing review by our Health and Safety Committee, consisting of Management, Trade Unions and Staff. While there are no immediate plans to provide staff with protective body armour, any reasonable measure which can reduce the risk of injury to our emergency personnel will be examined.

In the event of a terrorist attack, a Major Emergency would be declared. Dublin Fire Brigade would request the assistance and resources from other Sections within Dublin City Council as well as other agencies, such as the Gardaí, HSE, Coast Guard and the adjoining Local Authorities.

The last additional ambulance introduced was Swords in January 2007. Asst. Chief Fire Officers 2, Third Officers 3, District Officers 10, Station Officers 27, Sub Officers 6, Fire Fighters 1, Senior Executive Fire Prevention Officers 3 , Executive Fire Prevention Officers 2 , Asst. Fire Prevention Officers 2.

The Fire Brigade is currently waiting on sanction from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Department of Finance to create a panel for Station Officers.

The Fire Brigade Management team ensures that adequate resources are allocated to each Fire Station.

Dublin Fire Brigade is awaiting a decision on the capital funding from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government on the extension to Tallaght Fire Station. As part of the fleet replacement programme Dublin Fire Brigade makes submissions for funding to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government on a regular basis.

The overtime budgets; 2008 €3.85m, 2009 €3.06m, 2010 €3.23m and 2011 €1.5m. There are no immediate plans to increase the number of Fire Prevention Officers.

There are two advanced paramedic cars available on a part-time basis, one located at Tara Street Fire Station and other at the Fire Brigade Training Centre, Marino.

Dublin Fire Brigade has sought funding from the Health Service Executive (HSE) for the provision of the Swords Ambulance and discussions are ongoing.

All 12 Fire Brigade Ambulances have a defibrillator on board; in addition the 21 front line Fire Appliances and the two Emergency Tenders have a defibrillator on board.

There were 1,269 Fire Incidents and 6,051 Medical Emergency Mobilisations during January 2011 (as all these calls are subject to the Data Protection Act, their contents cannot be released).

### **Q38. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the City Manager to investigate the condition of the following roads, **(details supplied)**, and to state if they are on the road maintenance budget for this year.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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### Q39. **COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the City Manager to repair and paint the railings at, **(details supplied)**, and if TAG could consider installing a Pedestrian crossing on that stretch of road.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q40. **COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA**

To ask the Manager to issue a report on the judicial review proceeding taken by both RTE and the Sisters of Charity against the City Council in relation to the zoning of lands Z15 and the restrictive uses permitted on lands which are zoned Z15. Does the Z15 zoning and uses permitted in Z15 zonings remain in place pending the determination of these proceedings.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Both the Religious Sisters of Charity and Radio Telefis Eireann have instigated High Court Judicial Review proceedings against Dublin City Council (Record No. 2011/56JR and 2011/59JR respectively). The proceedings relate to the Z15 (Community and Institutional Resource lands) objectives in the new City Development Plan 2011-2017 which was adopted by the City Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and came into effect on 22nd December.

In the case of RTE, the judicial review proceedings relate to the zoning objective applicable to their site at Montrose Donnybrook.

The matter will be raised at the City Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, to seek the authorisation of members under SI53(2) of the Local Government Act.

The Z15 zoning and uses permitted will remain in place until the proceedings are determined.

### Q41. **COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA**

To ask the Manager to provide details of the costs incurred in securing and maintaining the bicycles which are provided by the Council as part of the Dublinbikes Scheme.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY**

The dublinbikes have been provided and are maintained and managed by JCDecaux at no cost to Dublin City Council. The bikes scheme is provided to the City as part of a contract Dublin City Council signed with JCDecaux in 2006 that has also seen the delivery of a public information scheme and a new signposting system for the city.

### Q42. **COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA**

To ask the Manager to refer to the reply received by me to Question 45 at the City Council Meeting on 10th January last and to say who is now responsible for paying for the works carried out to date and the costs of such works.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The works carried out to date are in accordance with the "Premium" quality level of service and as such are being funded by the Department of Transport, Smarter Travel.

### Q43. **COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY**

To ask the Manager to provide traffic signals at the junction. **(details supplied)**.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The request for traffic signals at, **(details supplied)**, has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendations of the group when they are available.

### **Q44. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the City Manager to replace the rubbish bin which was situated on, **(details supplied)**. The bin was destroyed/removed as a result of vandalism.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services installed a litter bin at this location on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

### **Q45. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the City Manager to report on the following, the householder of, **(details supplied)**, recently had a new concrete pavement and dish replaced at the entrance to his property. I understand he was not given any advance notice of this and a car a visitor to his property owns had to stay inside his driveway until the work was completed. The work has now finished and there is a damaged part on the new concrete dish and also a manhole cover has not been replaced flush with the pavement and is now a safety hazard. The resident has made an official complaint to Dublin City Council regarding the workmanship and photographs were supplied. Can the Manager make arrangements for the above stated problems to be resolved/fixed please? Also can the Manager let me know if this work was subcontracted out by DCC (the vehicles at the location had DCC livery though). Regardless of this work being subcontracted or not, can the Manager report on the current arrangements for subcontracting road maintenance work, i.e. who oversees this work and what guarantees does DCC receive for the quality of the workmanship etc? Can you provide an instance in Dublin North Central where a subcontracting firm had to redo/refinish work at no extra cost to DCC please?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Division has inspected this location following a complaint on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011. The manhole was not flush with the footpath. Drainage Reconstruction, who were carrying out works adjacent to this location, carried out a repair at this manhole on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011. This manhole is now flush with the footpath.

Road Maintenance Division is satisfied with the finish to the footpath.

The work in question was carried out by Dublin City Council direct labour.

All sub contracted works carried out on behalf of Dublin City Council Road Maintenance are generally overseen by the area Engineer or Inspector. Works are carried out to the Department of Finance Short Works Contract. Where works are not to the satisfaction of Road Maintenance and not in accordance with the works requirements, contractors will be instructed to carry out remedial works at no extra cost.

It is common practice to inspect all works on completion and issue a list of "snags" to the contractor. These remedial works should be carried out by the contractor prior to approval of payment for the works.

### **Q46. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the City Manager whether or not a particular laneway is still in the charge of Dublin City Council. The laneway referred to runs behind, **(details supplied)**.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The lane at the above location was not the subject of an extinguishment. On observation a gate has been erected in the lane and dumping is evident. The lane is not in charge of Dublin City Council. Dublin City Council does not have a role in entering the lane. A large amount of rubbish bags were removed close to/beside the lane at, **(details supplied)**, on Friday 28/1/2011. The internal area of the lane is outside the remit of Dublin City Council.

### **Q47. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

There is a laneway on, **(details supplied)**. This lane is currently in the charge of Dublin City Council. There is a manhole cover in the public laneway covering a drain, which follows a path straight out of the lane onto the other side of, **(details supplied)**, directly opposite, where another manhole cover is situated in a private garden. This drain is almost totally on public property. Periodically, this drain is blocked between these two points and sewage pours out from underneath the manhole covers into the private properties adjacent the laneway and also across the street into the garden. The last time this happened Dublin City Council drainage division were called but could not fix the problem and the residents had to pay for a private firm to unblock this drain. Can the Manager clarify who is responsible for this drain including unblocking, repairing etc. please?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This is a private drain, which is the property of all the householders connected to it, not Dublin City Council. There are a number of private companies who specialise in cleaning/maintaining private drains who may be able to assist.

It should be noted that all the householders connected to a private drain are equally liable for any costs incurred in its maintenance. If a householder is refusing to co-operate in maintaining the private drain, the Environmental Health Officer for the area can issue a notice requiring that action be taken.

### **Q48. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS**

Can the Manager request information from the Roads Maintenance Department and advise the cost breakdown of the road works, new traffic lights and any other costs incurred which were carried between November 2010 - January 2011, before and after the lights at Sybil Hill/Howth Road/Brookwood Avenue. Also, was any compensation given to the residents on the Howth Road and how much?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The completion of the Howth Road QBC in the vicinity of Sybill Hill/Brookwood Avenue junction has been funded by a grant from the National Transport Authority. To date a grant in the order of €1.276 Million has been received for completion of the infrastructural works.

The completion of the scheme required the Compulsory Purchase Order, entitled Howth Road/Brookwood Avenue Area Compulsory Purchase (Road Improvement) Order 2008. The Development Department is currently involved in discussions with residents to conclude this process. Costs incurred will be borne by Dublin City Council.

### **Q49. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS**

Can the Manager ask the Roads Maintenance Department to repair the kerb/pathway outside house no. 1 Tara Lawn and repair an uneven pathway which is a trip hazard outside house no. 10 Tara Lawn, Donaghmede, Dublin 13.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance has inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled in the coming 2 weeks.

### **Q50. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS**

Can the Manager request that the Cleansing Department clear the gullies on the Grange Road, Donaghmede which are at the second last bus stop before the Kilbarrack Fire Station.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

On 1st February 2011 the Drainage Department cleaned 5 out of 5 gullies at all bus stops from Donaghmede Shopping Centre to the Kilbarrack Road.

### **Q51. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS**

Can the Manager request that the Road Maintenance Department repair a pothole at the entrance to Greendale Road at the Howth Road, Black Banks.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Roads Maintenance has inspected this location. A temporary repair has been completed. A permanent repair is scheduled to be carried out in the next four weeks.

### **Q52. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

Could the Manager please arrange for a meeting to be set up with the Housing Manager to discuss with me, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

**(Details supplied)**, is on the Housing List for area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore) and was awarded a Medical Priority on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**(Details supplied)**, met with the Allocations Officer in November 2010 and the Housing Manager met with, **(details supplied)**, recently. She was advised that there are other applicants on the Housing List with a similar priority of longer standing. As soon as these applicants have been accommodated, she will be considered as and when a suitable vacancy arises. It is not possible to put a timeframe on when this will happen.

**(Details supplied)**, should maintain contact with the Ballyfermot Area Office.

### **Q53. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council agree to, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q54. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council please provide deeds for the following, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Title Documents for this property have been retrieved from storage and will be posted to the owners over the next few days.

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### Q55. **COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council please look at the housing situation of, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, was awarded a Priority under the Exceptional Social Grounds Scheme on the 26/1/2010 for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore) and Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown). Unfortunately, there are currently applicants with priority status 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 alternative accommodation.

### Q56. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager whether dog dirt on footpaths around the Dodder Park and Palmerston Park areas can be removed as soon as possible.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services will ensure that priority is given to the removal of dog dirt from the footpaths around the Dodder Park and the Palmerston Park areas during the course of the weekly cleaning schedule there.

### Q57. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager whether damp which is in the hallway of the address, **(details supplied)**, can be removed as soon as possible as a young baby resides at the premises.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that there was a leak from the roof of this dwelling some time ago, which was repaired. As this leak has recurred, and the roofer from the area depot is not currently available arrangements will be made to have a private contractor investigate and repair where necessary.

### Q58. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager whether a shower can be supplied (under The Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability) for the elderly lady, **(details supplied)**, and who is disabled and awaiting a hip replacement operation.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

An application for a shower on medical grounds was received from this tenant in late 2009. Due to budgetary constraints, only cases with a high priority are currently being dealt with. Contact will be made with this tenant to ascertain their current medical situation, so an up-to-date assessment can be made of their application. The tenant will be informed of this assessment by letter.

### Q59. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager whether a waste audit can be carried out in respect of the laneway next to 42 Lombard Street West which has accumulated vast amounts of waste and debris.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q60. **COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Manager to repair the broken footpath at, **(details supplied)**.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The footpath outside, (**details supplied**), has been temporarily reinstated. Arrangements have been made to permanently reinstate this opening within the next 8 weeks.

### **Q61. COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA**

To ask the Manager to issue a report on the current use of Chester House, North Circular Road, Phibsborough. The reply to include details of any plans which the Council has in relation to the use of this premise in the immediate future and any long term plans.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Chester House is provided by Dublin City Council and operated by Crosscare, who have extensive experience in working with individuals who are experiencing homelessness in Dublin.

The provision of accommodation in Chester House is part of a Cold Weather Initiative that is in place to ensure that there are no fatalities as a result of rough sleeping in Dublin during severe cold weather temperatures. It is a time limited project, which is only being operated during the cold weather period, with an envisaged closing date in April 2011. However we do have a longer term interest in the building which could provide a smaller, more controlled service when the Cold Weather Strategy ends. This building has been used as a Homeless Service for years.

The main objective of Chester House is to provide appropriate accommodation for people who do not engage with existing homeless services in the city. Dublin City Council and Crosscare are working to ensure that there is accommodation in place, whilst trying to connect them with existing homeless services that can provide more long-term care and support.

Approximately 37-40 people are being accommodated on a nightly basis in Chester House.

Dublin City Council and Crosscare have been working together to ensure that the existence of the service does not impact negatively on the surrounding residents or businesses in the area and have taken a number of measures to address local concerns including:

1. Changing the opening hours of the service to 6pm to encourage individuals to access the service earlier. The intention here is that a number of the day services in the city centre are also providing meals and services at this time, so it is anticipated that there will be a steadier flow of individuals to the service at this time, therefore minimising the level of congregation to the service. Crosscare and Dublin City Council are monitoring this on a daily basis. The first night of the changed hours of service was very successful in not having large groups congregating outside the building.
2. Crosscare and Dublin City Council have been working to ensure that individuals who are accessing the service are considerate of local residents and businesses in the area and do not congregate or participate in anti-social behaviour in the area. Individuals who are accessing the service have been made aware of the complaints from residents and businesses in the area and have been advised that they will be unable to access the service if they behave inappropriately in the vicinity of the

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service. Crosscare is committed to continuing to communicate on a daily basis to service users to be mindful of the surrounding community.

3. Crosscare and Dublin City Council are working closely with the Garda Liaison Officers from Mountjoy Garda Station to ensure that the behaviour of service users of Chester House is not inappropriate and would lead to negative consequences in terms of anti-social behaviour. The Gardaí have informed us of their satisfaction in relation to the impact of the change in opening hours.
4. Crosscare are working routinely to try and accommodate repeat users of accommodation in Chester House to other existing homeless services in the city, with a view to trying to minimise the number of people presenting to the service on a daily basis.

### **Q62. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the City Manager give any details of the ongoing Garda investigation and Dublin City Council internal investigation at the Motor Taxation office at Ballymun and Smithfield. Is there an international criminal investigation taking place involving Irish driving licences that were issued fraudulently from these two offices to foreign nationals. Can the City Manager give details on the failures of the system which administrates the issuing of licences. Can the City Manager also give information as to when the Garda Síochána became involved in this matter. Can the City Manager also give details as to how long this investigation has been ongoing?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council does not comment on any ongoing issues concerning staff whether engaged in an internal process or a Garda investigation as to do so may be prejudicial.

### **Q63. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the City Manager give all the relevant details contractual and otherwise of the arrangements between IPA and Dublin City Council for the use of the hoarding for Advertising purposes throughout Dublin city. Can the City Manager give details of how many hoardings and properties in the Dublin City Area are used by the IPA company that are belonging to Dublin City Council. Can the City Manager explain how such an extraordinary arrangement exists without Dublin City Council receiving any financial reward or remunerations.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The information requested is being assembled and a full report will be issued to the Councillor.

### **Q64. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the City Manager issue a report as to what measures Dublin City Council has in place regarding such individuals as 'convicted sex offenders' entering and abiding in Dublin City Council dwellings and housing complexes.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is currently working on a draft document for the Housing of Sex Offenders in line with a National Approach being introduced by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Department of Justice. Sex Offenders are not, at present, routinely housed in our Social Housing. Their movements may necessitate the Gardaí being informed depending on the conditions of their release where they have served a jail sentence. However, it is not the

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responsibility of the Local Authority to prevent free access to areas where they are not resident.

### Q65. **COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the City Manager as a matter of urgency issue a full report on the situation regarding York Street Apartments and the Crab Lane apartments.

Has a recent report confirmed that the roof gardens are unsafe and in breach of health and safety regulations? Will only one roof garden be open to the residents? And will the other two roof gardens be closed with no access available due to health and safety regulations?

If so, how in the first instance was such an architectural design passed? The residents in this complex have consistently brought to our attention and complained of being trespassed upon, being stolen from and their property vandalised. They have also reported that when confronting these individuals they are being seriously threatened with violence. These amount to serious criminal acts of intimidation and the traumatising of a community, however their biggest complaint is that they have been abandoned and nobody in a responsible position for the management of this complex has come to their aid.

It is further reported that illegal drugs are being used within the flat complexes and on the stairwells and that the lifts and doorways and windows of the complex are not in good working order.

This incident in the York Street complex would appear to be repeated in the local area by similar gangs of young men and again would be repeated throughout the city and in particular around property and housing complexes that Dublin Council have direct responsibility for. It would appear that we are losing control of our areas and losing support of the community and our clients and customers who support Dublin City Council financially.

Can the Manager as well as issuing a report on the York Street Complex also issue a full report as to the level of unchecked criminal behaviour throughout the city of Dublin primarily within Dublin City Council housing complexes. This report to include what is deemed anti-social behaviour. It is time to stand up and address this issue once and for all. The recent anti-social behaviour by-laws which were passed by DCC recently should not be left sitting on a shelf while our citizens, our residents and our tenants and our visitors suffer unnecessarily.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The City Council by reserved function adopted the Dublin City Council Anti-social Behaviour Strategy 2010 – 2015 at its monthly meeting held on 1st November 2010. The Strategy sets out in detail the Council's policies and procedures to combat anti-social behaviour. Set out below is a summary of the principal objectives of the strategy:

#### **Objective 1 – Preventing and Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour**

This section sets out the Council's policies across a range of areas, including our policy on dwellings used for drug dealing, Excluding Orders, Vetting of tenants, rehousing following eviction etc.

In addition, this section also sets out in precise detail the procedures to be followed following the receipt of an Anti-Social Behaviour complaint, including how the complaint is to be investigated, deciding on the appropriate action, legal proceedings to recover dwellings, legal proceedings for excluding orders etc.

#### **Objective 2 – Co-Ordination of Services within Dublin City Council**

There are a number of sections within the Council involved in dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour –

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- the Area Offices, who deal with most of the complaints and carry out the bulk of the investigations,
- the Central Anti-Social unit, who interview tenants in serious cases, process Notices to Quit, terminate tenancies and give evidence in court,
- Housing Welfare Section, Allocations, RAS Section, Travellers, Loans, Sales & Grants, as well as the Council's Training Unit.

A monthly meeting is chaired by a Housing Executive Manager, attended by all the Area Housing Managers, as well as the heads of the Central Unit, Allocations, Maintenance and other sections from time to time.

This is a co-ordination meeting where there is an exchange of information and experience, where progress on serious cases are reported, and where the latest legal decisions are discussed and appropriate action agreed.

### Objective 3 - Promoting Co-operation with other Persons/Bodies

Dublin City Council is committed to a multi-agency approach and uses the statutory right to exchange information with bodies such as An Garda Síochána, HSE, CAB, Dept. of Social & Family Affairs, other Housing Authorities and authorised Housing Bodies.

There are regular meetings, both formal and informal, with the Gardaí and the HSE, including on the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee and the 5 area policing committees.

There is regular interaction with the other three Dublin Housing Authorities, and, to a lesser extent, with other Councils around the country.

In addition, the Council has participated in workshops on Anti-Social Behaviour in the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, where the Council's staff outlined their experiences in this area, which has been acknowledged as very beneficial to Councils across the country.

### Objective 4 - Promotion of Good Estate Management

This section sets out the Council's commitments in regard to communicating and engaging with tenants and residents, including a wide dissemination of this strategy after it has been adopted.

Tenant training will be used to inform them of this strategy and to make them aware of their obligations in regard to being good neighbours.

The Council will use bodies such as the Centre for Housing Research and the IPA to ensure that its procedures and policies are both up-to-date and effective.

In addition, the regeneration of areas will allow for the 'designing out' of problem areas such as laneways, poor lighting and unused open spaces and the inclusion of improvements such as secure front gardens, boundary walls, security gates, intercom systems etc.

The definition of anti-social behaviour is set out in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and is set out below -

- (a) the manufacture, production, preparation, importation, exportation, sale, supply, possession for the purposes of sale or supply, or distribution of a controlled drug (within the meaning of the Misuse of Drugs Acts 1977 and 1984)
- (b) any behaviour which causes or is likely to cause any significant or persistent danger, injury, damage, alarm, loss or fear to any person living, working or otherwise lawfully in or in the vicinity of a house provided by a housing authority

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under the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002 or Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, or a housing estate in which the house is situated or a site and, without prejudice to the foregoing, includes

- (c) violence, threats, intimidation, coercion, harassment, or serious obstruction of any person,
- (d) behaviour which causes any significant or persistent impairment of a person's use or enjoyment of his or her home, or
- (e) damage to or defacement by writing or other marks of any property, including a person's home.

A summary leaflet on the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy has been prepared and will shortly be printed and circulated to all Council tenants.

Dublin City Council decentralised its estate management section from a central function to an area based function. We created a twelve area based office system throughout the city; contained within each area office are dedicated staff assigned to investigate complaints of anti social behaviour. Our area staff link very closely with the Community, Gardai and a variety of interest groups. As part of our policy/strategy we will investigate all reported complaints of anti-social behaviour. The following statistics are from January to December 2010.

Anti social complaints per 1997 Act " drug related " = 313  
Anti social complaints per 1997 Act " not drug related"= 1336  
Other complaints= 836  
Total 2484

Anti social interviews per 1997 Act. = 884  
other interviews. = 570  
Total = 1454

Number of Exclusion Orders = 6  
Number of Evictions under Warrant. = 3  
Number of Evictions under Section 20. = 2

We would advise that all issues relating to criminal behaviour should be reported to the Gardaí.

The roof gardens comply with the Building Regulations in regard to safety of heights of balustrading and parapets. However a Risk Assessment was carried out by the Housing & Residential Services Department at the request of the Area Housing Manager before the roof gardens were opened to the residents. The main recommendation from that Risk Assessment is that an appropriate management structure be put in place so that the roof garden at No. 19 could be opened to the residents of York Street with the provision that access to the roof garden is strictly managed.

The new apartments in York Street which consist of (66) units have been fully occupied for the past eighteen months. Over that period several incidents of anti-social behaviour have been reported to the South East Area Office. These reports have been fully investigated and appropriate action has been taken. In some cases investigations are ongoing, in particular where drugs are involved. The staff in the local Area Office have regular meetings with the Gardaí in combating anti-social behaviour in the area. Residents in the complex are encouraged to report all incidents of anti-social behaviour in confidence to the Area Office.

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**Q66. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY**

To ask the Manager to say when he will renew road markings at, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Traffic Officer will carry out an inspection of, **(details supplied)**, with respect to renewing road markings. The Councillor will be informed of the decision of the Traffic Officer and possible schedule for renewing road markings as soon as possible.

**Q67. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The boundary wall at the rear of, **(details supplied)**, has been inspected and is considered to be a private wall between this residence and the public park. Therefore it is not possible for this Division to undertake any works on the wall as requested to deter access through, **(details supplied)**.

**Q68. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

**(Details supplied)** Lane is not in charge of Dublin City Council. This query has been forwarded to the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (D.D.D.A.) for their comments.

**Q69. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY**

Could the Manager provide a report on the speed ramps on, **(details supplied)**?

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

The request for double yellow lines will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be informed in due course.

**Q70. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This issue is being investigated and the Councillor will be notified when a report is available.

**Q71. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE**

To ask the Manager to bring to his attention the road repair work carried out recently following some water works, **(details supplied)**, and if he could organise for the road to be repaired properly.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The temporary reinstatement in this area where work was carried out by the Water Services Division has been checked and is in a satisfactory condition. It has now been forwarded to our Roads Maintenance section, who will carry out permanent reinstatement.

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**Q72. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE**

To ask the Manager to organise regular cleaning of Chelmsford Avenue.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have Chelmsford Avenue cleaned every Thursday after the refuse collection has taken place there.

**Q73. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE NOONE**

To ask the Manager to organise regular cleaning of South Circular Road, particularly between Haddington Road and Harolds Cross.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have this stretch of the South Circular Road cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday.

**Q74. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE NOONE**

To ask the Manager to request that more street lighting be provided on Waterloo Road.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A new public lighting scheme was installed here in September 2008. We consider the existing lighting levels to be to an acceptable standard and have no plans at present for any further improvements.

**Q75. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE NOONE**

To ask the Manager to regularise street cleaning on Waterloo Road.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have Waterloo Road cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday.

**Q76. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE NOONE**

To ask the Manager to provide figures for the following:

- \*The number of vacant housing units awaiting repair work in Dublin South East,
- \*The number of people on the housing waiting list in Dublin South East and across the City Council area,
- \*The budget for maintenance and the number of maintenance personnel in the Dublin South East Area.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

**Number of Voids**

The table below details voids under repair in the South East Area at the end of January 2011, by category and number. Properties scheduled for Demolition/Refurbishment have been excluded.

<b>Category of Void</b>	<b>Number</b>
Void Short Term Repair	95
Void Long Term Repair	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>

The total budget for Housing Maintenance across the City as approved by the City Council for 2011 is €45,525,513.

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There are currently thirty staff, including the Area Maintenance Officer, working in the South East Area maintenance depot.

Dublin South East Area includes Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemont, Dolphin's Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe/Maryland, York St., Ushers Quay), Area M (City Quay, Donnybrook, Mount St., Pearse St., Ringsend, Irishtown) and Area N (Harold's Cross, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Terenure).

The table below sets out the number of applicants included on each category of the City Council's Housing List.

List	List Category	Housing Area										
		B	D	E	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Grand Total
Housing List	Homeless	237	60	116	135	97	85	122	64	52	47	1015
	Points	4212	778	3028	1991	1663	1493	1501	1057	1846	471	18040
	Medical	44	7	43	31	31	29	23	29	25	9	271
	Welfare	23	4	14	12	19	5	8	10	3	4	102
	Other	67	17	58	1	21	11	8	2	2	1	188
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4583</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>3259</b>	<b>2170</b>	<b>1831</b>	<b>1623</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1928</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>19616</b>
Transfer List	Points	969	440	900	801	719	841	959	583	207	226	6645
	Medical	44	20	38	68	23	25	46	40	11	10	325
	Welfare	55	26	43	28	31	20	44	27	4	8	286
	Other	28	23	35	25	23	15	46	19	11	9	234
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1096</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>1095</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>7490</b>

### Q77. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager to:

- a) request from CIE that the proposed bridge for Dart Underground on West Road be reduced by the 3.5 metres planned for the cycle lane in view of the fact that the new City Development Plan includes proposals for a cycle route at East Wall Road and not West Road and
- b) request that the residents of East Wall and elected representatives be included in the "interested parties" who will draw up the Traffic Management Plan for the DART Underground.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- a) The Roads and Traffic Department recommends at a minimum a 6.5m carriageway and 2 x 2.0 metre footpaths. These widths are considered appropriate bearing in mind the presence of an industrial estate and the need for adequate provision for cyclists. This is a minor reduction on the current proposed width of 10.6m and it is recommended that there be no change to this. It should be remembered that this bridge will form a permanent intervention and any change in future would be extremely unlikely.
- b) It is a matter for the Inspector of the inquiry to determine the membership of any Traffic Planning Committee established by the inquiry.

### Q78. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager to clean up the laneway at, **(details supplied)**, on a once-off basis and to work with residents to identify the dog and its owner responsible for fouling the laneway.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the above-mentioned laneway cleaned on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011. If any resident has information with regard to the dog fouling problem at this location, they can contact our Customer Services centre at Tel: (01) 222 2222.

### **Q79. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the Manager if, **(details supplied)**, is on the Derelict Sites Register and if any action can be taken to have the premises tidied up.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This property has been subjected to unauthorised dumping on a regular basis. Following contact by the Derelict Sites Section, the owner has made efforts to remove full plastic bags etc. However the front garden remains overgrown. The owner will be formally notified that action under the Derelict Sites Act will be considered if the site is not cleaned up.

### **Q80. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE**

To ask the City Manager to invite residents from, **(details supplied)**, to be included in the (interested parties) who will draw up the traffic management plan for the Dart Underground.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

It is a matter for the Inspector of the inquiry to determine the membership of any Traffic Planning Committee established by the inquiry.

### **Q81. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE**

To ask the City Manager to ask Dublin City Council to reduce the proposed bridge at, **(details supplied)**, due to recent developments.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Roads and Traffic Department recommends at a minimum of 6.5m carriageway and 2 x 2.0 metre footpaths. These widths are considered appropriate bearing in mind the presence of an industrial estate and the need for adequate provision for cyclists. This is a minor reduction on the current proposed width of 10.6m and it is recommended that there be no change to this. It should be remembered that this bridge will form a permanent intervention and any change in future would be extremely unlikely.

### **Q82. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE**

To ask the City Manager for his views as to whether Dublin City Council are considering giving on-the-spot fines for cyclists who cycle on the footpath.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has no power in relation to the imposition of fines for moving violations. This matter will be referred to the Department of Transport.

### **Q83. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council intend making provision for those businesses affected by, **(details supplied)**, and can they be included in the design project.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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**Q84. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

Can the Manager please organise for the dangerous footpath trips outside numbers 158 and 178 Collins Avenue East to be repaired as soon as possible please.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services Division inspected these locations. A repair has been scheduled in the coming 8-10 weeks.

**Q85. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

Can the Manager please provide me with full details of any previous requests/attempts to close the laneway running from Ennafort (near 57A Ennafort Road) to the Howth Road? It is currently a source of major anti-social behaviour problems.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

There is no record of a previous file on the laneway at the location above.

If residents wish to make an application for the extinguishment of the right of way at this location any assistance required will be extended from the North Central Area Office, Units 18/19 Greendale Shopping Centre, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5 (tel: 2228540)

**Q86. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

In relation to St. Declan's Terrace off Griffith Avenue can the Manager please:

- organise for a yellow box to be put at the exit point onto Griffith Avenue to allow local traffic to egress in the morning,
- organise for "no dog fouling" signs to be erected on St. Declan's Terrace.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The request for a yellow box at the junction of St. Declan's Terrace and Griffith Avenue has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation of the group when they are available.

The programme for the provision of free poop-scoops and the installation of Anti dog fouling signs is complete and it is not intended to resume such a programme.

**Q87. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

Can the Manager please organise for ramps to be installed on the laneway connecting Seafield Road to Kincora Road (at the western end i.e. near Castle Avenue) as this is a rat-running route.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Speed ramps are a traffic calming measure provided on roads to reduce the speed of traffic to within designated speed limits. Speed ramps are not a suitable traffic calming device to discourage rat-running. The Traffic Department will inspect the laneway connecting Seafield Road and Kincora Road during peak traffic flow to determine the level of rat-running. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations of the inspection within a two-month timeframe.

**Q88. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the City Manager to state the number of voids in the Central Area, and the breakdown of the voids as follows:

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- The number of houses (by number of bedrooms and length of time vacant) for each of the DEDs, the number of flats (by number of bedrooms and length of time) for each of the DEDs.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

It is not possible to give a breakdown of voids by DEDs as voids are monitored by Depot and by Area Committee. Excluding properties that are scheduled for Demolition/Refurbishment, there are currently a total of 175 properties void/ under repair in the Central Area. The tables below give a breakdown of this figure of 175, by the number of Houses/Apartments/Older Persons Units and number of bedrooms in each.

### **Number of Houses**

<b>1 Bedroom</b>	<b>2 Bedroom</b>	<b>3 Bedroom</b>	<b>4 Bedroom</b>	<b>Total</b>
3	19	5	2	<b>29</b>

### **Number of Apartments**

<b>Bedsits</b>	<b>1 Bedroom</b>	<b>2 Bedroom</b>	<b>4 Bedroom</b>	<b>Total</b>
14	28	65	1	<b>108</b>

### **Number of Older Persons Units**

<b>Bedsits</b>	<b>1 Bedroom</b>	<b>2 Bedroom</b>	<b>Total</b>
28	1	9	<b>38</b>

### **Length of time void**

Void or empty City Council dwellings nearly always require some refurbishment/upgrading prior to being re-let. The level of refurbishment required determines the length of time that a dwelling is under repair. Voids are reinstated by both direct labour from the local housing maintenance depot and by private contractors. At present there are 22 properties being refurbished by private contractors in the Central Area. The Housing Maintenance Section endeavours to turnaround voids in the quickest time possible.

### **Q89. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE**

Can the Manager organise to have the tree outside number 4 Dromeen Avenue, Dublin 9 pruned as promised previously.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Parks and Landscape Services Division have inspected the roadside tree outside No. 4 Dromeen Avenue, Dublin 9. This tree, a Birch, is considered by Parks and Landscape Services Division to be in a satisfactory condition and general pruning operations on this tree are not considered to be necessary at the present time. The tree will continue to be monitored by this Division.

### **Q90. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE**

The footpath outside Site 3, Middle Third, Killester is badly worn away - can the Manager organise for it to be repaired.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Division inspected the footpath outside number 3 Middle Third, Killester. There were no footpath defects found during this inspection. No address for "Site 3" Middle Third was found on our mapping system. The Councillor should contact the undersigned to clarify the location referencing an adjacent building number and the location will be re-inspected.

### **Q91. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE**

Can the Manager organise for the trees on Mount Prospect Park to be pruned as they are overgrown and a number are interfering with overhead wiring.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The trees on Mount Prospect Park are Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and a small number are in need of some formative pruning. Trees that may be impacting overhead electrical lines are generally addressed by ESB Networks in association with this Division. To date the Parks & Landscape Services Division have not been advised of any conflict with overhead lines at this location by ESB Networks. Subject to the necessary resources being available within the Parks and Landscape Services Division, arrangements will be made to carry out the necessary works this year.

### **Q92. COUNCILLOR CLARE BYRNE**

Can the Manager please acknowledge and reply to the attached complaint re: Brookwood Glen.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q93. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

Can the Manager provide an update as to what is the delay in placing traffic lights at the spot where the Donaghmede roundabout currently is and can he have the Grange Road resurfaced near the roundabout.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The QBC scheme planned to replace the Grange Road Roundabout with a signalised junction is currently on hold pending confirmation of funding. A final decision on funding is under consideration at present. The scheme funding is being sought from the National Transport Authority.

No resurfacing works will be carried out at this location prior to the pending scheme by the QBN office to remove the roundabout and install traffic lights at this location as it is planned to carry out resurfacing as part of these works. Road Maintenance continue to maintain this location and have carried out a number of pothole repairs in January 2011.

### **Q94. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

Can the Manager set out the programme of road works planned by the Council for 2011 in Raheny, Kilbarrack, Donaghmede, Coolock & Priorswood?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services plans to carry out footpath reconstruction works and carriageway resurfacing at the following locations as part of the 2011 North Central Major Works Programme subject to funding and tender prices:

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### *Footpath Reconstruction*

Howth Road (Raheny), Kilmore Road, Raheny Road, Ayrfield/ Rathvale, Elm Mount/ Whitethorn, Kincora Road, Foxfield and Grangemore

### *Carriageway Resurfacing/ Reconstruction*

Collins Avenue, Clontarf Road, Howth Road (Killester), Philipsburg Avenue, Blackheath Park

In addition to these major works, Road Maintenance will continue to carry out localised repairs in the area.

#### **Q95. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Manager please refer to ongoing difficulties with parking in front of/across driveway at location, **(details supplied)**, and say if he will:

- (1) contact Parkrite and request that some enforcement be carried out at this location and
- (2) request the Garda Síochána to carry out enforcement at location, **(details supplied)**,

as constituent complains that on several occasions the parking control service failed to respond to calls to come out and carry out enforcement even though there are clear double yellow lines in place.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The estate in question is a private estate and is therefore outside of the control of Dublin City Council. The Parking Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council and its agents (Dublin Street Parking Services) have no legal jurisdiction to control car parking in private estates.

#### **Q96. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Manager please give a full outline of the regulations in relation to:

- (1) the parking of vehicles over three tonne in residential areas,
- (2) say what enforcement can be carried out against the owners of such vehicles to have same removed from residential areas,
- (3) refer to three tonne truck which is parked at, **(details supplied)**, for three years now, (no tax or insurance) and say when he will arrange for enforcement to be carried out for removal of same.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### **Q97. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Manager please refer pavement/dishing outside location, **(details supplied)**, where works carried out recently by Dublin City Council are not good in that:

- (i) the manhole cover is not flush with the concrete - posing a serious trip hazard and
- (ii) the dishing is damaged/poorly finished.

and let me have a report on the matter detailing when the necessary improvement/repair works will be carried out.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Division has inspected this location following a complaint on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011. The manhole was not flush with the footpath. Drainage Reconstruction, who were carrying out works adjacent to this location, carried out a repair at this manhole on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011. This manhole is now flush with the footpath.

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Road Maintenance is satisfied that the finish to the footpath is to a suitable standard.

### **Q98. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Manager please refer to application for senior citizen housing for a person, **(details supplied)**, who is on the list for the financial contribution scheme for a number of years and who is now aware of a senior citizen dwelling vacancy following the death of a tenant for whom she was carer and say if she can be considered for this vacancy under the Financial Contribution Scheme.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The applicant, **(details supplied)**, applied for the Financial Contribution Scheme. Dublin City Council does not wish to purchase her house. The applicant was accepted on the Financial Contribution Scheme subject to an appropriate contribution being made from the proceeds of a private sale. Dublin City Council cannot guarantee alternative accommodation should the applicant decide to sell the house before a definite offer of accommodation becomes available. The length of time the applicant will be waiting for an offer of accommodation is determined by the availability of accommodation in her preferred area of choice. The applicant's interest in, **(details supplied)**, is noted. It should be noted that allocations for, **(details supplied)**, are made by the Kilbarrack Area Office (tel: 222 8540). The applicant should contact this office directly in relation to, **(details supplied)**.

### **Q99. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager if he has informed the Minister for the Environment of the decision of the City Council in relation to Moore Street Terrace on foot of the emergency motion passed at the January City Council meeting and to supply a copy of the letter to the Members.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

An appraisal on the implications for the City Council of the passing of the motion is being carried out.

In view of the fact that these premises form part of a planning permission for redevelopment of a much larger site it may be possible for the landowner to claim substantial compensation in the event that the premises are added to the list of National Monuments. There would also be particular planning issues as the Council and Bord Pleanála have both given planning permission in respect of these premises in the recent past.

### **Q100. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager if the Council is aware of the indication by Iarnród Éireann at the oral submission on the Dart Underground Project that the width of the road and footpaths under the new Bridge at West Road, East Wall is the responsibility of Dublin City Council, and in view of the foregoing, will the City Council be recommending the roadway and footpaths be narrowed to reflect the fact that the premium cycle lane will now not take this route.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Roads and Traffic Department recommends at a minimum a 6.5m carriageway and 2 x 2.0 metre footpaths. These widths are considered appropriate bearing in mind the presence of an industrial estate and the need for adequate provision for cyclists. This is a minor reduction on the current proposed width of 10.6m and it is recommended that there be no change to this. It should be remembered that this

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bridge will form a permanent intervention and any change in future would be extremely unlikely.

### **Q101. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Manager to contact Dublin Bus with a view to discussing the possibility of having bus lane times shortened and standardised throughout the city to facilitate off-peak times where cars can use them.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Operating hours for bus lanes is a matter for Dublin City Council. As this question relates to operation of bus lanes across the city it is recommended that it be referred to the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

### **Q102. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Manager if Variation No. 21 to the 2005-2011 Development Plan is included in the new Development Plan (2011-2017) and to indicate what flexibility is available to the City Council regarding the provisions of same.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Variation 21 has been incorporated in the Development Plan in Chapter 17, 'Development Standards' at Section 17.9, 'Standards for Residential Accommodation' with relevant policy provision incorporated at Chapter 11, 'Providing Quality Homes in a Compact City'.

A 'lifecycle' flexibility is provided at Section 17.9 through the use of a Target Floor Area (85sqm) across a scheme with minimum floor areas set out for individual units, in addition to other detailed technical specifications. In all cases the provision of a sufficient level of residential amenity and the accommodation of all the facilities necessary for long-term occupation are key determinants in ensuring good quality accommodation and the acceptability of any development proposal so as to be consistent with the provisions of the Development Plan.

### **Q103. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Manager make Dame Court an 'Access only Street' to prevent through traffic on this road?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

At a recent meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG), Dublin City Council agreed to the implementation of the pedestrianisation of Dame Court from 7.00 pm to 6.00 am Monday to Sunday following representations from the businesses on the street. This proposal, when implemented, will prevent through traffic on the street during evening and night time.

The street has loading facilities and short-term parking facilities during the day time business hours, 7.00 am to 7.00 pm.. This facilitates business in the area and there are no proposals at present to remove this facility.

The implementation of the pedestrianisation scheme may address the concerns of the Councillor. However, the suggestion to make Dame Court access only will not be considered at this stage.

### **Q104. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Manager fix the gutters of, **(details supplied)**,

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the gutters of this dwelling will be re-fitted. However, due to the extreme weather conditions prior to and during the Christmas period, a large number of tenants reported problems with the gutters of their dwellings. The roofer from our local area maintenance depot is currently working on reinstating all displaced gutters and brackets.

### **Q105. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Manager provide housing for, **(details supplied)**. This family has been 8 years on the waiting list and need more suitable accommodation.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the City Council's Housing List with 171 points for Area D (Ballymun, Poppintree) and 166 points for Area B (Artane, Killester, Kilmore, Marino, Priorswood, Raheny, Beaumont, Clontarf, Coolock, Darndale, Donaghmede, Donnycarney, Edenmore, Kilbarrack) and Area H (Ballybough, East Wall, North Strand, Phibsborough, Sheriff St., Summerhill, Dorset St./Dominick St.).

The applicant, **(details supplied)**, has a reasonable number of points but 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.

The Applicant should maintain contact with the Ballymun Area Office (tel: 222 5646), which is responsible for the allocations in her area of preference.

### **Q106. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

One of the bollards outside the Post Office on Griffith Avenue was knocked over and it has left a hole in the footpath. Will the Manager replace the bollard or will the Manager fill in the hole.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance inspected this location. The broken bollard has been removed and a new one installed at this location.

### **Q107. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager confirm that RTE and the Sisters of Charity have brought High Court challenges arising from the Z15 zoning in the new Dublin City Development Plan as reported in the media? Can the Manager provide any more detail on the basis of these cases.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Both the Religious Sisters of Charity and Radio Telefis Eireann have instigated High Court Judicial Review proceedings against Dublin City Council (Record No. 2011/56JR and 2011/59JR respectively). The proceedings relate to the Z15 (Community and Institutional Resource lands) objectives in the new City Development Plan 2011-2017 which was adopted by the City Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and came into effect on 22nd December.

In the case of RTE, the judicial review proceedings relate to the zoning objective applicable to their site at Montrose Donnybrook.

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The matter will be raised at the City Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, to seek the authorisation of members under SI53(2) of the Local Government Act.

The Z15 zoning and uses permitted will remain in place until the proceedings are determined.

### **Q108. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager provide answers to the following questions in relation to the partial demolition of 17/18 Moore Lane?

- When were the structures considered to be a danger to the public?
- Who made this discovery?
- While these buildings are not protected structures, the Shaffrey Report commissioned by Dublin City Council recognises that they have significant historical value. In light of this fact did the Dangerous Buildings Section consider any other option apart from demolition, and if not, why?
- Have the removed materials been placed in storage in the event of re-instatement?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

1 - The Dangerous Buildings Section wrote to Chartered Land on the 14th April instructing them to have an inspection carried out by a competent person on properties owned by them on Moore St., Moore Lane and Henry Place as there was concern that loose bricks on the top of the wall at 17- 18 Henry Place posed a threat to public safety. The other properties were included so as to make sure that no dangers were present that could not be observed from street level.

2 - The Dangerous Buildings Inspector.

3 - The Dangerous Buildings Section has no legal powers under the relevant legislation other than to instruct the owner to remove the danger.

4 - The removed bricks are currently in storage.

### **Q109. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager confirm that representatives of the residents of East Wall will be included as members of any Traffic Management Planning Committee for the DART Underground project?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

It is a matter for the Inspector of the inquiry to determine the membership of any Traffic Planning Committee established by the inquiry.

### **Q110. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Manager address leaking and damp at, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that an inspection of this dwelling will be carried out within the next few days and any necessary repairs will be carried out.

### **Q111. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Manager follow up on the replacement of a window which was promised some time ago at, **(details supplied)**?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the window and door screen have been ordered for this dwelling. These units are being manufactured by our

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Joinery Workshop and are expected to be available for installation in approximately twelve to fourteen weeks.

### **Q112. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Manager contact, **(details supplied)**, who is waiting to make a financial contribution and is in need of housing?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The applicant, **(details supplied)**, applied in 2008 for the Financial Contribution Scheme and was accepted on the waiting list. As the applicant is only interested in the Finglas Area, it is difficult to give an exact timescale of how long the applicant is likely to be waiting. Applicants are made offers of accommodation based on the length of time on the waiting list. As the building programme of older persons accommodation has reduced considerably in recent years, applicants would expect to be waiting for some time until they are reached for an offer.

The Applicant should maintain contact with the Finglas Area Office (tel: 2225400) which is responsible for the allocations in his area of preference. While it is unlikely he could be given a definitive estimate on the likely waiting time, it may be possible to discuss broadening his choice of complexes in order to improve his prospects of an offer in the foreseeable future.

### **Q113. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Manager refix the gutters at, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the gutters of this dwelling will be re-fitted. However due to the extreme weather conditions prior to and during the Christmas period, a large number of tenants reported problems with the gutters of their dwellings. The roofer from our local area maintenance depot is currently working on reinstating all displaced gutters and brackets.

### **Q114. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN**

In light of the meeting recently in the Area Office in Ballyfermot with a number of Irish Rail Managers can the Manager clarify the following issues:

1. When are the additional works for installing the rail infrastructure for electrification of the mainline railway line along the perimeter of Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard likely to commence?
2. Given that such works will constitute heavy industrial activity what guarantees will Irish Rail give about "safety of property" to the residents living close to the railway line and how will guarantees schemes be implemented?
3. What measures will be put in place by Irish Rail to minimise noise and disruption to peoples lives in the vicinity of these proposed works?
4. What is the likely starting date and timeframe for the completion of the proposed electrification and infrastructural enhancement scheme?
5. In relation to night-time works currently underway on this stretch of rail line can the Manager say what is the type and nature of these works and when are they likely to be completed?
6. In light of the legacy of almost constant disruption of people's lives adjacent to the railway line would the Manager agree that it is time that Irish Rail made a significant contribution to appropriate "Community gain" schemes in the areas most affected by their incessant schemes, activities and accompanying noise and disruptiveness to residents' lives?

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The queries above relate to Coral Iompair Éireann's proposed Kildare Route Project Phase 2 (KRP 2) and they are preparing to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a Railway Order pursuant to the provisions of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001, as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006. Dublin City Council is not the proposer of the scheme and therefore is not in a position to reply to the Councillor's queries. Therefore the queries were referred to CIE and responses sought. The following is CIE's response to each of the queries:

1. The proposed electrification of the line between Inchicore and Hazelhatch is part of the Kildare Route Project Phase 2 (KRP 2). Design work has commenced for this project and a Railway Order is due to be submitted in late 2011. The delivery of this project is dependent on the granting of the Railway Order and the availability of capital funding. The electrification of the line would take place towards the end of the project and would also be dependent on the delivery of the DART Underground project.
2. Irish Rail have engaged consultants to examine all of the environmental impacts associated with the construction of the project and to advise on suitable mitigation measures where required. This will include assessment of any potential structural issues and ongoing monitoring where required.
3. Irish Rail have engaged consultants to examine all of the environmental impacts associated with the construction of the project and to advise on suitable mitigation measures where required, This will include assessment of any noise and disruption with a view to minimising same.
4. Timeframes are dependent on the granting of the Railway Order and the availability of capital funding. Currently it is envisaged that the construction phase could begin in late 2012 with a duration of approximately 3 years delivered on a phased basis.
5. The current works involve the upgrading/renewal of the older trackwork in the 4-track area. This is due to be completed in late February/early March 2011. Following completion of this work, activity will revert to routine maintenance.
6. Irish Rail will continue to liaise with and advise the local residents regarding ongoing project works in their areas. The most appropriate mechanism for addressing 'Community gain' issues is the Railway Order process.

### **Q115. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN**

To ask the Manager when will the proposed scheme of work to suitably adapt the home of, **(details supplied)**, be carried out, as in the circumstances currently this scheme is long overdue.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

An application for a bedroom and bathroom extension on medical grounds has been approved for this dwelling. This application is currently with a Consultant Architect for design, and when the design is approved, will be issued to tender.

It is expected that this extension will commence within the next few months when a successful tender is approved.

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The ground trial hole, which is normal practice prior to proceeding with construction, has been completed.

### Q116. **COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN**

Can the Manager arrange for the pedestrian crossing light on the main Ballyfermot Road to be made much more pedestrian-friendly? Currently the "Waiting time" for pedestrians is anything up to 7 minutes, which is utterly unfair to local residents/shoppers at this busy shopping location.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The issue of increased waiting times with the PED demanding at Ballyfermot at **(details supplied)** was due to a faulty push button. This matter was rectified on January 19<sup>th</sup> and the PED is operating correctly now.

### Q117. **COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the City Manager to please deal with the query, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

I refer to your recent representation on behalf of, **(details supplied)**, regarding the derelict condition of, **(details supplied)**. Please note that a maintenance crew has been requested to board up the property and remove the rubbish on site.

The work on site should be completed this week.

### Q118. **COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

Will the Manager address the ongoing issues at, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q119. **COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

Will the Manager repair a water leak and the ceiling that was damaged as a result of this at, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that an inspection of this dwelling will be carried out and any necessary repairs done within the next week.

### Q120. **COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

Will the Manager ensure that all outstanding work is repaired at, **(details supplied)**.

- Kitchen ceiling is leaking and in need of immediate repair.
- Fire alarm in kitchen no longer works due to the leak and needs replacing.
- ESB box at front of house needs to be replaced.
- Resident did state that she is in arrears but has made an agreement with DCC and makes regular payment.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that he has inspected this dwelling. The leak has been repaired. The ceiling in the kitchen will be repaired and the ceiling in the downstairs closet will be replaced within the next week. New lever taps will also be fitted in the bathroom as the tenant's husband has a medical condition which causes him difficulty using the current taps.

Our Electrical Services Section will inspect the fire alarm in the kitchen.

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The tenant must make contact with the E.S.B., in relation to the box at the front door, as Housing Maintenance cannot interfere with this E.S.B box.

### **Q121. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

Will the Manager replace the rear door at, **(details supplied)**, which is in an appalling state?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that a new back door and screen have been ordered for this dwelling. They will be installed within the next four weeks.

### **Q122. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager arrange to have a street sign put in place at, **(details supplied)**?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A sign has been requested and will be erected in 6-8 weeks.

### **Q123. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager instruct the Drainage Department to inspect the manhole cover at, **(details supplied)**, as the connection for lifting it appears to be damaged and is sticking up.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Arrangements will be made for the Area Maintenance Officer to examine the location at, **(details supplied)**. A further report will issue to the Councillor in due course.

### **Q124. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager investigate putting speed ramps on, **(details supplied)**? This area is supported by the Community Gardaí yet there has been an increase in speeding.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) has already examined the location for ramps twice and TAG has advised that the estate does not meet the warrant. They have also advised that some of the roads are too short and putting in ramps could not be justified.

In the absence of a recommendation from TAG, the only way this matter can be re-examined is if the Gardaí recommend the provision of ramps because of speeding, accident statistics etc. The residents have been advised of this but no supporting evidence has been received to date.

Generally, and in the current financial climate, Dublin City Council is not in a position to consider the provision of ramps in different parts of the City without getting either a TAG recommendation or a Garda recommendation.

In the circumstances, it is not intended to send this request to TAG for re-examination at this time. If a Garda recommendation is received the matter can be re-visited.

### **Q125. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager arrange to have the Traffic Advisory Group inspect signage at, **(details supplied)**, as there have been a number of accidents at the roundabout.

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**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The matter will be examined by a traffic engineer and a report will be issued to the Councillor in the next 6 weeks.

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## LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

#### 27th November to 31st December 2010

Balance	Debit		48,556,523
Payments during period		157,975,202	
Receipts during period		242,870,060	
Difference	Credit		84,894,858
Balance	Credit		<u>36,338,335</u>

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

Income	This period	31/12/2010	Expenditure	This period	31/12/2010
Total Revenue Income	46,511,484	891,634,664	Total Revenue Expenditure	149,366,671	851,527,941
Total Capital Income	191,969,228	370,364,685	Total Capital Expenditure	89,470,626	337,689,305
Mortgage Discharge	1,451,431	12,459,656	Shared Ownership Loan Repayment	375,494	53,787,856
Movement in debtors	2,937,918	57,053,559	Movement in Creditors	-81,237,589	-134,662
Receipts during period	242,870,060	1,331,512,564	Payments during period	157,975,202	1,242,870,440

Note: Analysis of Revenue and Capital Income & Expenditure will be changed as part of the preparation of The Annual Financial Statements 2010 due for completion 31/03/2011

Income	%	This period	31/12/2010	Expenditure	%	This period	31/12/2010
<b>Revenue Income</b>				<b>Revenue Expenditure</b>			
RATES & ENTRY YEAR LEVY *	-31.9%	14,852,091	316,537,363	PAYROLL	35.6%	53,159,200	456,462,199
GOVERNMENT GRANTS **	35.8%	16,666,152	150,456,240	PLANT HIRE	1.9%	2,787,634	13,644,835
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND	0.1%	51,982	64,879,233	OTHER	13.8%	20,599,436	45,753,444
PENSIONS levy	5.4%	2,533,241	19,009,978	CONTRIBUTIONS	8.7%	13,010,515	42,672,115
RENT/HEATING CHARGES	22.7%	10,565,508	88,857,529	CONTRACT PAYMENTS	4.1%	6,178,220	39,196,181
WATER & DRAINAGE INCOME	25.6%	11,917,595	68,753,648	RATES	0.0%	16,302	23,524,609
INCOME FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES	10.3%	4,785,339	59,807,984	GRANTS	0.6%	832,184	19,769,681
PARKING METER FEES & TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	5.6%	2,607,598	34,047,649	WASTE DISPOSAL	12.4%	18,573,339	30,116,133
OTHER INCOME	8.8%	4,084,551	35,246,010	BORROWINGS REPAYMENTS	7.7%	11,516,120	24,192,657
WASTE CHARGES	12.6%	5,840,183	24,421,596	INSURANCE/CLAIMS	1.3%	1,989,739	13,512,137
ROADS CONTROL INCOME	0.2%	104,876	1,418,362	RAS COSTS	0.8%	1,235,670	15,048,894
NPPR INCOME	0.5%	253,787	13,517,342	FEES, CONSULTANCY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1.5%	2,174,172	16,865,892
SUPERANNUATION	4.2%	1,952,761	14,681,731	CLAMPING	0.0%	9,239	8,727,108
<b>Total Revenue Income</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>46,511,484</b>	<b>891,634,664</b>	RENT	0.5%	786,566	6,317,725
				COMMUNICATIONS COSTS	0.6%	855,590	5,973,374
				COMPUTER COSTS	1.9%	2,839,653	8,928,670
				CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER BODIES	-0.1%	75,384	312,469
				ENERGY COSTS	2.3%	3,498,289	16,606,958
				FINANCIAL EXPENSES	0.2%	363,781	9,977,857
				POSTAGE PRINTING & STATIONERY	0.3%	484,276	3,890,099
				PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS	2.8%	4,229,683	26,049,279
				REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2.2%	3,213,668	17,819,889
				SECURITY	0.7%	1,088,777	6,165,737
				<b>Total Revenue Expenditure</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>149,366,671</b>	<b>851,527,941</b>

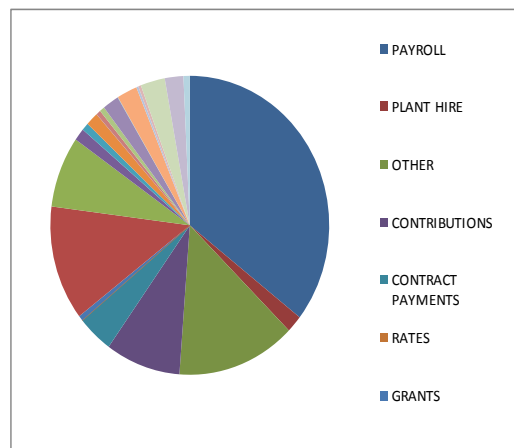
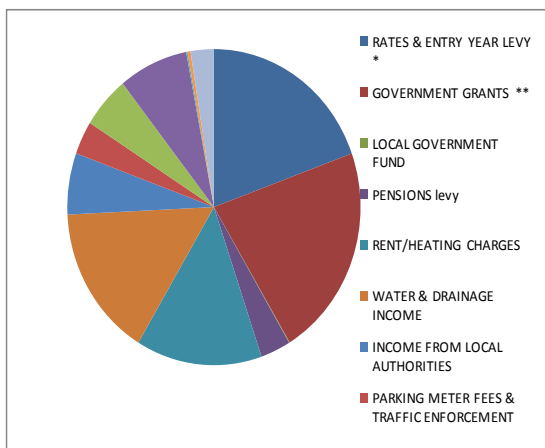
\* Annual Rates Income is billed in January of each year.

\*\* Income from Government Grants of €16.6m includes VEC Recoupment €6m, Higher Education Grants €1.2m and Homeless Policy €1.6m, Roads €1m, Housing €3m, Engineering €1.5m, Development €1m and Roads €0.5m

Other Expenditure of €20.6m includes Revenue to Capital Transfers of €10.5m, Levy €4.2m and Payments to Other Local Authorities of €3.3m

€13m Contributions includes Homeless Grants to other bodies €6.6m, Culture Recreation & Amenity €732k, Engineering €1.6m, Development €1m and Area Offices €15k

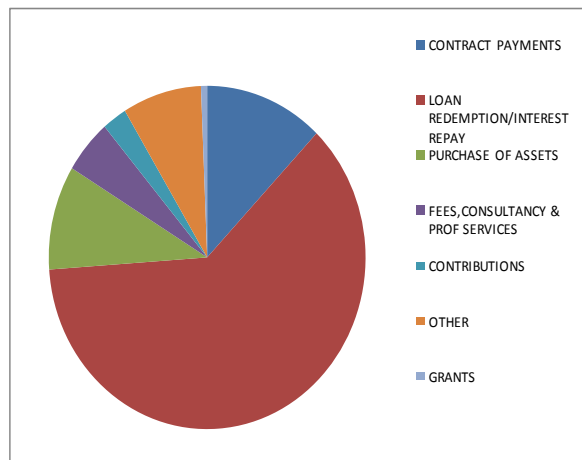
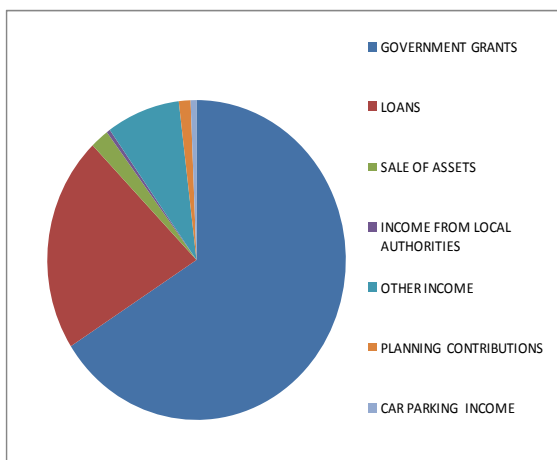
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Capital Income	%	This period	31/12/2010	Capital Expenditure	%	This period	31/12/2010
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	66.5%	127,591,580	218,393,020	CONTRACT PAYMENTS	12.1%	10,847,453	118,398,764
LOANS	22.0%	42,160,088	93,084,474	LOAN REDEMPTION/INTEREST REPAY	61.8%	55,248,548	102,654,458
SALE OF ASSETS	2.0%	3,874,328	14,162,062	PURCHASE OF ASSETS	9.8%	8,798,269	46,422,609
INCOME FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES	-0.4%	754,766	9,202,420	FEES,CONSULTANCY & PROF SERVICES	5.1%	4,549,262	22,776,419
OTHER INCOME	8.0%	15,416,877	38,527,056	CONTRIBUTIONS	2.5%	2,251,415	20,943,934
PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS	1.3%	2,439,470	8,260,071	OTHER	8.1%	7,225,441	22,392,336
CAR PARKING INCOME	0.6%	1,241,650	7,140,421	GRANTS	0.6%	550,237	4,100,784
<b>Total Capital Income</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>191,969,228</b>	<b>370,364,685</b>	<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>89,470,626</b>	<b>337,689,305</b>

Capital Grants of €127m refer to Housing €80m (including Purchase of Housing Stock €30.3m ,Voluntary Housing Bodies €17.8m, Housing Construction Projects €26.3m). Engineering Projects amounted to €25m, Roads €8m, and Sports Capital €1m. €21m of Housing Grants were paid in advance.

Capital Expenditure on Loan Redemptions of €55m (includes Bridging Loans €16.3m, Land Acquisition €20m, Shared Ownership Loans €8.8, HFA Loan Charges €9.2m) Purchase of Assets figure of €8.7m including Purchase of Housing Stock €5.9m, Purchase of Buildings €2.6m



### MAJOR SOURCES OF INCOME (December 2010)

	Housing Rents	Domestic Refuse	Metered Water	Rates
<b>Debtor as @ 1/01/2010</b>	<b>19,526,762</b>	<b>19,566,287</b>	<b>21,373,540</b>	<b>44,455,944</b>
Income Raised	73,679,766	15,153,896	27,785,736	324,537,365
Total Gross Debtor	93,206,527	34,720,183	49,159,276	368,993,309
Receipts	73,448,222	17,392,943	22,991,931	296,510,813
Net Debtor before Bad Debts	19,758,305	17,327,240	26,167,345	72,482,496
Bad Debts	541,824	-	3,977,137	9,035,653
<b>Debtor as @ 31/12/2010</b>	<b>19,216,482</b>	<b>17,327,240</b>	<b>22,190,208</b>	<b>63,446,843</b>
% Collection	79.26%	50.09%	50.89%	82.37%

Domestic Refuse income raised includes VAT of €538,153.

Note: The above % collection may change on completion of The Annual Financial Statement 2010.

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