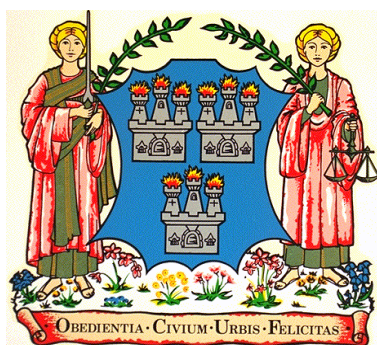


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniúl Míósúil a tionóladh ar 13 Meitheamh 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:

Gerry Ashe
Paddy Bourke
Tom Brabazon
Christy Burke
Clare Byrne
Julia Carmichael
Aine Clancy
Anthony Connaghan
Emer Costello
Pat Crimmins
Pat Dunne
Mary Fitzpatrick
Declan Flanagan
Mannix Flynn
Mary Freehill
John Gallagher

Comhairleoir:

Deirdre Heney
Jane Horgan-Jones
Sheila Howes
Vincent Jackson
Dermot Lacey
Mícheál Mac Donncha
Ray McAdam
Paul McAuliffe
Paddy McCartan
Brian McDowell
Ruairí McGinley
Séamas McGrattan
Marie Metcalfe
Louise Minihan
Andrew Montague
Rebecca Moynihan

Comhairleoir

Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Jim O'Callaghan
Damian O'Farrell
Naoise O Muirí
Mary O'Shea
Michael O'Sullivan
Larry O'Toole
Maria Parodi
Cieran Perry
Oisín Quinn
John Redmond
Nial Ring
Brid Smith
Bill Tormey
Henry Upton
Steve Wrenn
Edie Wynne

Oifigigh

John Tierney
Philip Maguire
Kathy Quinn
Michael Phillips

Michael Stubbs
Terence O'Keeffe
Richard Brady
Damian Drumm

Vincent Norton
Mary Pyne
Carmel Walsh
Oonagh Casey

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by extending sympathy to the families of the following who died recently :

- To the family of Brian Lenihan - TD for Dublin West and former Finance Minister who died last Friday 10th June. Condolences to his wife Patricia, son Tom, daughter Claire, and to his mother Ann, sister Mary and brothers Conor, Nial, and Paul.
- To the family of Declan Costello – former TD, Attorney General and President of the High Court who died 7th June. Condolences to his wife Joan, sons John, Declan, Mark and David and daughters, Joan and Caroline.
- To the family of Garrett Fitzgerald, - former Taoiseach who died 19th May. Condolences to his children Mary, John and Mark.

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A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the deceased. The Lord Mayor also reminded the Members of the special meeting of Dublin City Council to be held on the 25th July in relation to the SDZ for Grangegorman and the Annual Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, 27th June. A photograph of the full City Council will be taken in advance of the meeting and all Councillors were requested to wear their robes for this.

The Lord Mayor then congratulated the following Councillors on the births of their babies recently : Councillor Henry Upton (baby girl, Rosaleen Claire), Councillor Claire O'Regan (baby girl, Rosie) and Councillor Paul McAuliffe (baby boy, Hugh)

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 — It was moved by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor D Lacey "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 128 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 9th May 2011 from Monaghan Town Council conveying the terms of a motion from their April 2011 meeting calling on the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government Phil Hogan, T.D. to address as a matter of urgency the crippling cost of rates on commercial properties. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
4. Submitted Letter dated 9th May 2011 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a motion from a recent meeting calling on the Government to abolish the Universal Social Charge. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Letter dated 12th May 2011 from Carlow County Council conveying the terms of a motion from their April 2011 meeting calling on the Government to abolish the Universal Social Charge. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
6. Submitted Letter dated 21st May 2011 from An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny, T.D., thanking Dublin City Council staff in regard to the arrangements for the recent State visit of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, the visit of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama and the State funeral of former Taoiseach, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
7. Submitted Letter dated 26th May 2011 on behalf of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, thanking Dublin City for making their time in Dublin during their State Visit to Ireland so memorable. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Letter dated 24th May 2011 from ESB Electric Ireland in response to a motion agreed at April 2011 City Council Meeting calling upon ESB Electric Ireland to immediately pass on the full reductions to all customers without conditions. It

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was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

9. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 9th May 2011, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor. Referring to Item 13 of the minutes, Councillor L O'Toole requested that Councillor Anthony Conaghan be substituted for Councillor M Mac Donnacha as the Member appointed to replace Councillor Killian Forde on the Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) and the St Joseph's Senior Traveller Training Centre, Finglas. This request was seconded by Councillor Criona Ni Dhalaigh and was agreed by the City Council. Councillor Conaghan is therefore appointed to represent Dublin City Council on the two above-mentioned committees.

Councillor E Costello, referring to Item No 33 of the minutes, requested that it be recorded in the minutes that she had raised the issue of coach parking on Mountjoy Square under the Transport & Traffic Strategic Policy Committee Breviate, Report No 122/2011.

10. Submitted Report No. 164/2011 of the Dublin City Manager - Monthly Local Fund Statement and Reports as submitted under the EU/IMF Framework. It was moved by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 164/2011". The motion was put and carried.
11. Appointment of a Member to the Board of the Canal Communities Partnership following the resignation of Councillor Rebecca Moynihan (applies to Councillors from South Central Area only). No nomination was forthcoming. The City Council agreed that this item would be re-listed if any Member expressed interest in becoming a member of this committee.
12. The City Council agreed to defer the following item to the next monthly meeting of the city Council to be held on the 4th July 2011 - To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Catherine Noone, who was elected to Seanad Éireann, and to fill vacancies on the following Committees:
 - Association of County and City Councils
 - Board of Dublin City Gallery, The Hugh Lane
 - Housing, Social and Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee
 - Temple Bar Cultural Trust
13. Submitted Report No. 182/2011 of the Dublin City Architect (*A. Grehan*) – Report on Listed Buildings in City Council Flat Complexes. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report 182/2011" The motion was put and carried.
14. Submitted Report No. 183/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – Review of Temple Bar Cultural Trust – Progress Report. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report 182/2011" The motion was put and carried. Following concerns expressed by some Members that the consultation base was too narrow and not fully representative of all the stakeholders in the area, the City Manager agreed that any Member could nominate any person or business concern that they wished to have included in the process or that they felt wished to make a submission. These

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nominations must be emailed to Mr Vincent Norton, Executive Manager, City Manager's Department by Wednesday, 15th June.

15. Submitted Report No. 154/2011 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - Addition to the Record of Protected Structures of 18 Shrewsbury Road, Dublin 4 (excluding two outbuildings) in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 154/2011 and approves the addition of 18 Shrewsbury Road, Dublin 4 (excluding two outbuildings) to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
16. Submitted Report No. 155/2011 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - Addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Director's House, Botanic Gardens, Dublin 9 in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. It was proposed by Councillor E Costello and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.155/2011 and approves the addition of Director's House, Botanic Gardens, Dublin 9 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No. 156/2011 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - Addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Grainger's Public House, 51-52 Talbot Street, Dublin 1 (façade and external detailing only) in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor A Clancy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 156/2011 and approves the addition of Grainger's Public House, 51-52 Talbot Street, Dublin 1 (façade and external detailing only) to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No. 157/2011 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - Addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Mount Jerome House, the Mortuary Chapel, the Gate Lodge and its gates, piers and original railings, all at Mount Jerome Cemetery, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor E Wynne "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.157/2011 and approves the addition of Mount Jerome House, the Mortuary Chapel, the Gate Lodge and its gates, piers and original railings, all at Mount Jerome Cemetery, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
19. Submitted Report No. 158/2011 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - Deletion from the Record of Protected Structures of 24 Merchant's Quay (with the exception of the façade facing onto Merchant's Quay), Dublin 8 in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. It was proposed by Councillor P McCartan and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.158/2011 and approves the deletion of 24 Merchant's Quay (with the exception of the façade facing onto Merchant's Quay), Dublin 8 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and

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carried. It was noted that this item had been agreed by the South Central Area Committee and not the Central Area Committee as mentioned in the report.

20. Submitted Report No. 163/2011 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 C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 163/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 165/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Unit 9, 2 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 165/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No. 166/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Unit 7, 6 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 166/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 167/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Unit 15, 49 St. Anthony’s Road, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No167 /2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No. 168/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Unit 8, 86 Reuben Street, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 168/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No. 169/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Unit 5, 6 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 169/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 170/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Unit 8, 45, St. Anthony’s Road, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 170/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 171/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private dwellings at

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Apartment 13, 2 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 171/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

28. Submitted Report No. 172/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the private dwelling, 17 Herberton Walk, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 172/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No. 173/2011 of the Acting Assistant City Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the private dwelling, 19 Herberton Walk, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 173/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No. 174/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a small plot of land adjacent to 29 Reginald Street, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 174/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No. 175/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to proposed lease of retail unit at York Street, Dublin 2. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 175/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
32. Submitted Report No. 176/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of a Day Care Centre premises at Sean McDermott Street Lower, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 176/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Report No. 177/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - Proposed leases of portions of the former Fire Station at Dorset Street, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 177/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

The cost of the lease to St Saviour's Boxing Academy was confirmed as €28,500p.a. Councillor E Costello expressed regret that events, such as the opening of this Boxing Academy, clashed with the City Council meeting and several other Members supported this view. She requested that it be referred to the Protocol Committee to agree a protocol whereby more careful time-tabling could be agreed in relation to events such as this to enable Councillors to attend.

34. Submitted Report No. 178/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed grant of a new Lease of part of premises at 22

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Buckingham Street Lower, Dublin 1 to Inner City Organisation Network (ICON) Limited. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 178/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

35. Submitted Report No. 179/2011 of the Acting Assistant City 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 C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No179/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No. 181/2011 of the Deputy City Manager (*P. Maguire*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of 2, 4 & 6 Barnwall Drive to the Peter McVerry Trust Ltd having its registered office at Peter McVerry Trust, Head Office, 29 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 181/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
37. Submitted Report No. 149/2011 of the Chairperson of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee(*Councillor Julia Carmichael*) – Breviate of meeting held on 13th April 2011. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 149/2011" The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No.151/2011 of the Chairperson of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee(*Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha*) – Breviate of meeting held on 19th May 2011.It was proposed by Councillor M Mac Donnacha and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 151/2011" The motion was put and carried.
39. Submitted Report No. 161/2011 of the Chairperson of the Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee(*Councillor Naoise O Muirí*) – Breviate of meeting held on 26th May 2011. It was proposed by Councillor P Crimmins and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 161/2011" The motion was put and carried.
40. Submitted Report No. 180/2011 of the Chairperson of the Housing, Social and Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee(*Councillor Dermot Lacey*) – Breviate of meeting held on 31st May 2011. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor C Byrne "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 180/2011" The motion was put and carried.
41. Submitted Report No. 160/2011 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of May 2011 – *Councillor Bill Tormey, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor B Tormey and seconded by Councillor J Redmond "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 160/2011" The motion was put and carried.
42. Submitted Report No. 159/2011 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of May 2011 – *Councillor Aine Clancy, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor A Clancy and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No159/2011" The motion was put and carried.

43. Submitted Report No. 162/2011 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of May 2011 – *Councillor Clare Byrne, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor C Byrne and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 162/2011” The motion was put and carried.
44. Report No. 148/2011 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of May 2011 – *Councillor Edie Wynne, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor E Wynne and seconded by Councillor M Parodi “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 148/2011” The motion was put and carried.
45. Submitted Report No. 153/2011 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of May 2011 – *Councillor Declan Flanagan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 153/2011” The motion was put and carried.
46. Submitted Report No 152/2011 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate for the month of May 2011 – *Councillor Deirdre Heney, Vice-chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor P Crimmins “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 153/2011” The motion was put and carried.
47. 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 Nial Ring “That the members of this Council request the Lord Mayor to recognise and acknowledge the sacrifices made by, inconveniences caused to and general disruption of the citizens and retailers of Dublin during the recent visit of Queen Elizabeth to the City, and thank them for their patience, forbearance and conduct during the visit” The motion was put and carried.
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 Paddy McCartan and Edie Wynne “That, in the wake of the disturbing Rostrevor Nursing Home report, and the previous Leas Cross scandal, that this Council recognises the Government's commitment to introduce Whistleblower legislation and calls on the Government to ensure it is sufficiently strong so that whistleblowers do not suffer loss of any kind through their courageous act in exposing abuse in order to ensure the protection of society's most vulnerable” The motion was put and carried.
49. It was proposed by Councillor Louise Minihan “That this Council condemns the decision by the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government, Phil Hogan TD, to introduce:
 - Water Meters to every home in the state;
 - A flat rate household charge which is a property tax in all but name;

Both measures outlined by the Government are in reality, unjustifiable stealth taxes. The notion that the Government hands are tied on these matters exposes that it is the EU/IMF that is in total control of this state. This Council also recognises that at the end of 2010, 45,000 households were in mortgage arrears, 443, 400 people are unemployed and the introduction of these charges will only serve to push struggling families further into poverty and hardship.

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At a time when the communities we represent are suffering from the effects of an economic crisis that they were not responsible for creating, it is the role of elected representatives to use their platform to serve the interest of the people and not the agenda of a wealthy elite or the greed of EU/IMF – which is the only agenda that can be served by the imposition of unjust stealth taxes that will hit hardest those who can least afford to pay it. Dublin City Council is committed to opposing any introduction of water charges, the so-called ‘interim household charge’ and the eventual introduction of property tax” The motion was defeated following a roll-call vote.

The following Councillors voted in favour of the motion : C Burke, A Connaghan, P Dunne, V Jackson, M Mac Donnacha, S McGrattan, M Metcalfe, L Minihan, C Ni Dhalaigh, D O’Farrell, L O’Toole, C Perry and B Smith.

The following Councillors voted against the motion : Lord Mayor G Breen, G Ashe, P Bourke, C Byrne, E Costello, P Crimmins, D Flanagan, M Freehill, J Gallagher, S Howes, D Lacey, R McAdam, P Mc Cartan, B Mc Dowell, R McGinley, A Montague, R Moynihan, N O’Muir, M O’Shea, M O’Sullivan, M Parodi, O Quinn, J Redmond, N Ring, B Tormey, S Wrenn and E Wynne.

The following Councillors abstained from the vote : T Brabazon, J Carmichael, A Clancy, M Flynn, D Heney, J Horgan-Jones, J O’Callaghan and H Upton.

50. The following motion standing at Item No 29 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor P McAuliffe was deemed to have fallen due to his absence from the Chamber at the time it was reached “This Council opposes the Government’s plans to introduce a flat rate poll tax/community charge on all households as we believe it is an unfair method of raising revenue”
51. At 8.15pm, the Lord Mayor requested Councillor E Costello to leave the Chamber. She did so accompanied by other Members of the city Council.
52. It was proposed by Councillor Nial Ring and seconded by Councillor M Flynn “That the Members of Dublin City Council agree that the City Manager should immediately arrange, co-ordinate and set up a meeting with the Capel Street Business Association, Dublin City Business Association, local residents and any other relevant/interested parties with a view to an all-body approach, led by Dublin City Council, being taken to ensure that the Capel Street and Markets Area are developed and regenerated in accordance with the City Street Markets Strategy being suggested by the parties” The motion was put and carried.
53. At the request of Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh, the City Council agreed that the motion standing at Item no 33 on the Agenda paper would be taken next. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor A Connaghan “This City Council acknowledges the 30th anniversary of the death of 10 Irishmen on hunger strike in 1981. This event acted as a catalyst for the Peace Process in the 1990’s and this Council pays tribute to all those from all traditions who have worked so hard to ensure peace in our country in the years since this event” The motion was put and carried.
54. It was proposed by Councillor P Crimmins and seconded by Councillor E Wynne “Will the Manager put a programme in place in Primary Schools to educate children on the necessity of keeping our city/environment clean and informing them of the different options available. Also, that this be expanded to property owners to be more vigilant in keeping inside and outside their property clean and free from

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rubbish. Perhaps a National Campaign on Litter be put in place informing the public of their responsibilities e.g. TV/radio, bus shelter advertising etc.?" The motion was put and carried

55. At 8.25p.m, the Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes to facilitate the resolution of the issue that gave rise to the exclusion of Councillor Costello from the Chamber. The meeting resumed at 8.45pm.
56. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor M Freehill "That this Council supports the Justice for Magdalenes (JFM), survivor advocacy group's calling on the Irish state to offer a formal state apology to *all* survivors of the Magdalene laundries and that the Government immediately establishes a statutory inquiry into these abuses. To do otherwise is to cause additional pain and suffering to the women and thereby bringing further shame on our nation. The women and their children deserve justice now" Councillor Ni Dhalaigh requested that the words 'and girls' be added in after 'suffering to the women' and the City Council agreed to this amendment. The motion was put and carried and it was agreed to circulate it to all other local authorities.
57. It was proposed by Councillor B McDowell and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That this Council instructs the City Manager to make arrangements to extend the voting franchise to allow homeless people the right to vote by using Civic Offices or some other civic facility as their permanent address for the purpose of going on the electoral register" Following a statement by the City Manager informing the Members that this motion, if agreed, would be impossible to implement under current legislation, the following amended motion was proposed by Councillor McDowell and seconded by Councillor C Burke " That the City Council requests the City Manager, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, to seek to address the situation in relation to homeless persons who wish to be included on the Register of Electors" The motion was put and carried.
58. It was proposed by Councillor P McCartan and seconded by Councillor E Wynne "That this Council supports measures in the Criminal Justice Community Service Amendment Bill requiring judges to consider imposing a community service order rather than a jail term for sentences of less than 12 months" The motion was put and carried.
59. It was proposed by Councillor M Parodi and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That this City Council agrees to initiate an Urban Space Action Plan for Dublin City; similar to the one that has been conducted in Copenhagen" The motion was put and carried and it was agreed that it should be referred to the Economic Development, Planning and International Affairs Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.
60. It was proposed by Councillor E Wynne and seconded by Councillor M Freehill "That Dublin City Council requires that all buildings on the streets and roads in the city clearly display their street/road numbers" It was agreed that new bye-laws would be required to enforce this and that legislation would have to be examined to establish if Dublin City Council is empowered to introduce such local legislation. It was agreed that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government would be contacted in this regard.
61. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor S Wrenn on the

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following motion standing in his name at Item No 47 on the Agenda Paper "That the Manager identifies suitable locations along Balbutcher Lane to provide additional bins"

62. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor V Jackson on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 51 on the Agenda Paper "Will the Manager please give the Council an update on the motion in my name agreed last year in relation to the provision of public seating in the city. We are a city which sees the provision of public seating as an anti-social issue while other cities see seating as a measure to improve the attractiveness of the city"
63. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor J Redmond on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 52 on the Agenda Paper "That the Manager reports on the unfinished building at the corner of Oakwood Avenue and Cedarwood Park and, if necessary, report it to the Derelict Sites Section for investigation"
64. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor R McAdam on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 52 on the Agenda Paper "That this Council calls upon the Planning Department of Dublin City Council to implement a Cultural Framework Plan for the Smithfield area in an effort to protect all cultural amenities locally"

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 4th July 2011.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

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, 13th JUNE, 2011

Q1. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager how many instances of housing rent arrears > 52 weeks are there, how many of these cases have payment plans in place and in how many cases have eviction procedures for non payment of rent been initiated?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are currently 2060 households that are over 52 weeks in arrears of rent. Approximately 1,147 of these households have repayment agreements in place. In order to accommodate the unique circumstances of each tenant the nature of the repayment agreements can be wide ranging and are monitored regularly by the Arrears Supervisors, Rent Arrears Section.

626 households have eviction procedures initiated against them.

Q2. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to indicate the extent and cost of recent criminal damage at Tara Lawns halting site and to indicate whether the Manager on foot of this episode proposes to close the site.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

During a recent outbreak of very serious Inter-Traveller feuding, our ten bay halting site at Tara Lawns was almost completely ruined and a single house at nearby Northern Close was petrol bombed and seriously damaged. These eleven units have had water etc disconnected and been secured. However tensions are still very high in the area. As such no proper assessment of the cost of the damage has been possible.

No decision has been made as to the future of the Tara Lawns site.

Q3. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager how many applications for Domestic Home Improvement for Disability works were submitted in 2010? How many were approved? The total sum allocated in the Budget for this purpose and the total actually allocated. To further ask the Manager to outline the procedures for appointing contractors to carry out these works and if the Manager is satisfied with the current operation of the scheme or if he has any proposals to amend same?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council received 843 applications under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability and 68 applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme in 2010. Approvals were issued to 553 applications under the HGD & 37 applications under the MAG.

The budget in 2010 for the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability was €9,491,666 & €500,000 under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme. Dublin City Council paid out €6,670,158 under the HGD & €183,370 under the MAG.

Dublin City Council does not appoint contractors to carry out works for private homeowners. The grant schemes are operated by Dublin City Council under

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guidelines set down by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and any changes to the grant schemes are a matter for the Minister.

Q4. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the issues contained in the correspondence issued with this question, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q5. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Estimates were received earlier this year. However, due to lack of funding work could not commence. Alternative work estimates are now being sought and upon receipt of these, the works may commence funding permitting.

Q6. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to indicate when the vacant home, **(details supplied)**, will be made available for letting. At present some people are entering on to the property and causing damage. Local people are concerned.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This house was abandoned by the previous tenant and due to legal problems we have only recently received possession. This unit was vandalised whilst still in the possession of the previous tenant and the tenant may be liable for the estimated repair cost. There are also large rent arrears on this account. Work is expected to commence shortly and will last 10/12 weeks.

Q7. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the City Manager what the current figures of production and demand level in our treated reservoirs. Will the Manager also outline the average production and demand figures for each month of 2011; and the figures for the months of May, June, July and August throughout each of the last three years. Can the Manager also outline his satisfaction about the current levels of treated water?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Daily Production and Demand Figures (Ml/day)

Date	Total Production	DCC Daily Demand	Regional Daily Demand
01-May-11	557.115	246.486	534.013
02-May-11	557.013	240.688	545.921
03-May-11	559.908	241.559	556.396
04-May-11	559.640	240.908	555.128
05-May-11	560.033	243.058	546.701
06-May-11	555.335	231.913	549.783
07-May-11	547.412	229.308	538.500
08-May-11	535.052	216.785	534.830

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09-May-11	530.366	201.438	550.644
10-May-11	521.301	200.510	544.779
11-May-11	522.480	204.108	554.628
12-May-11	525.694	219.093	539.082
13-May-11	550.282	237.614	550.760
14-May-11	552.617	236.921	538.045
15-May-11	550.858	231.439	533.426
16-May-11	548.728	230.945	545.166
17-May-11	546.272	234.299	551.420
18-May-11	557.765	239.322	557.133
19-May-11	539.385	220.367	547.563
20-May-11	527.268	207.495	553.286
21-May-11	529.783	212.333	537.771
22-May-11	528.941	214.110	535.649
23-May-11	524.528	209.613	538.296
24-May-11	523.287	204.919	555.455
25-May-11	523.548	213.133	547.116
26-May-11	524.403	212.664	549.831
27-May-11	531.698	224.129	545.176
28-May-11	555.455	239.592	545.653

Average Daily Production and Demand Figures for each Month of 2011

	Average Daily Demand (MI/day)		Average Daily Production (MI/day)
Month	DCC	Region	Region
Jan-11	227.74	553.311	555.887
Feb-11	229.72	558.355	555.496
Mar-11	227.02	553.398	547.641
Apr-11	223.34	549.587	539.917
May-11	221.86	545.94	541.846

Average Daily Production and Demand Figures for Jan – Aug 2008 - 2010

	Average Daily Demand (MI/day)		Average Daily Production (MI/day)
Date	DCC	Region	Region
Jan-10	237.58	562.28	558.23
Feb-10	234.35	557.78	555.987
Mar-10	234.38	560.07	554.144
Apr-10	226.72	552.42	549.146
May-10	225.41	549.6	541.737

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Jun-10	224.54	550.77	546.892
Jul-10	218.9	538.31	533.681
Aug-10	220.55	536.31	529.475
Jan-09	229.08	547.04	539.593
Feb-09	231.75	552.06	550.855
Mar-09	227.62	545.37	546.981
Apr-09	219.25	534.46	533.76
May-09	218.77	535.08	534.692
Jun-09	222.33	544.05	539.018
Jul-09	217.62	528.5	525.435
Aug-09	215.36	527.81	526.18
Jan-08	226.76	540.17	539.59
Feb-08	229.73	547.46	543.404
Mar-08	227.01	539.27	540.043
Apr-08	229.71	548.06	545.642
May-08	225.8	550.44	542.246
Jun-08	226.05	544.07	547.916
Jul-08	222.16	532.54	529.214
Aug-08	216.24	523.08	520.644

Current Levels of Treated Water

The current levels of treated water are satisfactory. However the reduced rainfall in March and April of this year resulted in a very dry catchment area. Although normal rainfall occurred in May this rain was generally absorbed into the ground resulting in very little runoff from the catchment into the raw (untreated) water reservoirs at Poulaphouca, Roundwood and Bohernabreena. This in turn led to a reduction in the amount of raw water available for treatment and public use. Dublin City Council issued a press release on Thursday the 2nd June appealing to the public and the business community to conserve water and to minimise usage. While there is no immediate need to impose restrictions on water supply, restrictions may however be unavoidable if a very dry summer occurs and if demand for water increases over the summer period. For advice on how to conserve water consumers are asked to view www.taptips.ie

Q8. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to make provision for, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Development Department will consider the feasibility of providing such a footpath in the context of the current estimates and report back directly to the Councillor. If the costs are substantial it is unlikely that the work will be carried out in the short to medium-term.

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Q9. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to consider the following request from, **(details supplied)**, Residents Association.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Traffic Engineer will examine this matter and a report will issue to the Councillor in due course.

Q10. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager how many applications for downsizing have been accommodated in the past 3 years and could he make a statement on the matter. He is aware that there are numerous cases of older people in 3/4 bedroom accommodation in Dublin South Central who are living in homes too big for their needs while we have families living in severely overcrowded accommodation too small for their needs.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The table below sets out the current number of applicants on the TA (surrendering larger accommodation) and the FCS (Financial Contribution) waiting lists by Housing area. The surrendering larger category includes both applicants residing in houses or flats that are currently larger to the applicants need.

List - 2011	List Category	Housing Area										Grand Total
		B	D	E	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	
Transfer	TA	25	20	30	16	19	10	33	14	6	9	182
	FCS	73	20	148	4	43	65	4	24	21	8	410

The table below sets out the number of applicants housed from the TA and FC list from 2008 to 2011 to date:

Year	FC	TA
2008	112	65
2009	55	33
2010	27	35
2011	7	17

Dublin City Council has approximately 27,000 dwellings throughout the City. The size of these dwellings ranges from one, two and three bed roomed flats/apartments to one bed roomed cottages and two, three and four bed roomed houses. The broad range of dwelling size is necessary to enable Dublin City Council provide for the demand for social housing from applicants on the housing list with different family size requirements. It also allows for current tenants to apply for a transfer to an alternative dwelling, which would better suit their requirements, particularly with family size in mind.

When an allocation is initially made, it is very important that the size of the dwelling is utilised to the best possible advantage. Due to the demand for housing, the onus is on Dublin City Council to ensure this principle is adhered to, and regard for this policy is given due recognition in the Scheme of Letting Priorities.

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Because of changes in family circumstances, it is often the case the original allocation to a tenant is no longer best suited to their requirements. A tenant's family may have grown up and moved into their own accommodation. The tenant now finds that he/she is living in a two or three bed roomed dwelling. Maintenance and heating bills are becoming an issue and they may be interested in a smaller, more suitable home.

The Allocations Section endeavours to facilitate as many transfer applicants as possible each year to downsize. However, it is not possible to offer all such applicants a transfer immediately as other housing and transfer applicants must also be considered as vacancies arise.

The Financial Contribution Scheme was introduced some years ago in recognition of the fact that there were home owners of a more senior age residing in the City, who were finding their existing property too large for their current needs. Their family had now left and they were finding maintaining the dwelling expensive and they wished to be considered for sheltered older persons accommodation provided by Dublin City Council.

Under this Scheme the applicant must offer their house for sale to Dublin City Council. If it is deemed suitable and agreement is reached regarding the sale price, the applicant remains in the house until a suitable vacancy becomes available. As the Council had an extensive building programme, it was justifiable to allocate a proportion of newly-built older person's accommodation to financial contribution applicants.

This Scheme also enabled the City Council to purchase properties for allocation to families on the social housing waiting list. Due to budgetary constraints, the number of properties the City Council now purchase has significantly reduced. Any application that has been accepted on the financial contribution list in the last two years was on the basis of a private sale rather than to the City Council.

Previously, it had been possible to outline to applicants an approximate timescale of how long they would be waiting for an offer of accommodation to materialise. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case and applicants may be waiting a considerable length of time before being reached for an offer. This information is explained fully to all applicants who make enquiries regarding the Scheme as they may then decide to pursue other options in the private housing market.

The Scheme is still benefiting applicants who may not necessarily wish to downsize but rather, the sale of the property is being forced upon them by other family members. While this does not secure them an offer of their exact preference more quickly, it does enable the Council to offer such people lower demand accommodation (bedsit) in order that they do not become homeless.

The whole area of provision of social housing has been evolving in recent years. The traditional allocation of a tenancy dwelling to a housing applicant for the remainder of their life will no longer be the case. Social housing support is now defined in Section 19 of the 2009 Housing Act to include the provision of dwellings by Local Authorities and approved Voluntary Housing Bodies. It also includes dwellings provided under the Rental Accommodation Scheme and also the sale of houses under incremental purchase arrangements. In effect, it will result in the level of social housing support provided to both housing applicants and current tenants being regularly assessed to check if their current supports are being adequately met or whether a different

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housing support is required on foot of changes in their household circumstances. For example, initially a family may be accommodated in a three-bed dwelling under the Rental Accommodation Scheme. As the children grow older, they may leave and it would be more appropriate for the parent(s) to be accommodated in a smaller unit suitable to their need which would thereby also release a larger dwelling for a family whose need is for a three-bed dwelling. While this system can be introduced more easily in the more recently added forms of social housing, it may take some time for Local Authorities to implement such a system for tenants who have been housed in the traditional manner. While Dublin City Council currently accepts downsizing applications from tenants in larger accommodation who voluntarily wish to transfer to a smaller unit, introducing a compulsory downsizing transfer policy may not be feasible. Obviously, such a policy would require the Council to have available units for people to be transferred into. Furthermore, such a policy would arguably be contrary to the intention of creating sustainable and settled communities. However, it is most likely that the downsizing will continue to be a source for the City Council of providing accommodation for families on the waiting lists.

Q11. **COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE**

To ask the Manager to have a mobile CCTV unit set up at, **(details supplied)**, to try and stop anti-social behaviour in the complex, including public urination and to stop people fly tipping; also to have the weeds removed at the rear of the buildings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Due to budgetary restraints at this time it would not be possible to supply a mobile CCTV system in the, **(details supplied)**, flat complex.

In relation to issues of anti-social behaviour all incidents should be reported to An Garda Síochána in the first instance and then the local area Housing office should be informed where an investigation of the instances reported will be examined.

In relation to weeds at the rear of the complex, our Housing caretakers service will deal with the issue of weed control in the complex.

Q12. **COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE**

To ask the Manager to have the runners removed from the power lines at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A Public Lighting maintenance crew were working with a hoist in this area on the night of Thursday 2nd June and removed the runners suspended from an overhead cable.

Q13. **COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE**

To ask the Manager to have the broken tiles on the stairs outside of, **(details supplied)**, replaced.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that this work will be completed within the next two weeks.

Q14. **COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE**

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the street cleaned at, **(details supplied)**; the residents will move their vehicles so that the sides of the street can be properly cleaned if given notice ahead of time.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will have, **(details supplied)**, next cleaned on Monday 20th June 2011.

Q15. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the tenant of this dwelling converted the attic, including moving the water tank. The tank subsequently leaked. Our local maintenance depot repaired the leak to the tank. However the responsibility for repairing the ceiling rests with the tenant.

Q16. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager for DCC to remove the graffiti from the power box on the Malahide Road on the corner of Cherrymount Crescent, Dublin 3.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Traffic Signal Controller at Malahide Road/Cherrymount Crescent was painted on the 27/05/11.

Q17. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will request NAMA to release the units at Clare Village as I understand that Dublin City Council has purchased the units and await the Legal Paper from NAMA.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Tuath Housing Association (formerly Helm Housing) is acquiring these units. The contracts have been signed and the legalities with NAMA have been resolved. The units are being acquired in three phases. Fourteen units are to be acquired in June, seventeen units to be acquired in July and the remaining eighteen units are to be acquired in August. The nominations for the units are currently being compiled by the Housing Allocations Section.

Q18. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the City Manager to provide a report on what available options are open to, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Bye-Law 37 (3) (a) of the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2010 provides for an overall limit of 160 visitors' permits per calendar year in the case of a building used as a single housing unit. As the persons who are the subject of this question have already purchased the maximum number of visitors' permits, the Council is not in a position to approve the issue of any further visitors' permits to this household in the course of the current year.

Q19. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the City Manager to respond to the issues raised in, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q20. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to set out the current position regarding development possibilities for Iveagh Market and what scope exists to bring forward proposals that will fit with current market.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following public advertisement MK Slattery Ltd (Martin Keane) was chosen to refurbish and redevelop the Iveagh Markets. The current terms for the disposal of the Markets to Mr Keane were approved by the City Council at its meeting on 6th September 2004. Planning Permission was granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanála in August 2007 for a mixed use development on both the Market site and an adjoining site consisting of a hotel, markets, residential and retail units and entertainment venues.

The Iveagh Markets element of the proposed development will consist of the refurbishment and redevelopment of the existing Iveagh Market building for use as a multi function market and retail centre including an entertainment gallery with restaurant/bar and exhibition area.

Unfortunately the Developer is not in a position to proceed with the development at present due to the current economic climate.

Q21. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to consider the feasibility of providing a recycling service for tenants who are replacing their Council issued kitchens, bathrooms, windows whereby the Council could examine the fixtures and if they are ok that the Council remove them and use them as spare parts in existing units. There is a lengthy waiting list for replacement kitchen doors, handles, toilets etc. and this could solve that problem. It would also help ease the drain on our finances. Can he also confirm if the Council are going to stop gutting buy backs/housing stock and leave perfectly good fixtures and fittings installed as this is ridiculous given our reduced budget.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It has been the experience of Housing Maintenance staff that, where Council tenants are replacing kitchens, bathrooms and windows, it is because the old fixtures and fittings are broken, damaged or worn due to wear and tear and that such fixtures and fittings would not be suitable for reuse.

However, as tenants must apply for consent to the City Council under their tenancy agreement to carry out the changes as described, the Council will examine each application on a case-by-case basis to ascertain what items could be reused in other housing units.

Q22. COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Manager to address and issue a report on planning enforcement at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A Warning Letter pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 has been issued to the owner and the Manager of the Hotel concerning changes and alterations to the car park without the benefit of planning permission. The recipients have 4 weeks to respond to the Letter.

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Q23. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he could confirm in writing that in relation to the recent Prime Time programme on Dolphin House that Dublin City Council:

- a) Offered to provide a Spokesperson to engage in a live interview on the programme to deal with the issues and,
- b) Supplied to the programme a detailed written statement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- a) We were asked to participate and rather than do a pre-recorded piece we offered to provide a spokesperson to participate in the programme. The offer of the live interview was not taken up.
- b) A detailed written statement was supplied to the programme.

Q24. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will initiate a major review of the compilation of the electoral register to avoid the huge number of errors that were contained in same for the last General Election.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A continual inspection of all households in the city area is carried out by the Franchise Section's permanent team of Franchise Enumerators. Each dwelling is visited once every 12-14 months and any changes are recorded and updated. Where there is no reply a registration form is left at the premises. As the 2011/2012 Register came into force on the 15th of February 2011 and the General Election was held just 10 days later, there were inevitably a high volume of last minute applications and queries. Over this period the Franchise Section processed almost 6500 such amendments. We have no evidence of an excessive number of errors on Polling day; however if the Councillor could provide specific details we would be happy to investigate them.

While Dublin City Council makes every effort to ensure that all those who wish to register to vote can do so, the onus remains on the individual to ensure that they are on the Electoral Register.

Q25. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

Can the Manager please advise the cost of placing traffic lights at entrance to Belmont Park, Raheny and when will they become operational.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The cost of the new pedestrian traffic signals will be €45,000. Installation works have been completed and we are awaiting ESB to complete the power supply connection, which we anticipate will be carried out shortly.

Q26. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

Can the Manager request that the Parks Department advise as to why there are three dead trees on St. Assam's Road West, Raheny and also when can they be removed and replaced with a new trees.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The roadside trees referred to in the above question have been inspected on site by the Parks & Landscape Services Division. It is not possible, from this inspection, to be definitive regarding the exact reason for the death of these trees. However, variable soil quality on this road would be a likely contributory factor. These trees will

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be scheduled for removal and replanting will be carried out during the 2011/2012 dormant season subject to confirmation of the availability of necessary resources.

Q27. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

Can the Manager request that the Public Lighting Department fix the lights on the bridge over the Santry River as the side at the scout den is out of order.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Public Lighting Division is currently awaiting the delivery of special order lamps to carry out repair works at this location.

Q28. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

Can the Manager request that the Road Maintenance Department repaint the kerbs at the traffic lights on the Howth Road, Raheny beside the Millennium clock. Also similar repainting needs to be done at the traffic lights at Supervalu, Howth Road, Raheny, and St. Assam's Avenue / St. Assam's Park, Raheny.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Traffic Management and Control Section will assess the sites to determine if the renewal of kerb markings is required. Generally, if public lighting is in place with illuminated / reflective bollards and road markings, then kerb markings are not required.

Q29. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask The City Manager that the following hazardous situation on Kylemore Road caused by flooding and ponding to be addressed and remedied. The road floods after a heavy downpour of rain causing motorists, motorbikes, and cyclists (especially young drivers as they drive very fast into the flood). Therefore the gullies between the Landen Road junction and the church roundabout need to be flushed out. This has been an ongoing problem for some years now, and is dangerous at night as there are no warning signs to alert motorists about flooding. Le Fanu Road has the same problem in the area of The Lawns Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Please find report below for recent queries:

Kylemore Road at Bus Stop: Gullies checked 2/6/11; 3 of 3 gullies cleaned.

Kylemore Road travelled after heavy rain and no flooding noted 8/6/11.

Le Fanu Road at The Lawns Park: Gullies checked 8/6/11; 13 of 13 gullies cleaned.

Q30. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the City Manager to restore and remark the long ramp on Ballyfermot Road at the entrance to Tesco Supermarket.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Roads Maintenance Services has engaged a contractor to replace the imprinted asphalt ramp on Ballyfermot Road outside the Tesco Supermarket. This work will be carried out over the next month.

Q31. COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

Can the Manager arrange to repair the fence where broken at, **(details supplied)**.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parks & Landscape Services Division has inspected the damage indicated at, **(details supplied)**. Arrangements are in place to have the minor repairs required at this location carried out before the end of June 2011.

Q32. COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

Can the Manager arrange to cut back the bushes on the entrance road to, **(details supplied)**, especially where they protrude into the roadway.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The planting close to the entrance at, **(details supplied)**, has been inspected by the Parks & Landscape Services Division. Whilst currently it is considered that there is very little overhang of this plant material, the requested shrub pruning will be scheduled for attention over the next month.

Q33. COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

Can the Manager please arrange to have repaired the low level broken fences on, **(details supplied)**, which are designed to prevent illegal parking of caravans. These are not walls as was intimated in an earlier reply received on this issue.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled in the coming 10-12 weeks.

Q34. COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

Can the Manager confirm when the double yellow lines at, **(details supplied)**, will be renewed?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request to renew the double yellow lines at, **(details supplied)**, has been referred to the Traffic Officer. Following an inspection a report will be prepared for the Councillor.

Q35. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the Manager to try and establish the owners of, **(details supplied)**, in order to get the owners to take responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the shopping area and to have these issues addressed, such as disabled parking spaces put in place, pot holes filled in, dished footpaths to assist residents with limited mobility to gain access to post office, shops.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following ongoing complaints from local residents a legal search was undertaken to establish ownership of the carpark at the shopping centre. A letter was subsequently sent to the reputed owners pointing out the concerns of local people regarding the condition of the carpark surface, the standard of lighting within the site and the access difficulties for older persons. The letter enquired as to the owner's plan for undertaking improvement works. No reply was received and a reminder has now been sent. The City Council has no power to compel the owners to carry out works on the site.

Q36. COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL

To ask the Manager to report on, **(details supplied)**, and to give details of when a decision is likely to be made.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant had an initial inspection from Dublin City Council's building inspector on 31st May 2011. Documents were requested in relation to the grant application and, on their receipt, the application will be progressed to the next stage of the process.

Q37. COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL

To ask the Manager to undertake the following works in the Donahies, Donaghmede:

- To clean up the area between The Donahies and the Beeches and to ensure that this area is kept clean at all times,
- To fix the pathway outside number 12 Killary Grove and to relocate the pedestrian walkway that currently exist from Killary Grove to the Grange Road to the middle of the opening from Killary Grove to Grange Road,
- To investigate the possibility of widening the footpath at the junction of Grangemore Road/Ardara Road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. Waste Management Services carried out a major clean-up in the area between the Donahies and the Beeches during the week ending the 22nd May 2011. This involved the roads and footpaths in this area.

The Park & Landscape Services Division is arranging a specific litter pick of the open space between the Donahies and the Beeches Estate. As antisocial activity can frequently occur at this open space, resources are currently not available to ensure that this open space will be litter-free at all times.

2. There are no repairs required to the pathway at this location. The public footpath finishes at the end of Killary Grove outside house No 12. There is no public footpath connecting Killary Grove across the roadside open space to Grange Road.

3. Road Maintenance Division inspected this location. The footpath width at this location is to Dublin City Council road maintenance specifications. This path will not be widened.

Q38. COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL

To ask the Manager if he will state exactly what roads, open space, public lighting, sewerage and drainage are to be taken in charge in the North Fringe area and whether the developers have contacted the Planning Department about this in light of the enactment of the Multi Unit Development Act 2011 on April 1st and the requirement to clearly delineate which common areas are to be vested with the Owner's Management Company.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are three developments in the North Fringe area, all of which are still under construction, Belmayne, Priory Hall and Clongriffin.

There is a condition in the parent permission for each development that a main Boulevard be constricted through each estate from Grange Road Extension, Belmayne through to the railway station at Clongriffin.

Condition 3 of the planning permission for Belmayne (register reference 0354/02) required that the section of the main boulevard within Belmayne be taken in charge

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by Dublin City Council. The southern carriageway of the Parkside Boulevard from Malahide Road to the Hole in the Wall Road is also to be completed by the developer of Belmayne and taken in charge by the Council. No request has yet been received to have these sections of road taken in charge.

Condition 19 of the planning permission for Priory Hall (register reference 1731/03 refers) requires that the section of the Boulevard through Priory Hall be agreed and constructed to the requirements of the Roads Authority and taken in charge by the City Council. This road has been completed to wearing course level. The Roads Department has recently advised that the base and wearing courses of the road are satisfactory. Court proceedings for non-compliance with an Enforcement Notice served in respect of a number of issues in Priory Hall, including completion of the Boulevard, have been adjourned to allow the developers complete works.

There is no requirement in the parent permission (register reference 0132/02) for Clongriffin that any roads within the development be taken in charge. However, a request has recently been received that the main Boulevard through the development be taken in charge. This request has been forwarded to the Roads Department for consideration and recommendation.

There is no requirement or provision in the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 to contact or inform the Council about those areas to be vested in the Management Company.

Q39. COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL

To ask the Manager to undertake the following works in, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The estate at, **(details supplied)**, has been inspected by the Parks & Landscape Services Division. The storm damaged tree at No.44, **(details supplied)**, has been removed and the tree stump and replanting will be addressed during the 2011/2012 dormant season subject to the necessary resources being available.

The trees opposite No. 42, **(details supplied)**, are not public trees in the care of Parks and Landscape Services Division and are located in the garden of No 60, **(details supplied)**.

An Inspector called to No. 4, **(details supplied)**, and found no defective shore/cover.

Q40. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the City Manager instruct the Law Agent to investigate the contractual arrangements between Smock Alley Theatre Company and the Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht. A matter has arisen whereby the Department of Arts would appear to have a legal claim on a property and a lease given to Smock Alley Theatre Company by Temple Bar Cultural Trust, belonging to Dublin City Council at the former St. Michaels St. Johns church on Upper Exchange Street. Furthermore can the legal officer have regard and give opinion and advice regarding Temple Bar Cultural Trust's practice in relation to loans of cash and guarantees regarding loans to certain clients of Temple Bar Cultural Trust. This is in the interest of fair trading and fair competition.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Temple Bar Cultural Trust is a company wholly owned by Dublin City Council. It is however a separate company and is legally entitled to enter into contracts in its own right. I understand that the Cultural Trust, while holding the freehold interest in the St. Michaels and John's Church, has granted a lease of 35 years to the Smock Alley Theatre Company. Any interest that any other party takes on this lease is a matter between the lease holder, the third party and Temple Bar Cultural Trust. It is not unusual, however, that a person or a body funding works to a building on which there is a lease hold interest would place a lien on that lease. This does not compromise Temple Bar Cultural Trust's ability to recover this building at the end of 35 years or in the interim if the terms of the lease are not adhered to.

On the matter of Temple Bar Cultural Trust issuing of loans and guarantees I understand that this function is given to it in the articles of association and is something which it is legally entitled to do.

Q41. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the City Manager ascertain whether there is a provision in the security Budget's provided by this State regarding the visits of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd and President of the United States Barack Obama for the clean-up operation. Before the visit many of Dublins lampposts, ornate street furniture, curb-stones, traffic lights, post-boxes etc. were marked by yellow permanent marking paint and in many incidents gaffer tape was used to seal various electrical cabinets, lamp posts etc. To date most of this stuff has not been removed and there has been no attempt to clean off the markings on the footpaths and on all the street furnitures on the various routes. Also where will the liter bins be replaced on the footpaths. Was there any budget provision provided by Central Government for this removal work. Could the City Manager give me an overall cost incurred by Dublin City Council for these two events.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Additional costs incurred by Waste Management Services associated with securing, removing and replacing street litter bins amount to €26,007. The programme of replacement of bins will be completed over the next few days. Dublin City Council was however allocated a grant of €20,000 under the Civic Responsibility Week Grant Scheme to undertake activities to improve the appearance of the environment prior to the visits. This grant was used for the removal of graffiti.

Paint marking will be removed from high profile streets as part of the gum removal programme and no significant additional expense will be incurred.

Q42. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the City Manager issue to all Councillors the internal audit report regarding review of practices relating to the issuing of driving licences that was recently conducted by the Internal Audit at DCC. Also that all such audits would be issued to all DCC Councillors as a matter of best practice in order that we may deal or discuss the substantial issues contained in such reports.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A copy of the internal audit report regarding the issuing of drivers licences will be issued to all councillors as requested. Dublin City Council operates an Audit Committee which was established under direction of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in 2008. Previous to this Committee, Dublin City Council operated an Audit Efficiency Group under broadly

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similar parameters. The committee comprises 7 members: 3 City Councillors and 4 external members. The committee has an independent role in advising the Council on financial process and procedures, internal control, risk management and audit matters etc. as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of the Council. All internal audit reports are presented to the Audit Committee for their consideration. Any issues arising from these reports are discussed and considered in detail by the committee and matters are followed through to a satisfactory conclusion. An annual report of the committee is presented to the full City Council outlining the activities of the committee over the previous calendar year. The annual report of the Audit Committee for 2010 is scheduled for the July City Council meeting. It is considered that the Audit Committee is the appropriate process in which to discuss audit reports.

Q43. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Could the City Manager issue a full report as to whether Dublin City Council intends to provide an alternative site for the continuation of the Smithfield Horse Fair in light of the recent correspondence sent to the Lord Mayor Gerry Breen on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In order for Dublin City Council to provide an alternative site for a Horse Fair we would have to acquire land, have a facility designed, obtain planning permission and create an operational line budget, all of which in the current financial climate is not achievable. It is simply not possible to relocate the Fair to another location without complying with all relevant legislation and dealing with issues of Health & Safety, provision of animal welfare facilities, segregation of animals from humans etc. Dublin City Council has responded to the letter sent to the Lord Mayor by the Minister for Enterprise, Jobs and Innovation.

Q44. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager that a disabled parking bay be installed outside, **(details supplied)**, and that the tenant be contacted to discuss the matter with them.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) for consideration and the Councillor will be advised in due course.

Q45. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the Manager what is the status of casual traders in the context of rates, rent, VAT, tax registration, P30 returns and any other legislative or planning issues, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has issued to the Councillor.

Q46. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the green area outside, **(details supplied)**, to be tarmaced or concreted over as there is a huge dip in the green area outside and the house owner is in a wheelchair.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The grass verge outside the front of, **(details supplied)**, will be filled with top soil and seeded within the next 4 weeks.

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Q47. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to see if it is possible to place a bollard in the middle of the lane between, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The location in question has a number of dishings for vehicle access. In cases such as these generally the agreement of all the householders affected is required prior to carrying out such work. If the Councillor has representations on behalf of all the residents on the lane, he is advised to pass on this information to the Finglas Area Office. Arrangements can then be made to carry out the work. If not, the Area Office will call to each of the residents to ascertain their agreement prior to proceeding.

Q48. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the proper securing of back boundary walls at, **(details supplied)**, where both walls have left number 3 exposed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance removed a portion of the back wall in No's 2 and 4 at this location and made it safe. Timber sheeting was erected as a temporary measure at No. 4. Replacing the walls at this location is the responsibility of the tenant.

Q49. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for an examination of water leaking out of the back of, **(details supplied)**, as it has been ongoing for several years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Housing Manager inspected the water leak at, **(details supplied)**, and found a minor leak in the back garden. It is unclear where the leak is coming from and a sample of the ground water will be taken in the next few days to determine if the water is mains water. The owner of the property reported that the leak had reduced significantly in recent weeks.

Q50. COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE

To ask the Manager to seek clarification from Dublin Bus regarding changes to bus services that appear to leave Milltown with just one bus serving Milltown Road; residents require increased frequency, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This issue has been referred to Dublin Bus. The Councillor will be notified when a reply has been received.

Q51. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager to detail the background to, operational details and success to date of the Graffiti Removal initiative using the Probation Service.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The partnership between Dublin City Council and the Probation Services started in early 2010 following successful partnerships with other Local Authorities. The Probation Service provides graffiti removal, some cleaning and painting of non local authorities community facilities arranged through Dublin City Council. To date approximately 7,000 square metres of graffiti have been removed.

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Q52. **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager to complete the reply to my question (no. 53) of the May meeting. In particular to update the following:

- a. Additional costs associated with securing and removal of street litter bins (Answer para. 3),
- b. Additional costs incurred by Drainage Division (Para. 5),
- c. Confirmation that Water Services Division did not incur additional costs (Para. 6),
- d. Costs associated with the co-ordination of Emergency Management - amount provided for in the current and actual amount incurred.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- a) Additional costs incurred by Waste Management Services associated with securing, removing and replacing street litter bins amount to €26,007.
- b) The costs incurred by the Drainage Division in preparation for the visit of Queen Elizabeth amounted to €4,170. The costs were incurred in assisting An Garda Síochána with securing Manholes and other street furniture.
- c) Dublin City Council's Water Services Division did not incur additional costs as a result of the VIP visits to the city in May 2011.
- d) Dublin City Council operated the Local Co-ordination Centre (LCC) to provide inter-agency co-ordination with Gardaí/HSE and City Council and operated a Crisis Management Team (CMT) during the VIP visits. The staff operated a 24/7 service, with the LCC and CMT fully operational from 7/8 am to midnight and staff on call outside these hours. The staff who manned the LCC and the CMT, both in the early morning and late into the night, have not made applications to be paid for the provision of this essential service to ensure the success of both visits.

Q53. **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager for an update to his reply to my question (No. 99 - February 2011) and in particular: a. to confirm that 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 in relation thereto and b. to give an update on the exercise being undertaken on the appraisal of the implications of the passing of the motion referred to in his reply.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I understand that the owners of the building are making an application of consent to the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government. As the matter is under consideration by the Minister it would be inappropriate to comment on the matter at this stage.

Q54. **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager to confirm whether, or not, any preliminary discussions have taken place between Parc an Chrocaigh Teo. and Dublin City Council in relation to any land deals, and if so, to specify which land/area is involved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is noted that this question was subsequently withdrawn

Q55. **COUNCILLOR ÁINE CLANCY**

To ask the Manager that the, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q56. COUNCILLOR ÁINE CLANCY

To ask the City Manager, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the rubbish removed from this stretch of the laneway on the 7th June 2011.

Q57. COUNCILLOR ÁINE CLANCY

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Roads Maintenance Services Division has inspected, **(details supplied)**, and finds both areas to be in satisfactory condition.

Q58. COUNCILLOR ÁINE CLANCY

To ask the City Manager can all graffiti be removed from, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q59. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Will the Manager please arrange to inspect the condition of the road, **(details supplied)**, report on same and confirm if listed for substantial or emergency repairs, say when same will be carried out and give details of planned works.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY

A number of pothole repairs have been carried out at this location in the past few weeks. At present this section of carriageway is listed for resurfacing works, subject to funding which has not been confirmed at this time.

Road Maintenance Services will continue to monitor this location and carry out localised repairs when required.

Q60. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please inspect area, **(details supplied)**, which residents complain is covered with litter e.g. tissues, bottles, plastic bags, other hazardous items, is covered with human and dog waste thus causing an unpleasant smell and is extremely unhygienic and say if:

1. he will immediately arrange to have the area inspected from an environmental health point of view as residents are concerned about further increased rodent infestation,
2. if he will arrange to have the area cleaned/cleared of waste and litter etc.,
3. if he will arrange to have the trees/bushes/shrubs etc seriously cut back to in order to minimise the use of the area as a public toilet,
4. if he will have the area treated against rodents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

On inspection of this shrubbery by the Parks & Landscape Services Division no evidence was present of rodent infestation. There is a population of rodents which is present on an ongoing basis along the foreshore and surrounds and, subject to the presence of a food source, can be present occasionally on the open space. This area is monitored by the Parks & Landscape Services Division and controls are arranged when considered necessary.

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There is evidence of some congregation in the shrubbery but nothing present would indicate that cyclists are a significant cause. This Division will arrange for the removal of some accumulated litter from the planted area at, **(details supplied)**, during the summer months. The requested pruning of this plant material will be considered over the winter period and the level of any pruning will be subject to the ability of particular species to respond to such pruning operations. This shrubbery will also be impacted by the North City Arterial Water main and Clontarf Flood Protection Project should this project be in a position to proceed.

Q61. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to the accident which recently occurred at, **(details supplied)**, and:

1. give a detailed report on what City Council emergency services/fire brigade/ambulance service provided on the day in question,
2. give a detailed report on what best practice procedures are in place for such emergency situations and if same were applied on the day in question,
3. say if it is the practice that the City Fire Brigade contacts the Coastguard in these circumstances in order to avoid any unnecessary delay in getting a injured person to the nearest hospital and say if this practice was indeed carried out on the day,
4. what exactly is the procedure that calls out the Search & Rescue Helicopter and say why this was not done on the day in question,
5. give a detailed report on the outcome of the accident and say if the City Manager is satisfied that all appropriate necessary assistance was provided on the day and if the Manager is not satisfied of same, can he say what action he will take to ensure that best practice procedure will be activated in similar such circumstances in the future,

as local residents were upset at the apparent lack of coordination/co-operation between the emergency services in getting the injured man to hospital

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

On receipt of the emergency call, based on the information received, the Fire Brigade controller dispatched an emergency ambulance, fire appliance advanced paramedic, District Officer and rescue tender in accordance with procedures.

The patient was reached, assessed, treated, extricated and transported in an efficient manner. The Coast Guard is alerted in cases where the patient is inaccessible by other means, or where in the judgement of the appropriate officer of the Fire Brigade their assistance would result in a more efficient operation.

The ambulance was parked on a hard standing, on which there was some loose sand. Although there was slight traction issues, at no point was the ambulance stuck or in a position that needed towing by members of the public.

Q62. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to laneway, **(details supplied)**, and say if he can arrange to have same cleaned, swept and cleared of overgrowth and weeds sprayed as residents complain that the laneway has not been attended to by Dublin City Council since last year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The section of the laneway beside 148, **(details supplied)**, is in charge and will be cleaned in one week.

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The section of the laneway at the side of 126, **(details supplied)**, to the rear of 126 is closed and not in charge of Dublin City Council.

Q63. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the City Manager to investigate, monitor and respond appropriately to the following matter, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q64. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the following work to be done, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The roadside tree outside the rear garden of **(details supplied)** has been inspected by the Parks & Landscape Services Division staff. This tree is in satisfactory condition and is not considered to require general pruning operations at this time. It should be noted that the Parks & Landscape Services Division carries out tree maintenance operations on roadside trees throughout the North Central Area on a priority basis subject to the availability of necessary resources.

Q65. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the following work to be done, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The laneway at, **(details supplied)**, will be cleaned within one week.

Q66. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q67. COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI

To ask the City Manager to reinstate all waste bins across the city that were removed for the recent state visits as soon as possible.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will have all the litter bins in the city centre reinstated by the week ending the 12th June 2011. All the litter bins in the suburbs will be reinstated by the week ending the 19th June 2011.

Q68. COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI

To ask the City Manager if there are financial implications to Dublin City Council if we choose to walk away from the contract between DCC and Covanta at present. If so, what are the financial implications?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council, on behalf of the Dublin Local Authorities, was responsible for client representative, planning, legal and site acquisition costs. In addition the City Council has carried out advance works to facilitate district heating. The estimated costs to date involving all of the above are between €90 - €100m.

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In addition the Project Agreement for the construction of the Waste to Energy facility includes details of financial implications for the four Dublin Authorities in the event that the Councils terminated the Agreement. However, it is likely that, in such an event, legal action would be taken by our Partner's in the Project possibly leading to much increased termination costs.

In light of the fact that the need exists for the construction of the facility, both from the perspective of the volume of waste generated in the Dublin Region and the need for a waste recovery facility to enable diversion from landfill to meet our local and national commitments under the recently transposed EU Landfill Directive, it is anticipated that construction on the facility will recommence later in 2011 with a view to the facility being commissioned and able to accept waste for treatment in late 2014.

Q69. COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI

To ask the Manager to ensure that the bin collection at, **(details supplied)**, takes place at a more appropriate time, as it is currently taking place in the middle of the night.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will examine the bin collection time at, **(details supplied)**. It is not always possible to switch streets from the middle of a collection route without causing serious disruption to the collection route on any given day. It is a bag collection at, **(details supplied)**, which involves staff bringing the bags down the steps to a collection van. This method of collection would be a lot quieter than, for example, the emptying of wheelie or euro bins. Staff will be instructed to carry out the collection at, **(details supplied)**, as quietly as possible.

Q70. COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI

To ask the Manager to ensure that disabled parking spaces will be provided in and around Temple Bar, in particular at the Irish Film Institute (IFI).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request for Disabled Parking Bays has been added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer.

Q71. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Manager confirm the following:

1. That there has been no tenders, expressions of interest or similar interest sought by Dublin City Council in relation to their Waste Management Service,
2. That Dublin City Council intend to continue providing the current level of Waste Management Service for 2012.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. Dublin City Council has not sought any tenders, expressions of interest or similar interest in relation to our waste management service.
2. No decisions in relation to any of our waste management services for 2012 will be made until budgetary matters are considered towards the end of this year.

In the meantime, discussions are taking place with Unions regarding the future viability of the waste management service.

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Q72. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager provide the results of the pilot testing for water leaks carried out by Dublin City Council as quoted by Executive Manager Tom Leahy at the Water Metering Summit? Can the Manager detail the amount of leaks discovered on private properties compared to those discovered on public properties?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Due to the absence of domestic metering there is limited data on leakage associated with domestic dwellings in Ireland. There is information available from the UK which has a comparable climate and plumbing system but limited information or data on the Irish experience.

In order to address this issue, a pilot was carried out on the Merrion Road South as part of the Dublin Region Watermain Rehabilitation Project. This area was ranked 11th worst performing (in terms of leakage and burst frequency) of over 600 district meter areas in the Dublin Region. All non domestic users (24 in number) were previously metered as part of the non domestic metering programme using AMR technology which allows driveby gathering of meter data. A total of 212 AMR meters were placed on all domestic dwellings to identify leakage.

Every public main was replaced and meter readings confirmed that not a drop of water was being lost on public mains. However when average usage figures were applied to domestic dwellings the Unaccounted for Water (UFW) figure was 19% even though the actual loss on public mains was zero.

The full report on the study is available on the Council Website and was submitted to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government to facilitate consideration of new public policy to address leakage. The initial findings were quite incredible with the three highest usage recorded as 35,309 litres/day (equivalent to water used by 80 houses), 21,506 litres/day (equivalent to 50 houses) and 13,880 litres/day (equivalent to 30 houses) respectively. In summary, three houses had recorded use equivalent to 160 Houses in an area with 212 dwellings. These leaks were between the road and the house and were repaired by householders. The key findings, which appear to be consistent with other data, are that there was excessive use on up to 6% of dwellings with a small number quoting astronomical use.

After repairs by householders, usage per property is higher in this area than assumed, being 597 Litres/House/Day as opposed to an assumed 450 Litres/Property/Day and customer side leakage was measured at 135 Litres/Property/day compared to assumed figure of 66 Litres/Property/day. This study will provide invaluable input into the debate on the new public policy for water conservation being discussed at central Government.

Q73. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager provide a response to the replies from the Attorney General and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Innovation to the letter from the Lord Mayor regarding the Smithfield Horse Fair?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A copy of the correspondence requested has been provided to the Councillor.

Q74. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager detail the amounts lodged into the Internal Capital Receipts account from the sale of Council housing stock for the past 5 years?

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The amounts receipted to Internal Capital Receipts over the past 5 years are as follows (see attached also):

- 2006 - €42,981,472
- 2007 - €30,534,696
- 2008 - €12,486,341
- 2009 - €5,842,547
- 2010 - €6,737,431

Q75. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager to outline the studies that have been done on fluoride in our water and if he will take account of the fact that 98% of European countries have banned fluoride.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Under the Health Fluoridation Act (Water Supplies) of 1960 (No. 46 of 1960) as adapted by the Health Order of 1997 (S.I. 308 of 1997) and the Fluoridation of Water Supplies Regulations 2007, Dublin City Council is required by law to add Fluoride to drinking water supplied by the Council. The question of whether Fluoride should or should not be added to drinking water is therefore not one for the City Council to address.

Q76. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To call on the City Manager to re-instate, **(details supplied)**, back on the Housing Waiting List where his application was cancelled due to a change of address where the City Council sent the review form to the incorrect address.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Housing Act requires each Local Authority to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment every 3 years. This entails a revision of the Housing List. The Assessment involves writing out to each applicant on the Housing List and requests them to inform Dublin City Council if they are still interested in being housed by the City Council. Two separate notifications are sent to all applicants before their application is removed from the Housing List. Applicants that still fail to respond are informed that their application is to be cancelled. These notices were sent to the address provided by the applicant, **(details supplied)**, on his application and his application was subsequently cancelled. It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform Dublin City Council when they change address so that they can be contacted when required. It will be necessary for, **(details supplied)**, to submit proof of his current address (e.g. utility bill) to Dublin City Council and his application will be updated accordingly.

Q77. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager if he has considered the application for, **(details supplied)**, due to the fact that it is an unusual type licence and not covered by the current bye-laws in order to encourage and support a young man with his innovative business ideas.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The application has been considered but unfortunately there is currently no provision in the Bye-laws to allow this type of trading. Event licences are still available with several events taking place every month especially during the summer. There are several proposed locations for the sale of food included in the expressions of interest exercise undertaken as part of the Bye-law review and it is hoped that several of these will be designated and included in the new Bye-laws.

Q78. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager for an update on the recent review of the Casual Trading legislation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The review of the Casual Trading Bye-laws is ongoing. All the issues pertaining to the new Bye-laws have been identified and the review group is working through these issues. It is hoped to have a draft for public consultation in August 2011 and that a final version will go to Council for approval in December 2011.

Q79. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager whether Bloomfield Avenue can be swept on a more regular basis and, in particular, if the footpaths can be cleaned.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Under the Litter Management Plan 2008-2011, residential areas such as Bloomfield Avenue are scheduled to be cleaned once every twelve weeks. Bloomfield Avenue is next scheduled to be cleaned during the week beginning 13th June 2011. We will ensure that the footpaths are cleaned when this cleaning takes place in Bloomfield Avenue.

Q80. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager how many parking permits have been issued for Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin 8.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are currently 93 live residents' parking permits for Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin 8.

Q81. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager whether the elderly gentleman, **(details supplied)**, can be given priority due to his age and ill health to be transferred to a ground floor flat or to more suitable accommodation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, was awarded a Priority under the Exceptional Social Grounds Scheme on the 06/09/2010 for Area N (Harold's Cross, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Terenure). The applicant, **(details supplied)**, will be given every consideration for ground floor accommodation when a suitable vacancy arises.

Q82. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRÍ

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Division will order a new sign for this location and have scheduled this for installation in the coming 10-12 weeks.

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Q83. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRÍ

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report has been provided to the Councillor.

Q84. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRÍ

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The graffiti at, **(details supplied)**, has been removed.

Q85. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O MUIRÍ

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has a replacement sign for this location and it will be installed in the coming 4-6 weeks.

Q86. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN

To ask the City Manager if he can provide a list of all Local Authority housing within the Ballymun area which has been positively tested for pyrite and all the areas that are currently being tested or are proposed to be tested: and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following report has been received from Ballymun Regeneration Limited:

To date tests have been carried out on two local authority housing schemes within the Ballymun area and these schemes have tested positively for pyrite as follows:

1. Sillogue 4 Housing (124 dwellings plus external works).

Pyrite was discovered when construction works were nearing completion. Comprehensive testing has been carried out and has established that pyrite is present throughout the site. Negotiations regarding liability and funding of remedial works are ongoing. This scheme is presently unoccupied.

2. Poppintree 5B (Carton Estate) (94 dwellings plus external works).

Preliminary testing has recently confirmed the presence of pyrite on this site. Further investigation is about to get underway. As part of this investigation every house will be inspected for evidence of pyrite-related damage to establish the extent of the problem and the remedial works required.

Q87. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN

To ask the City Manager if he has examined the following with regard to the pyrite issues in local authority housing in Ballymun:

- An estimation of the cost involved in the possible relocation of tenants in affected housing.

- A schedule of relocations and remedial works.

- An estimation of the cost of all remedial works.

- If he has considered measures for cost recovery.

- If the affected materials came from the same supplier as the affected materials in Sillogue 4,

and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following report has been received from Ballymun Regeneration Limited:

Silloogue 4 remedial works are scheduled to commence in the latter half of 2011. It is estimated that the works will take 18 months to 2 years to complete. The housing scheme is not complete and negotiations are in progress with the contractor to carry out remedial works in accordance with the building contract. BRL has considered a number of avenues for cost recovery including legal action to be taken against the supplier of the hardcore as the principal means of recovering costs.

With regard to Poppintree 5b (Carton Estate), the existence of pyrite has only recently been discovered in this development which was completed in 2005. Preliminary testing has confirmed the presence of pyrite on this site. Further investigation is about to get underway. As part of this investigation every house will be inspected for evidence of pyrite-related damage to establish the extent of the problem and the remedial works required. Cost recovery measures will be considered when the extent of the remedial works is known. It is suspected that the affected hardcore came from the same supplier as Silloogue 4 but this cannot be definitively determined at this stage.

As the houses in Carton Terrace (1-31), Carton Road, Carton Court and Carton Close are now part of Dublin City Council's housing stock, Dublin City Council are managing communication with tenants and any relocation that may be required. As the construction contract was between BRL and the contractor, BRL is managing the testing regime, any subsequent related physical works and any cost recovery. At this stage it is not possible to answer the questions raised by the Councillor. A public meeting with residents was held on 7th June 2011 in Poppintree Sports Complex where the situation was outlined to the residents.

Q88. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN

To ask the City Manager if he is aware of a cat breeding epidemic in an area, **(details supplied)**, which is reported by residents to be spreading and affecting neighbouring areas: his plans to investigate and address this matter and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The DSPCA has been asked to investigate this matter. A further report will issue to the Councillor when a response is received.

Q89. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN

To ask the City Manager if he can provide details of the outstanding unpaid bin charges within the Council area including:

- How much is outstanding for more than 12 months.
- How much has been given over to debt collectors over the past 5 years.
- The amount which has been recovered by these collectors for each of the past 5 years,

and given the prevalence of fly tipping, if the Manager would consider means such as a reorganisation of payments for those in arrears to bring them back into the Council payment system: and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is approximately € 9.4 million outstanding in domestic waste charges for a period greater than 12 months.

The following is the position in respect of referrals to outside debt recovery agents for the last five years:

2011	No debt referred	*
2010	No debt referred	*
2009	€ 2.207 million referred	€ .458 million collected
2008	€ 13.262 million referred	€ 1.661 million collected
2007	€ .433 million referred	€ .104 million collected.

Any householder in arrears may avail of a generous instalment facility towards eliminating their arrears.

*Monies collected in 2010/2011 shown against years debt was referred.

Q90. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager to undertake a mapping exercise of all the homeless, drugs and social support services in the Dublin City and to have these included on the City GPS mapping system so that the data can inform decisions on the provisions of such services in the future.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is preparing a mapping of all homeless services and will utilise available tools such as GIS as an aid to the planning/ provision of homeless services as per the statutory responsibility of Dublin City Council. Further, Dublin City Council would maintain that in the context of homeless service provision, very careful consideration and planning is made in terms of ensuring a sustainable approach to the distribution of service provision and can demonstrate that there is an overall reduction of emergency services in line with both Government and Regional Policy to progress to a Housing First approach and to ensure that services are consolidated on a localised basis.

This initiative will take priority over the mapping of all other state services such as those which are the responsibility of the HSE as undertaking the initiative as proposed by the Councillor at this stage would entail a significant administrative burden which cannot be met in the short to medium term.

Q91. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to report on plans to combine senior citizen bedsit accommodation into one bedroom flats, to state what complexes are being considered for this programme, to outline the current state of play for the regeneration proposals at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has issued to the Councillor.

Q92. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the City Manager to report on progress in relation to precinct improvement programmes/regeneration at the following complexes. **(details supplied)**.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q93. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to respond to the issues in the attached correspondence, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q94. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Manager install additional public lighting to assist pedestrians crossing the footbridge over the N2 in Finglas Village?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The provision of lighting serving the bridge will be considered for inclusion on the 2012 programme of improvements subject to available finances and a lighting assessment, which is currently being undertaken.

Q95. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Manager investigate the possibility of raising funds by selling the naming rights for **(details supplied)**. Can he say if this proposal or a similar proposal has been considered and outline to me the process required and the legal implications of this idea being implemented?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q96. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Manager address the pavement outside 55 Wellmount Road and make necessary repairs?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the location and the condition of the pavement is mildly cracked and uneven to a degree not deemed to pose a safety hazard at the present time. However, the pavement will be repaired by a road maintenance crew within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Q97. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Manager review his reply to Question 111 of the February City Council meeting and ensure that the reply is implemented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The windows and door screens have been ordered for this dwelling. The screens for both the front and back doors are manufactured and will be installed during this coming week. The manufacturing of the windows has not yet been fully completed but they will be installed within 6 weeks.

Q98. COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN

To ask the City Manager to put bollards at, **(details supplied)**, to prevent robbed cars driving into the children's playground and sand pit. According to residents this is a daily occurrence and the children's play area is being destroyed. This is a very dangerous situation which needs to be sorted ASAP before a child is hit or killed by a robbed car.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q99. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Will the Manager confirm that he will have his inspectors investigate the time-phasing on the pedestrian-operated lights (POL) at the following junctions, **(details supplied)**, as elderly pedestrians find it very threatening to cross because of the time allocation.

Would he agree to have the time-phase increased in order to allow for greater pedestrian security, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Councillor will be contacted within one week about this matter.

Q100. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Can the Manager ensure that a maintenance inspection of, **(details supplied)**, be arranged at a suitable time for the tenant at, **(details supplied)**, who is in full time employment, and that subsequently urgent action be taken to remedy the severe problems at said address.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that contact details for our local area maintenance depot were left for this tenant within the past few days. When the tenant makes contact with the depot arrangements will be made to carry out an inspection at a suitable time and any necessary repairs will be addressed.

Q101. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

The residents at, **(details supplied)**, have been the victims of extreme anti-social behaviour due to incidents involving their neighbours who are Council tenants. In addition to efforts to deal with this problem through the offices of the Gardaí and the use of anti-social behaviour provisions, it would give some comfort to neighbours if trees along the road immediately in front of and behind the houses concerned were pruned so as not to block out street and eliminate unnecessary darkened areas which cause concerns over security. Would the City Manager ensure that such pruning takes place as soon as possible?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Pruning was carried out on the street tree to the front of this house during our main pruning season over the wintertime. The trees to the back of the house will be investigated this week to see if it is possible to alleviate any concerns over security.

Q102. COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Manager to give priority consideration to, **(details supplied)**, for RAS accommodation. This person is a number of years renting private accommodation with assistance of rent supplement. The current accommodation is unsuitable as a result of damp mould in the bedrooms and bathroom. This presents a health hazard to the child who suffers from asthma. Could the Manager also comment on the status of the applicant on the Housing List?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the RAS waiting list. However, as the applicant, **(details supplied)**, has indicated that she is not interested in apartment type accommodation, it is likely to be some time yet before

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the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is reached with an offer of alternative accommodation i.e. a house.

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the City Council's Housing list with 81 points for Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown). Unfortunately these points are low for the applicant's area of preference and it will likely be some time yet before the applicant is reached for an offer of accommodation.

Q103. COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Manager to report on the status of the housing application of the following persons, **(details supplied)**. Following recent discussions with Council officials this couple had been of the opinion that they were to be offered a house forthwith. Can the Manager now expedite the allocation of a suitable house to this couple?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I can confirm that that applicants, **(details supplied)**, are currently on the City Council's Housing List with 143 points for Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown). Unfortunately, these points are low and it will likely be some time yet before the applicants, **(details supplied)**, are reached for an offer of alternative accommodation.

Council officials in the Crumlin office who are responsible for the Allocations in Area K have confirmed that they are not aware of any recent discussions of an offer of a house to the applicants, **(details supplied)**, as their points are too low.

Q104. COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Manager to give transfer priority to the following tenant, **(details supplied)**. This tenant has 5 children living in a 2 bedroom house. There is dampness in the corner of the front bedroom of this gable ended house. One of the children is suffering from Severe Atopic Dermatitis & Severe Asthma. Medical Evidence was submitted dated 16th April 2009 from Professor Alan Irvine MD FRCP FRCP Consultant Paediatric Dermatologist from Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children. Can the Manager now take this medical report into account in calculating the family points?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the City Council's Transfer List with 166 points for Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown) and 161 points for Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemont, Dolphin's barn, James St., Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe/Maryland, York St., Ushers Quay). Unfortunately these points are low for the applicant's area of preference and it will likely be some time yet before the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is reached for an offer of alternative accommodation.

There is no record of any medical documentation from the applicant, **(details supplied)**, and they are therefore not included on the Medical Priority List. The Scheme of Letting Priorities states that priority status may be awarded for conditions which cause major physical problems where the management of the course of the illness will be helped by a change in housing. In order to prioritise applicants in the most urgent medical need, Medical Priority status may be awarded only in cases of exceptional medical circumstances and only if these relate directly to an applicant's current housing conditions. If the applicant wishes to provide medical documentation to support their application it will be forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer for

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assessment and recommendation. The applicant would then be notified of the outcome in due course.

It is Dublin City Council policy that offers are only made to applicants with a clear rent account for six months and that have an up to date assessment carried out on their rent

Q105. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager upgrade the street lighting on Westmoreland Street, D'Olier Street and College Green. The lighting at the level of the pavement is very poor and is not up to the standard of other streets such as O'Connell Street.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is planned to upgrade the lighting in the College Green, Westmoreland Street and D'Olier Street area in the coming year. We intend to do the work on a phased basis starting in the College Green area and it is planned to have all the work completed within 12 months.

Q106. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager say when a decision will be made for waste waiver application by, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

(Details supplied), has been on a pension waiver since 2002. This has been renewed and will continue, subject to periodic review.

Q107. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager detail the costs of printing and posting the Grangegorman plans to every Councillor? Will the Manager ensure that such expensive and bulky printed material is not printed automatically for all councillors? Will he ensure that councillors be offered the option of receiving such documents electronically before going to the expense of having them printed and posted? Will the Manager allow councillors to opt out of all paper correspondence in favour of electronic correspondence.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In this instance the costs of printing the Grangegorman Plan and associated documents was borne by the Agency and no costs were incurred by the City Council. The cost of posting (€452) was borne by the City Council.

As this is a Statutory Plan and forms part of the Programme of Local Area Plans being prepared, it is a requirement of the statutory provisions that each member receive a copy to enable them to consider same. It is the policy of the City Council to utilise new technology to the fullest and the plan, together with accompanying reports, is available on the Council's web site.

It is the policy of the Planning Department to encourage greater use of new technology in the consultation/consideration of development plans including local area plans. The printing/posting savings are in keeping with the Council's policies on sustainability. However, any change in the current arrangements regarding printed copies of statutory plans may require a revised regulation and/or approval by the Protocol Committee.

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Q108. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager provide extra lighting and CCTV for the garages adjacent to 95 Shanliss Way? These garages are subject to repeated anti-social behaviour and the residents need extra protection.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The laneway at this location is not in charge of Dublin City Council and Dublin City Council is not responsible for extra lighting or CCTV.

Q109. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Can the Manager please advise the details of planning and development conditions for the Lighthouse Cinema in Smithfield. Will the Manager outline what conditions were applied in the planning permission with regards to permitted use? Will the Manager please details any levies collected by DCC from the developer and how those levies have been used?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted for the Cinema under planning Reg. Ref. 1879/07 – for modifications to the development at Block A and the adjoining Market Square area as already permitted under planning Reg. Refs. 2502/99, 1947/02, 1952/02, 3978/02, 2964/04, 1123/06, 1879/06 and 4830/06 to provide for change of use to cinema (class 11) / exhibition (class 10) use and other internal alterations, modifications and amendments to approved scheme. According to the information submitted, the cinema / exhibition area comprises c. 5,265.8 sq. m. gross floor area.

The 7 conditions attached to the grant of permission may be summarised as follows:

Condition 1: Standard condition – development to be carried out in accordance with the drawings submitted

Condition 2: Standard condition - drainage

Condition 3: Standard condition – hours of work on site

Condition 4: Standard condition – signage

Condition 5: Standard condition – development contribution

Condition 6: Metro North financial contribution

Condition 7: Before this development commences, a financial contribution in the sum of 17,990.82 Euro shall be paid by the Applicant to Dublin City Council under Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

It should be noted that this grant of planning permission is for use as a cinema and exhibition area (as specified under Class 10 and Class 11 of Part 4 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)).

Development Contributions as follows were levied and paid in full on the planning permissions. The contributions allocated to the City Council were projects in accordance with the relevant Contribution Schemes:-

1679/07	€17,990.82	Section 48
	€ 3,166.10	Metro North
2502/99	€ 467,771.00	HARP
	€1,416,267.31	Section 26
1947/02	€1,800.00	Section 26

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1952/02	€9,000.00	Section 26
3978/02	€20,000.00	Section 26
2964/04	No contributions	
1123/06	No contributions	
1879/06	No contributions	
4830/06	No contributions	

Q110. **COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK**

Can the Manager please provide details of savings that have already been achieved under the Croke Park Agreement and details of targeted savings for the remainder of the term of the agreement?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

By letter dated 16th May 2011, the Secretary General of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government submitted to the National Implementation Body (NIB) the return for the Local Government Sector, indicating savings achieved by local authorities in the twelve month period to end March 2011.

The total savings achieved across the local government sector in the relevant period were notified to the NIB as follows:

Pay savings	€80,882.366
Non-Pay savings	€81,088.987
Expenditure avoided	<u>€61,078.016</u>
TOTAL:	€223,049,369

Of this total for the local government sector, the savings relating to Dublin City Council for the period amount to €57.3m, comprising the following;

Pay savings	€12.6m
Non-Pay savings	€31.3m
Expenditure avoided	<u>€13.4m</u>
TOTAL:	€57.3m

These savings were achieved in the period reported (i.e. year to March 2011) which is the first return period for the Public Service (Croke Park) Agreement.

Significant pay savings had also been achieved by Dublin City Council prior to that date, as a result of the reduction in staffing levels related to the moratorium on recruitment.

The Public Service (Croke Park) Agreement includes a range of proposals to be implemented over the lifetime of the agreement (i.e. to 2014) and these and other efficiencies are being progressed on an ongoing basis.

Q111. **COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK**

Can the Manager please advise how many applications, and the value of such applications, DCC has made to central government over the last 10 years for funding for investment in water infrastructure and how much funding has been granted to

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DCC for investment in water infrastructure in the same period? How much does DCC estimate it will require to invest in water provision in the next five years to ensure adequate water supply for the DCC area?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Every 3 years the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government publishes a Water Services Investment Programme (WSIP). Each Local Authority prepares an assessment of needs listing its applications for Capital Funding. The current WSIP covered the years 2010-2012.

Full details of the cost of each scheme is listed in the WSIP. Of the €500m available annually for the entire country, the City Council has generally received an average of €40m - €50m per year. It is quite difficult to quote the actual total received without examining each individual cost centre report.

In a more detailed report to Dáil Éireann on 25th February 2010 covering the period 2005-2009, Dublin City Council received between €23m and €73m per annum (an average of €51.8m covering both water supply and wastewater) of which approximately 47% relates directly to water supply and includes regional schemes being lead by Dublin City. These figures included payments on Final Accounts which can take years to finalise. The City is lead Authority for some very large Regional Schemes (e.g. Dublin Region Watermain Rehabilitation Schemes). It would be true to say that the City receives about 25% of the funds for which it applies. Spending priorities are set by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in considering City Council submissions.

The City has identified a strategy to improve water supplies over the next decade in its Water Services Strategic Plan. The key investment areas for Drinking Water and likely annual investment required are:

- **New Water Production** – Completion of Extension to Ballymore Eustace and associated sludge handling facilities - €70m.
- **Planning for new sources** – Completion of Planning Phase €7m of Scheme to provide water from Shannon in times of flood and store in new midlands water-based Eco Park. This is to support job creation in 10 Local Authorities.
- **Network replacement of old Victorian Mains** - €40m per year.
- **Additional projects to ensure continuity of service** including new reservoir storage - €30m per year.

Q112. COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

Can the Manager please advise if he has been consulted by the Minister for the Environment and/or the dept. of the Environment with regards to the introduction of a water charge, property tax and/or utility charge? If so can the Manager please provide details of any relevant communications, meetings, discussions and/or briefings? Has Dublin City Council undertaken any cost-benefit analyses of what would be involved in installing domestic water meters in every household in the DCC area? If so will the Manager please provide copies of same? How much does DCC estimate it will cost to install water meters in every domestic unit in the DCC area? Has the Manager received a commitment from the Minister that any revenues

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collected by DCC in the form of water/property/utility charges will be ring fenced and exclusively used for the direct provision of services in the City Council area?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Manager wishes to advise that he has not been consulted on these issues by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government. DCC has not carried out a cost benefit analysis on water meter installation. Regarding an estimate of the cost of water meters for domestic properties in the DCC area this will depend on the type of meter to be installed. If it is to be an AMR meter the cost would be €100m approximately. The financial arrangements regarding disbursement of revenues from any proposed charge have yet to be advised to local authorities.

Q113. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager what actions he has taken to encourage community involvement in maintenance in local areas (where appropriate); for example removal of weeds; annual clean-up of an area; rewards/incentives for local communities for good maintenance of their own area; if he is aware of a project filmed on RTE - Dirty Old Towns - where local residents are involved in the refurbishment of their own area; if he would consider funding such a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Neighbourhoods Awards has been running for the last number of years. Community groups enter their area under different categories, population under 300, senior citizens complex for example. Each area carries out the judging and the winners are announced at an awards ceremony to which all entrants are invited.

The winners from each of the five areas are sent forward to the city wide competition where the overall winners are presented with an award and a cheque by the City Manager.

The Community Section organise clean-ups with community groups, where bibs, bags, shovels, brushes and litter pickers are supplied by Dublin City Council and the bags are collected by Dublin City Council after the clean up. Hanging baskets and planters are also given to these groups to enhance the appearance of their community.

Ten groups from Dublin are entering the Tidy Towns Competition this year and five categories in the Pride of Place All Ireland Competition have been entered.

The South East Area encourages communities to get involved in enhancing their own areas wherever possible. They are invited to enter the City Neighbourhoods competition where their effort is recognised at local and city-wide level. Assistance is also given to those involved in local clean-ups – bags are given to them for collecting waste and litter and arrangements are then made to collect these bags and dispose of them.

Graffiti is removed where possible and weeds are sprayed on roads and footpaths.

Dublin City Council is always happy to support community groups and residents associations who wish to carry out clean-ups in their area. The Local Area Office will provide assistance such as provision of gloves, bags etc. and will arrange for the collection of the waste.

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The City Neighbourhoods Awards provides an opportunity for communities, businesses and schools to be rewarded for their continuous works during the year.

The “Dirty Old Towns” series is sponsored by the Dulux “Let’s Colour” Project. The project which started in Rio de Janeiro has spread all around the world and has recently been extended to Ireland. It involves local groups cleaning up their communities and enhancing neglected areas by bringing them back to life with Dulux colour.

North Central Area Office staff have been working closely with the traveller community in Cara Park to improve their area. They recently applied to Dulux on behalf of this community and have just been told that they have been short listed and hope to receive the paint in the coming weeks.

Dublin City Council also supports local communities on a regular basis through our Public Domain staff. We provide gloves, bags and paper pickers to encourage neighbourhood clean ups and collect full bags when the clean ups are done. The City Neighbourhoods Competition, (which is a Dublin City Council led initiative) is a practical implementation of our environmental awareness programme for the Dublin area and acts as a means to encourage community spirit and participation.

As a Council, we also submit entries from the 5 council areas to the Pride of Place Competition. This is an all Ireland competition involving communities from the 32 counties. It is an opportunity for residents and community groups to highlight their endeavours to a national audience. We have had great success in this competition.

City Council Policy is to encourage local people to participate in resident/community associations on a citywide basis, to improve the environmental appearance / value of city neighbourhoods.

The policy is promoted by our local Community Development and Environmental Liaison Officers, and supported by the Community Grants Scheme and assistance with the removal of graffiti and rubbish collections etc. The City Neighbourhoods Competition is promoted as a priority annually by Community Development and Environmental Liaison staff.

There are approximately 25 different groups in South Central Area who carry out annual clean ups in their local districts. Some of these groups have increased the frequency of cleaning and are very active. The Environmental Liaison Officer in the South Central Area supports these groups in practical ways by supplying cleaning materials and tools and arranging collection and disposal of any waste collected

North West Area – Finglas:

Over 60 local clean ups were carried out in the North West Area during National Spring Clean Month. These clean ups continue right through the summer. We support any residents/environmental groups or simply encourage any concerned residents to conduct a clean up in their area. Dublin City Council supplies brushes, gloves and bags in support of these clean ups and also arrange for the waste to be collected.

The Finglas Tidy Towns group will be carrying out clean ups every Tuesday night in Finglas Village from Tuesday 14th June. This will include weeding, sweeping, litter picking and painting.

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Recently the area office supported residents' groups at Casement Close, Cappagh Drive, Beneavin Drive / Road, Hazelcroft Road, and Cloonlara Crescent in painting projects, planting, weeding and clean ups.

To celebrate Neighbourhoods Day the area office purchased 1,800 summer plants and distributed these to 18 groups in Finglas; who planted them within their own area with help from local children.

Residents groups can enter the Dublin City Council Neighbourhoods Competition where they are rewarded for their efforts accordingly. We also ask new groups to promote their work/efforts with other residents to encourage them to get started.

North West Area - Ballymun

The Community Section at the Ballymun Area Office is working on projects at the following locations:

Burren Court Senior

Citizens complex:- Refurbishment of the second of two Community Garden.

Cromlech Court:- Supply of bedding plants to allow residents to refill hanging baskets that were supplied by the Council in 2010.

Cedarwood:- Assistance towards the building of permanent raised flower beds.

Marewood Court:- Bedding plants to enhance complexes gardens

Willow Park:- Supply of Bedding plants.

Pinewood:- Supply of Bedding plants.

Gateway:- Supply of Bedding plants / cleanup equipment.

Wood hazel:- Supply of Bedding plants.

Belclare:- Supply of Bedding plants.

Coultry area:- Planned Supply of Bedding plants.

Poppintree Youth Project: Maintenance / development of the embankment along Balbutcher Lane West including the supply of plants and equipment.

Ballymun Tidy Towns: This section plays a role on this important committee.

Ballymun Regeneration:

BRL have made allowances for the following projects in Ballymun. Each project must enhance the work of the Tidy Towns Initiative or have an environmental aspect to it. The scheme of grants is now closed to applicants for 2011. Budget €10k (Maximum grant €500).

1	Belclare Avenue Community Project	Processed & with applicant
2	Poppintree Environmental Project	Processed & with applicant
3	Poppintree Youth Project junior	Processed & with applicant
4	Poppintree Youth Project senior	Processed & with applicant
5	Ballymun Active Disability Interest Group (BADIG)	Processed & with applicant

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6	Santry Cross (P1) residents group	Processed & with applicant
7	Forestwood Avenue (House no: 82, 84 & 85)	Processed & with applicant
8	Drop in Well Family Resource Centre	Processed & with applicant
9	Ballymun Women's Resource Centre	Processed & with applicant
10	Belclare Park	Currently being processed
11	Green Fingers, Our Lady of Victories	Currently being processed
12	Our Lady of Victories Parents Gardening Group	Currently being processed
13	The G.T (Garden Team) Our Lady of Victories senior boys school	Currently being processed
14	Aisling Project - The Reco	Currently being processed
15	The Reco Gardening Project	Currently being processed
16	Solas Women's Development Centre	Currently being processed
17	Trinity Comp	Currently being processed
18	Coultry Way Tidy Road committee	Currently being processed
19	Ballymun Garden Club	Currently being processed
20	Ballymun Muck & Magic Community Garden	Currently being processed
21	Gateway Court Residents Group	Currently being processed
22	Marewood Court Garden Club	Currently being processed
23	Woodhazel Tidy Road Group	Currently being processed

Q114. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager what discussions he has had with the relevant Government Ministers in relation to the provision of funds for Dublin City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is in discussions on service provision and development across all functions on a continual basis with relevant Government Departments. There are undoubted significant restrictions at this time. However, Dublin City is placed as a key element of potential national economic growth given the scale and depth of trade that occurs both within the City proper and the broader City region. Dublin City Council management has and will continue to seek financial support for City based service development projects.

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Q115. **COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON**

To ask the City Manager the number of Policing Committees and sub-committees in place at present; if there are local area committees in place under the jurisdiction of the City Council; if so, where these are located and the reasons for having them in such locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is one Dublin City Joint Policing Committee and 5 Area Joint Policing Subcommittees currently in place, corresponding to each of the 5 Electoral areas, namely South East, Central, North Central, South Central and North West.

5 Area Committees are in place i.e. South East, Central, South Central, North Central and North West. They are located within the boundaries of their respective Electoral Areas as follows:

South East Area Office:	Civic Offices
Central Area Offices:	Seán McDermott Street, Cabra & Parnell Street (Ashley House)
North Central Area Offices:	Kilbarrack, Darndale & Bunratty/Coolock
South Central Area Offices:	Ballyfermot, Crumlin, Kilmainham & Liberties (Marrowbone Lane)
North West Area Offices:	Finglas & Ballymun

Q116. **COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON**

To ask the City Manager for an update on the housing regeneration programme for Dolphin House; St. Teresa's Gardens; St. Michael's Estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dolphin House (capacity 392 units)

The Council is working on the development of a schematic Masterplan for Dolphin House in conjunction with the Regeneration Board. The most likely outcome in terms of social housing is that some blocks (particularly those at the canal end and at the entrance) will be comprehensively refurbished including converting a floor of six units into 4 bigger ones and possibly adding an extra floor to reduce the loss in the total number of units. The refurbishment would involve replacing all service (drains, water, electricity, sewerage), removing some internal non-structural walls and adding balconies and elevators. It is also likely that the end blocks nearest the canal will be removed and replaced with a block at the other end of each "u" shaped block. The refurbished flats would comply fully with all modern standards and would provide large and very attractive homes with dual aspect and a south facing courtyard overlooking the Grand Canal.

The layout and proposals for the remainder of the site need to be considered further by the design team including the Regeneration Board's design sub group. The revised layout will depend on what can be achieved in terms of permeability from through routes; there will also be a need to consider the non-residential aspects particularly open space provision and community facilities. It is also important to ensure that the regeneration scheme improves integration with the nearby Dolphin Barn village and retail district.

The Regeneration Board wish to consult further with residents before advising the Council if the partial demolition, refurbishment and infill scheme can be put to the

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Department of Environment, Community and Local Government as the preferred option for funding approval. There is still some concern in the Department about how social mix and tenure mix can be achieved in Dolphin House. They also are concerned about whether sustainable density can be achieved; it can only be achieved with underground car parking for new build and surface car parking for refurbished blocks.

Depending on the outcome of these consultations the options will be costed. Given the complexity, scale and likely costs it will be necessary for the Council to go through a formal Capital Investment Appraisal process before detailed designs can be worked up.

The design sub group and the Council have discussed the possibility of a pilot refurbishment on one set of the existing five "u" shaped blocks. A pilot would inform the rest of the scheme and would allow residents to see what can be achieved without demolition.

The Council has been informed by the Regeneration Board that there is an overwhelming wish on the part of tenants to remain living in Dolphin House both during and after regeneration and therefore no relocation or detenancing money has been assigned to Dolphin House to date. Maintenance issues are being addressed by the Council in tandem with the regeneration process. However none of the maintenance works will in any way delay or inhibit the regeneration proposals. It is important to maintain the estate in good condition before and during regeneration works.

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government is aware of these proposals and the options being considered. It is expected that a preliminary appraisal will be submitted to them in September 2011 subject to the consultation process supporting the Council's preferred approach.

There is a local office in the estate manned by Council workers and a regeneration worker employed by the Board supports the project.

St. Teresa's Gardens (capacity 346 units)

The regeneration process in relation to St. Teresa's Gardens is similar to that for Dolphin House other than that a preliminary assessment and appraisal of St. Teresa's Gardens has been submitted to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government for their consideration and several meetings have taken place about this scheme.

Like Dolphin House there are opportunities for demolition, refurbishment and new build in St. Teresa's. The major difference between the two projects is that there is much greater scope for long-term redevelopment in St. Teresa's than in Dolphin which is a relatively confined and defined footprint. The main stakeholders in St. Teresa's apart from the residents and the regeneration board are the adjoining landowners (Players Square Ltd.) and the Coombe Hospital which has been talking about relocation and redevelopment for some time now.

A proposal has been submitted from Players Square Ltd. in relation to part of their lands known as Bailey Gibson. In this proposal they suggest a land swap between the Council and themselves whereby part of the Boys Brigade lands would be used by them for their development and in exchange they would give part of the Bailey Gibson lands to the Council for social housing.

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The Council in turn would have the option of engaging with a housing association to provide housing on the Bailey Gibson lands with funding from the association's bank or the HFA. The Housing Association would then be able to pay back the loan with lease money payable to them by the Government through the social leasing initiative. The proposal involves circa 70 units. There are currently 189 occupied units in this scheme; the capacity of the scheme is 346 so significant progress has been made in detenancing in the past few years. Some 21 units were purchased for detenancing since 2007 and many other families have been rehoused through the transfer system into casual vacancies as they occur in desired locations. This detenancing and relocation process will continue so long as funding is available from Government.

If the same approach was adopted in relation to refurbishment, demolition and new build as outlined in Dolphin the most likely location for refurbishment would be the blocks closest to the Coombe Hospital.

While a schematic Masterplan has not yet been developed the phasing options and preliminary assessment would suggest that the lands closest to the existing Donore Hall would be the most appropriate location for a public park and open area sports amenity. Both Dolphin House and St. Teresa's Gardens have the capacity to provide new public open space and community facilities as part of the regeneration process. The emphasis in both cases would be on outdoor space given the proximity of Fatima and the existing resource in Donore Avenue.

The Council are funding a 2 person regeneration support team in St. Teresa's Garden as well as providing Council staff in an office based in the complex.

St. Michael's Estate

The contractor has been working on the 2 acre site fronting the Canal and beside the graveyard, since December 2010 constructing 76 units of which 32 will be social and the remainder private; the new development includes a new Family Resource Centre building and a small area office.

The cost of the development is partly funded from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and partly from a loan which the Council has taken out to fund the community facilities and the private housing which it hopes to sell on to recoup its loan costs.

The community facility is to provide new accommodation for the FRC currently based in the 8-storey flat block. The Council will shortly be asked to consider a Part 8 proposal for portocabin compound near the existing VEC leisure centre on Emmet Road as an interim measure until the new FRC property is ready.

The Health Service Executive are building an elder persons facility and primary care unit on part of the CBS site which the Council acquired some years ago and sold on part of to the HSE.

There are no proposals for the remainder of the 10 acre site. The Council do not consider that the area is in need of more social housing and would instead be of the opinion that other uses (preferably mixed uses) should be found. It is anticipated that the land will be sold for redevelopment; in time this should allow the Council to recover its existing significant deficit mostly from demolition, tenant relocation and the CBS purchase.

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The Regeneration Board have held a number of workshops and vision days to consider what types of interim uses could be found for the site pending an upturn in the property market. There have been some discussions about the possibility of the site (formerly Richmond Barracks) being used as part of the 2016 commemoration ceremonies but nothing has been agreed.

The Council fund a regeneration support team and have a local office in the former Goldenbridge Convent building. There are no occupied residential units in St. Michaels and the only building still occupied is the 8-Storey block occupied by the FRC.

Q117. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report has been provided to the Councillor.

Q118. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager for a list of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report is being prepared for the Councillor based on the above request. Due to delays in obtaining a specific report, the details will be issued to the Councillor within the next week.

Q119. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager for a list of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q120. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY

The primary protection for employees against "unhealthy workplace situations" is the ongoing and regular updates to safety statements covering hazard identification, control measures and risk assessment processes. These are included in all City Council safety statements. A Council-wide Safety Statement programme is ongoing, covering the updating and renewal of approximately 250 safety statements.

Each City Council employee is inducted with the ancillary and local safety statements pertinent to his/her job. Where training is required, it is arranged for by the Department, Division or Unit. In recent years, over 3000 employees have, for example, completed one of a series of modules on personal safety at work. This is apart from any training that Departments have arranged locally. Every Council employee has been issued with an employee safety handbook which covers topics such as violence and aggression, lone working and accident/incident procedures.

When an incident or "near miss" occurs and is reported by the employee, it is reviewed and considered by line managers in the context of risk assessment and safety statement procedures. A training course is in place for first line supervisors on how to deal with an employee immediately following an incident. The employee may be referred to the City Council's Occupational Health Service Provider to deal with

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any medical issues arising from the incident. Any employee may on a voluntary basis be referred to the Council's Staff Support Service.

The Corporate Health and Safety Office in association with senior Council managers, has carried out a review of lone working systems and procedures with a view to upgrading where this might be necessary. The Local Government Management Services Board (LGMSB) is, in conjunction with local authorities, reviewing in detail procedures on violence, aggression and lone working.

Q121. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager undertake to identify the owner of, **(details supplied)**, as this property has been vacant a number of years, it was recently raided by the Gardaí, the front and back garden are in a dreadful condition with rubbish, the effect of this has meant that the quality of life for the neighbours is not acceptable.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This house has been inspected and the owners have been informed of their obligations under the Derelict Sites Act. The Law Department has been asked to check if there has been any subsequent change of ownership. Meanwhile the house will be kept under observation.

Q122. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager have the path and shore repaired at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the location and will pass the matter to the service utility in ownership of the faulty chamber. In the meantime, Road Maintenance Services will temporarily make the area safe.

Q123. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager arrange for the wall at, **(details supplied)**, to be repaired as it was recently damaged by a stolen motorbike.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The repair of this wall is the responsibility of the tenant. Therefore Housing Maintenance will not carry out this work.

Q124. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager arrange for the repair of potholes and a damaged footpath at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the locations and will carry out the repairs to the potholes and the damaged footpath within the coming 2 to 4 weeks.

Q125. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council takes action against property owner, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following a complaint from a local resident the Litter Warden issued a warning notice to this address on 19th May 2011 giving the owner of the property 7 days to clear all material from the front garden. The front garden was again inspected on 7th June

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2011 to ensure compliance with the warning notice, and all the rubbish has been removed.

Q126. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager that all bins removed during the recent royal visit and the U.S. Presidents visit be re-installed as a matter of urgency in the city centre & suburbs.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will have all the litter bins in the city centre reinstated by the week ending the 12th June 2011. All the litter bins in the suburbs will be reinstated by the week ending the 19th June 2011.

Q127. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That the driveway enhancement scheme fronting 1 to 15 Cloiginn Avenue, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 be completed by the placing of a raised plinth / bollards outside of nos. 7 & 9 to stop through traffic using the slipway; there are a number of children living at this location and when they exit their gate / garden they are effectively on the road.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter will be referred to the Design Team for this lane for consideration and the Councillor will be informed as soon as possible of proposed alterations, if any.

Q128. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That Dublin City Council please ensures that the car-park surface in the Ballyfermot Library / Tesco / VEC car-park is repaired of potholes as the current condition with broken bollard ends and potholes is an accident waiting to happen. Can the Manager indicate who would be responsible for an accident at this location?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Roads Maintenance Services will arrange for broken bollards and potholes in the part of the car park that is in the ownership of Dublin City Council to be temporarily repaired within the next two weeks. The City Council is only responsible for the portion of the car park in their ownership.

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