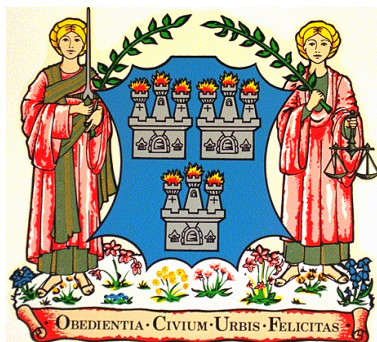


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniúl Míosúil a tionóladh ar **7 Samhain 2011** i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

I Láthair an tArdmheara, An Comhairleoir Andrew Montague sa chathaoir.

Comhairleoir:

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

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
Rebecca Moynihan
Criona Ní Dhálaigh

Comhairleoir

Jim O'Callaghan
Damian O'Farrell
Naoise Ó Muirí
Claire O'Regan
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

Seamus Lyons
Richard Brady
Charlie Lowe
Celine Reilly
Tom Leahy
Greg O'Dwyer

Vincent Norton
John Moriarty
Derek Dixon
Adrian Conway
Carmel Walsh
Oonagh Casey

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by extending his deepest condolences to the families, relatives, colleagues and friends of Garda Ciaran Jones and Nurse Celia Ferrer De Jesus, who both died so tragically during the extreme flooding on the night of Monday 24th October. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Councillor Henry Upton congratulated the Lord Mayor on his recent engagement to Ms. Sinead Ahern, the Lady Mayoress. The Members of the City Council, the City Manager and all present at the meeting joined in extending their good wishes to the couple.

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 123 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 28th September 2011 from Monaghan Town Council conveying the terms of two motions from their September meeting: firstly, calling on the Government to desist from introducing water charges and property taxes and secondly, seeks that the Government fast track the Criminal Justice Community Service Bill 2011 in order to further develop the community service provision as an alternative to offenders being a burden on the State. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McAdam “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
4. Submitted Letters dated 17th October 2011 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of two motions from their Adjourned September Meeting:
 - a) calling on this Government to immediately amend the Redundancy Payment Acts 1967 to 2007 so as to ensure that an employer is legally obliged to sign the RP50 upon dismissal and if he/she fails to do so that an increased penalty should be enforced and also recognise that the current waiting time for the employment appeal tribunal is excessive and call for the hearings to be expedited;
 - b) that this Council discuss the Family Home Bill on families facing severe mortgage difficulties that was supported by all opposition parties and Independent Senators, and had the full backing of the Free Legal Aid Centre and the New Beginning Group, as there is widespread recognition from interest groups and politicians alike that this Bill would give strong legal protection to families facing the prospect of losing their homes because of mortgage difficulties.It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McAdam “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of these letters”. The motion was put and carried.
5. The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 27th September 2011, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd October 2011 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 17th October 2011 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor. Councillor M. Flynn raised an issue under Item 11 of the Minutes of the 3rd October 2011 on Report No. 193/2011 - Review of the Temple Bar Cultural Trust. He referred to a letter that had been alluded to during the debate on this report and asked that it be referenced in the minutes of the meeting. The City Manager had said, in commenting on the document at the meeting of 3rd October 2011, that it was issued to political groupings, and was not discussed and signed off by the Board. He also said that he took issue with the terminology used which was disrespectful of the consultants and the City Council and dismissive of criticism.
6. Submitted Report No. 324/2011 of the Head of Finance (*K. Quinn*) – Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor M Metcalfe “That Dublin City Council notes Report No. 324/20112”. The motion was put and carried.

7. Submitted Report No. 321/2011 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Proposal for Swales at Drumcliffe Road and Killala Road, Cabra West, Dublin 7. It was moved by Councillor S. McGrattan and seconded by Councillor R. McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes Report No. 321/2011 and hereby approves the contents therein". The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Report No. 307/2011 of the Dublin City Manager – With reference to Temporary Overdraft Accommodation on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2012. It was proposed by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor R. McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 307/2011 and hereby approves the borrowing requirement as set out therein, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government". The motion was put and carried.
9. Submitted Report No. 339/2011 of the Dublin City Manager – Revised Membership of Dublin City Council Audit Committee. It was proposed by Councillor G Breen and seconded by Councillor E Wynne " That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 339/2011 and hereby appoints Mr Brendan Foster as an external member to the Dublin City Council Audit Committee" The motion was put and carried. Tributes were paid to the outgoing chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr. Tom McAleese for the commitment and expertise he brought to his participation on this committee.
10. Submitted Report No. 315/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*S. Lyons*) – Clontarf Flood Defences and North City Arterial Watermain Project. It was proposed by Councillor B Tormey and seconded by Councillor P Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 315/2011".

In conjunction with this report, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take Emergency Motion No. 3, submitted in the names of Councillors Nial Ring and Damian O'Farrell as follows "That this Council rejects the current Clontarf Flood Defence Plan (or any proposed revision thereof), and agrees that a new study should be undertaken with terms of reference requiring that the Clontarf Flood Defences be designed, in consultation with all stakeholders, so as to deliver an integrated solution which provides effective flood defences, but is also sensitive to the special value of the promenade as an amenity for the people of Dublin, and to any safety issues which might arise as a result of the implementation of those flood defences"

It was also agreed to take the following motion, referred from the North Central area Committee and standing at Item No. 64 on the Agenda Paper "Dublin North Central Area Committee calls on the City Manager to postpone construction of the proposed Clontarf Flood Defence Plan until the plan is revisited, the public are consulted and an acceptable proposal is put in place that will act as a Flood Defence and also preserve the amenity that is Clontarf Promenade".

Mr. T. Leahy, Executive Manager, Engineering, gave a presentation of the revised proposals in relation to the Clontarf Flood Defences and North City Arterial Watermain Project. Following the presentation, a discussion took place during which many Members expressed their concerns that communication with the public

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had not been sufficient and that much confusion existed with regard to the proposed height of the flood defence mound at different locations. Concerns were expressed in relation to the future of the North City Arterial Watermain Project if the flood defence did not proceed. While it was accepted that there was no mal-intent by Dublin City Council, it was pointed out that trust and credibility had been damaged.

The City Manager, responding to the points made by the Members, said that more consultation with the public should have taken place and he apologised to the public and the Councillors of the area. He proposed that the consultative meetings as outlined should go ahead and that dates and venues would be finalised shortly. He stressed that the proposals would be outlined in detail at the meetings and that the opportunity to make observations would be afforded to all concerned. He asked that everyone keep an open mind on the project until after the meetings had been held. He added that the meetings would be open to every interested party to attend.

An amendment to Emergency Motion No. 3 was then put forward by Cllrs. Jane Horgan-Jones & Deirdre Heney as follows "That this Council rejects the original Clontarf Flood Defence Plan and respects the right of the people of Clontarf to accept or reject the proposed revisions as outlined at the November City Council meeting. This Council further demands that following the information sessions planned by the City Council over the next month concerning the revised plans and feedback to local representatives, that a vote be taken on the final report at the December City Council meeting to determine whether or not to proceed with the revised plan and no contracts will be signed in advance of the vote taking place".

The amended Emergency Motion No. 3 was put and carried. Motion No 64 was put and carried and Report No 315/2011 was noted.

11. Submitted Report No. 338/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*S. Lyons*) – Report on Flooding Incidents on 24th October 2011. It was proposed by Councillor M Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 338/2011".

In conjunction with this report, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take Emergency Motions No 1, 2 and 8 as follows:-

Emergency Motion No 1, submitted in the names of Cllrs Connaghan, O'Toole, Ní Dhálaigh, McGrattan and Mac Donncha: "That Dublin City Council reviews its Major Emergency Plan and outlines as to why the Emergency Plan kicked in several hours after the recent major flooding throughout the city even though there was a warning notice issued 3-4 days before this recent flooding occurred. The Major Emergency Plan should have kicked in several hours before it did as it was clear that there was a severe deterioration in the weather at this time. It is also clear that many of the areas and houses that were flooded were previously flooded in 2008 and there was no proper remedial work done since then to prevent this from happening again".

Emergency Motion No 2, submitted in the names of Cllrs Lacey and Bourke on behalf of the Labour Group: "City Council notes the report from the Assistant City Manager on the flooding event on 24th October 2011. In doing so the City Council first of all expresses its condolences to the families of Garda Ciaran Jones and

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Nurse Celia de Jesus, who tragically died, arising from circumstances related to the atrocious weather conditions then prevailing.

The City Council also commends the voluntary organisations such as those working with the elderly and individual member of the Public Service who responded so heroically to the crisis. The City Council welcomes the decision of the Government to provide emergency financial assistance for those whose homes were damaged as a result of the flooding. Nevertheless, conscious of its responsibility to the people of Dublin members of the City Council regret that in too many cases the actions taken were inadequate and too late and that communications with the Public and Councillors were at a level significantly below what should be expected. In particular the Council seeks a detailed explanation as to why the Emergency Plan was not initiated or even part initiated until after 8.00pm.

Furthermore, this Council calls on the City Manager to implement whatever measures necessary to tackle all the blocked drainage problems across Dublin City; particularly, in parts of the City that were badly affected by the recent flooding. In order to work towards resolving The Council calls for further clarification on:

- 1) The membership of the Emergency Response Committee - or whatever the appropriate title is?
- 2) What new programmes of work or funding or legislation are required to tackle the blocked drainage problems?
- 3) What intervention is required from Government to deal with issues of insurance and co-ordination of public service response.
- 4) How the process of providing appropriate flood protection measures along the Dodder, Swan, Poddle and Camac rivers (and other underground rivers such as the River Wad and Nannikin that flow under parts of Donnycarney and Artane) can be expedited.
- 5) How Communications to and from Councillors and the Public and Dublin City Council can be improved in emergency situations.
- 6) What impact the non completion of the Rathmines and Pembroke drainage works had on the situation along with other uncompleted similar works.
- 7) How better use of Area Offices/Depots for the storage and distribution of sandbags may contribute to a quicker and more timely response in future.

Finally the Council requests that the Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee undertake a detailed and comprehensive review of all issues relating to the Emergency Response Plan and reports back to the City Council on their Findings”

Emergency Motion No 8 submitted in the names of Cllrs Fitzpatrick, McAuliffe, O' Callaghan, Carmichael, Brabazon and Heney as follows: “ Dublin City Council should express our condolences to the families and friends of Garda Ciaran Jones and Nurse Celia de Jesus, should undertake a comprehensive review of the flooding event of October 24th 2011 with a view to identifying what actions can be taken to reduce the risk of flooding in the city, should establish an early warning system with Met Éireann to alert home owners in “at risk” areas of increased flood risk using text, email and web alerts, should agree with Gardaí a procedure for closing roads in areas “at risk” of flooding once an emergency has been declared, should make an application to the Government for funds to be made available to people who are without insurance to cover repairs to their homes and temporary accommodation, should immediately make available locally sand bags to properties that are “at risk” of flooding and seek funding from the Government to make

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available “flood gates” to homes that have been repeatedly affected by flooding, should liaise with other Government Departments and organise information sessions to inform people what they can do in advance to protect their properties from floods, what to do if a flood occurs, how to deal with any repairs/clean-up and any risks remaining in properties and what they can do to protect themselves (health wise). All information should be available on www.dublincity.ie distributed to all properties “at risk” and in all DCC Libraries. DCC needs to provide a report on the effectiveness of the Swales in Glendhu and Park Road and should provide an updated survey of the drainage system and make specific recommendations for drainage improvements to prevent future flooding in the following areas;

- Cabra East (Cabra, Leix, Offaly, Imaal Roads and surrounding roads)
- Cabra West (Carnlough, Dingle, Drumcliff Roads)
- Blackhorse Avenue, Martins Grove, Springfield & Park Crescent)
- Nephin Road
- Glendhu Park & Ashington Grove
- Park Road
- East Wall
- Clonliffe, Ballybough and North Strand
- Harolds Cross
- Ringsend
- Lansdowne Road
- Ballygall/Fairways
- Maryfield Crescent & Avenue
- Ardmore Park & Drive
- Swords Road
- Effra Road
- Clanmoyle Road, Donnycarney”

A presentation was made by Mr. Tom Leahy, Executive Manager, Engineering, on the lead up to and the effects of the happenings on the night of the 24th October and the City Council’s response to the emergency. He presented a visual demonstration of the effects of rainfall of such dramatic proportions in such a short time. During the discussion on the issues with regard to the City Council’s handling of the situation and impact of the floods on lives and property, the Members stressed the following points:-

- Condolences were extended to the families, relatives, colleagues and friends of deceased Garda Ciaran Jones and Nurse Celia Ferrer De Jesus
- Sympathy was expressed to the many people whose homes and property were destroyed and their suffering was widely acknowledged
- Praise and appreciation were expressed to the City Council staff, the Fire Brigade, Gardaí, Health Service Executive, Office of Public Works, Civil Defence, citizens and all who made such valiant efforts on the night in question
- Questions were raised as to the speed of the reaction by the City Council management, particularly in the timing of the declaration of a State of Emergency (invoking the Emergency Response Plan)
- Pledges of assistance/humanitarian relief by the government were welcomed
- Instances of repeated floodings were given and the impact of these events on the quality of life and finances of the families involved
- Causes and effects of the flooding were debated and many suggestions were made that could minimise the impact of a repeat of the same rainfall/flooding pattern, particularly provision of sandbags locally in black-spot areas

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- Communication problems were highlighted, particularly in attempts to connect to the emergency phone numbers
- Drainage problems and the impact of culverted rivers and streams were explored
- The possible impact of the reduction in staff numbers in Dublin City Council was highlighted
- Areas to be examined included gully cleaning schedule, tidal/flood gates, sandbag provision & distribution, condition of bridges following flooding of rivers, communication & protection of underground car parks

The City Manager sympathised with the difficulties that many residents now find themselves in and said he had contacted the Red Cross in this regard. He agreed there were lessons to be learned but stressed that an event of this magnitude, especially occurring during rush hour, presented a most challenging situation. He said that a comprehensive report would be brought to the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee. He sympathised with the families of those who lost their lives. He also praised the efforts of Mr Tom Leahy and his staff and all the staff of the City Council who worked around the clock to try to mitigate the impact of the floods and alleviate the sufferings of householders.

All 3 Emergency motions were put and carried and Report No 338/2011 was noted.

12. It was proposed by Councillor B McDowell and seconded by the Lord Mayor "That Standing Orders be suspended to allow the meeting to continue to 10.15pm" the motion was put and carried.
13. Submitted Report No. 318/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*R. Brady*) – Allocation of East Link Grant Fund 2011. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor J O'Callaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 318/2011 and hereby approves the payment of grants to the groups as set out in the report" The motion was put and carried.
14. Submitted Report No. 313/2011 of the Executive Manager (*C. Lowe*) - With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of 16 - 23 De Courcy Square, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor E Costello "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the rear of 16 - 23 De Courcy Square, Dublin 11 as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 25869, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993". The motion was put and carried.
15. Submitted Report No. 314/2011 of the Area Manager (*M. Twomey*) - With reference to the proposal to extinguish the public right of way over a section of pavement to the front of No's 13 - 17 Ebenezer Terrace, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor G Breen "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over a section of pavement to the front of No's 13 - 17 Ebenezer Terrace, Dublin 8 as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 23936, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993" The motion was put and carried. Councillors Lacey and Ashe declared a possible interest in this item and excused themselves from the decision.

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16. Submitted Report No. 325/2011 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 23 premises. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 325/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No. 326/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With further reference to the disposal of the former access road at Howth Junction Cottages, Dublin 5 to the owners of No's 1-23 Howth Junction Cottages. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 326/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No. 327/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground adjacent to 52, Ring Street, Inchicore, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 327/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.
19. Submitted Report No. 328/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground adjacent to 1, Pimlico Cottages, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 328/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
20. Submitted Report No. 329/2011 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed granting of a lease of "The Bungalow", 28, Elmdale Drive, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 329/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 330/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Lower Dominick Street, Dublin 1 to the Minister for Education and Skills. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 330/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and, following a vote, was declared to have been carried.
22. Submitted Report No. 331/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of Dublin City Council's fee simple interest in the premises now known as 107C Malahide Road, Dublin 9. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 331/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 332/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Herberton/Fatima Mansions, Dublin 8 (Unit 9, 2 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8). It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That

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Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 332/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

24. Submitted Report No. 333/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With further reference to the granting of a lease to the purchasers of a private apartment at Herberton/Fatima Mansions, Dublin 8 (Unit No. 5, 45, St. Anthony's Road, Rialto, Dublin 8). It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 333/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No. 334/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private dwellings at Herberton/Fatima Mansions, Dublin 8 (Apartment 16, 86 Reuben Street, Rialto, Dublin 8 and Apartment 16, 02 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8). It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 334/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 335/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Finglas Road/Tolka Valley, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 335/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 272/2011 of the Chairperson of the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (*Lord Mayor Andrew Montague*) – Breviate of meeting held on 8th September 2011. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 272/2011". The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No. 277/2011 of the Chairperson of the Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí*) – Breviate of meeting held on 22nd September 2011. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 277/2011". The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No. 292/2011 of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Planning and International Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Mary Freehill*) – Breviate of meeting held on 21st June 2011. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 292/2011". The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No. 279/2011 of the Chairperson of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha*) – Breviate of meeting held on 15th September 2011. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 279/2011". The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No. 303/2011 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2011 – *Councillor Bill Tormey, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 303/2011". The motion was put and carried.

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32. Submitted Report No. 302/2011 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2011 – *Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 302/2011” The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Report No. 299/2011 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2011 – *Councillor Rebecca Moynihan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 299/2011”. The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No. 274/2011 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2011 – *Councillor Maria Parodi, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 274/2011”. The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No. 297/2011 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2011 – *Councillor Declan Flanagan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 297/2011”. The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No.269/2011 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2011 – *Councillor Paddy Bourke, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 269/2011”. The motion was put and carried.
37. Submitted Report No. 294/2011 of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of the meeting held on 12th September 2011 – *Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 294/2011”. The motion was put and carried.
38. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to agree the following Emergency Motions No 5, 6 & 7 without debate :-

Emergency Motion No 5

“In view of the fact that an application was received by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht seeking ministerial consent to carry out works at the National Monument site at 14/17 Moore Street, and that the Minister has indicated that a decision on the application is imminent and will be made at Cabinet as distinct from departmental level, the members of Dublin City Council instruct the City Manager to immediately write to each Cabinet member and advise them of the motion passed at this City Council on 10th January last, whereby the members agreed that National Monument status be extended to the entire Moore Street Terrace Nos. 10 – 25 (inclusive) and further request the Cabinet members to take into consideration the decision of the members of the City Council, and its implications for the site, when deciding on this issue of national importance”

Councillors Nial Ring, Cieran Perry, Dermot Lacey, Jim O'Callaghan, Christy Burke, Marie Metcalf, Damian O'Farrell and Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick.

Emergency Motion No 6

“That Dublin City Council, noting that 21,000 child deaths from preventable causes are recorded each day affirms its support for the Unicef "Just One Campaign" to reduce the number of children's lives that are lost to preventable causes, a core objective of the Millennium Development Goals, supports the Unicef information campaign to highlight awareness of very significant difference a comparably small donation can make in the fight against infant mortality and therefore Requests the City Manager to facilitate the erection of a building wrap on Liberty Hall throughout the month of November promoting this campaign and asking members of the public to donate €1”.

Councillor Emer Costello

Emergency Motion No 7

“That the Members of Dublin City Council call for the immediate release of the 14 Irish Citizens, and the 13 other nationalities, imprisoned by the Israeli Government since Friday last, whose only "crime" was to undertake a humanitarian mission to Gaza in an effort to highlight the plight of the Palestinian people living there”.

Councillor Nial Ring

39. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to debate the following Emergency Motion (No. 4) submitted in the names of Councillors Brian McDowell, Tom Brabazon and Mícheál Mac Donncha “This Council acknowledges and respects the decision of the President of the High Court in his determination that Dublin City Council look after the housing needs of the residents of Priory Hall for an indefinite period, instructs the manager to seek emergency funding from the Department of the Environment and Local Government to cover the housing and accommodation costs associated with this decision and further calls on the City Manager to ensure that the Building control investigation currently been prepared by Dublin City Council be published as soon as possible”

At this point, Councillor G Breen raised a possible conflict of interest by another Member with regard to this item. Councillor T Brabazon acknowledged that he was the member referred to by Councillor Breen as he is the legal representative of a number of tenants/owners of apartments in Priory Hall but said that he had taken advice from senior counsel and was satisfied that he had no conflict of interest in this case. He said that it could be called a confluence of interest as his clients are on the same side as the City Council on this issue. He commended the Assistant City Manager of Housing & Residential Services, Mr Richard Brady, and his staff for all their efforts in assisting the residents of Priory Hall and said that the residents' needs must be addressed.

Other Members condemned the concept of self-regulation in the building industry and recommended a complete inspection of all multi-occupancy buildings. Other Members suggested that NAMA properties be made widely available to Dublin City Council for its housing needs. The City Manager acknowledged the absolute dignity with which the residents of Priory Hall had conducted themselves throughout. He then read a statement into the record outlining the current situation. The motion was then put and carried. For full text of the City Manager's statement, see **Appendix B** to these minutes.

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The meeting concluded at 10.15pm as agreed and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 5th December 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, 07th NOVEMBER 2011

Q1. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to set out the number of people on the various housing lists as at 30th September 2011 and to comment on how this compares to the position 12 months previous.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tables below set out the number of applicants included in each category of the City Council's Housing lists in 2011 and 2010. These statistics give a breakdown of the number of housing applicants included on the City Council's waiting lists by area of preference.

Oct 2011	List Category	Housing Area										
		B	D	E	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Grand Total
Housing List	Homeless	222	48	82	139	68	77	80	35	32	26	809
	Points	3532	656	2324	1491	1358	1207	1134	777	1271	366	14116
	Medical	33	4	20	20	17	27	20	17	8	4	170
	Welfare	9	2	8	5	17	2	5	7	2	2	59
	Other	60	8	37	1	15	3	5	2	4	1	136
	Totals	3856	718	2471	1656	1475	1316	1244	838	1317	399	15290

Sept 2010	List Category	Housing Area										
		B	D	E	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Grand Total
Housing List	Homeless	270	75	142	170	105	97	155	74	65	71	1224
	Points	3598	674	2622	1779	1441	1294	1346	925	1694	448	15821
	Medical	41	6	42	34	27	29	21	29	27	11	267
	Welfare	23	5	14	12	16	5	12	13	5	4	109
	Other	61	17	51	1	17	10	8	3	1	1	170
	Total	3993	777	2871	1996	1606	1435	1542	1044	1792	535	17591

It should be noted that many of these applicants are residing in private rented accommodation with the assistance of rent supplement. Such applicants would be deemed to have a low housing need as their current accommodation is adequate. Due to more stringent controls in the administration of the rent supplement scheme in recent years many applicants who would have been eligible for rent supplement regardless of their eligibility or desire for social housing have been compelled to register with their local authority for social housing. Furthermore the introduction of the Housing Regulations, which came into effect on the 1st April 2011, places an onus on local authorities to assess housing need where in some instances the applicants preferred form of social housing may be to remain in the private rented sector. This in effect has led to a large increase in both the number of applicants applying for social housing and the number of applicants eligible for social housing.

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The downturn in the economy in recent years has no doubt also led to many applicants, whose incomes have now reduced or who are no longer in employment, to seek social housing support from local authorities. As a result, there has been a large increase in the numbers who are eligible to be included on waiting lists. However, in the most recent Assessment of Housing Need (March, 2011) the net need for the administrative area of Dublin City Council was 8290 applicants and is broken down as follows:

Breakdown of Households by Category of Need (Net Need)									
Homeless	Traveller	Overcrowded accommodation	Involuntary sharing	Leaving Institutional Care	Medical or Compassion	Elderly	Disabled	Not reasonably able to meet the cost of accommodation	Total
987	78	494	2352	4	94	384	8	3889	8290

These are applicants whose housing option is deemed to be best met by Local Authority Housing, Voluntary Housing or the Rental Accommodation Scheme.

Q2. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to list properties on the Derelict Sites Register, to indicate the period of time each property is on the register, to indicate any legal actions pending, to indicate any property acquisitions pending and to indicate any financial penalties imposed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Most of the information sought is contained within the attached table and footnote.

In the event of failure to pay the Derelict Sites levy the Law Agent institutes proceedings for the recovery of the sum due. The financial penalty provided by the legislation involves the payment of interest on unpaid levies.

There are no property acquisitions proposed under the Derelict Sites Act.

Q3. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to deal with sewer pipe issue, **(details supplied)**, urgently.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer has confirmed that all drainage repairs at, **(details supplied)**, have been completed.

Q4. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will respond positively to the request submitted with this Question, **(details supplied)**, and to further refer the matter to a meeting of the Dublin South Central Area Committee and inform this Councillor of the details of the meeting for which it will be on the agenda.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q5. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if any representative – Official or Elected member – of Dublin City Council was invited to attend the recent Global Forum hosted by the Government at Dublin Castle.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Lord Mayor or City Manager did not receive an invitation to the Global Forum.

Q6. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the City Manager to provide an update as to when work will begin on the compilation of a Local Area Plan for East Wall as agreed in the Development Plan? Can the Manager also confirm that East Wall has been granted village status as per the Development Plan?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Development Plan identified a number of Local Area Plans and ACA's to be commenced in the lifetime of the Plan.

The LAP'S were identified for preparation as follows:

Table 4: Schedule of Local Area Plans/Statutory Plans to Deliver Core Strategy

1. North Fringe Review (LAP)
2. Ballymun Transboundary (LAP)
3. Pelletstown (LAP)
4. Park West/Cherry Orchard (LAP)
5. Docklands (DDDA Masterplan & Section 25s)
6. Heuston & Environs (LAP)
7. Grangegorman (SDZ)

The City Council also intends to prepare LAP's for the following areas:

Table 5: Schedule of Other Local Area Plans

- 1 East Wall Area
- 2 Croke Park & Environs (including the Ballybough / North Strand Area)
- 3 Manor Street/Stoneybatter
- 4 Smithfield
- 5 Clonsaugh Industrial Estate
- 6 Connolly
- 7 George's Quay

The LAP's were prioritised by the City Council at its meeting on 7th March 2011, given the resources and the timescale (typical by 1.5 years) needed to make each plan.

The Plans prioritised for commencement are North fringe, Georges Quay, Naas Road, Grangegorman, Connolly, Heuston and Pelletstown.

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Work is ongoing on the preparation of draft LAP's for the North Fringe, Naas Road, and Georges Quay, which are scheduled for public consultation in late autumn, with the remaining prioritised plans scheduled for commencement in 2012. Once these plans are well underway work will commence on the East Wall Local Area Plan.

The Development Plan includes a schedule of 14 Urban Villages / District Centres (SCO9) for which VDS or Village Improvement Plans are proposed, including Finglas, Glasnevin, Marino, Rathgar, Terenure and Crumlin. East Wall is not included in this schedule for urban villages.

Q7. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the City Manager to provide an update on the Economic Development Unit's work in relation to the examination of the pop up shop initiative. I understand that this issue was being examined as part of the follow up to the previous Lord Mayor's Commission on Employment.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Report of the Lord Mayor's Commission on Employment (2010) recommended that a policy be formulated within the City Development Plan on the temporary use of vacant property and to carry out a pilot on identifying vacant sites and uses and opportunities. An update on both aspects is provided below.

Section 9.4.7 Vacant Lands and Buildings – Interim Solutions

The development plan through the core strategy, zoning objectives and standards focuses on appropriate long-term uses for the city. However, the City Council recognises that in the current challenging economic climate, there is merit and benefit in securing appropriate temporary uses as interim solutions to vacant lands or buildings. Temporary uses such as cafés, street markets, art galleries, allotments, parks or playing fields, can add vitality to city streets and local neighbourhoods as well as local communities and businesses.

The City Council will look positively on appropriate temporary uses as interim solutions for the significantly larger sites or tracts of land, smaller opportunity derelict or under-utilised sites and recently vacated buildings. The Council will actively engage with landowners/tenants to provide advice and guidance on the requirements for planning permission, recognising that many temporary uses may be exempt from planning permission.

RE29 It is the policy of Dublin City Council to promote and facilitate appropriate temporary uses on vacant lands and buildings as an interim solution (see also policies GC16, RE11 and RD 8).

City Centre Initiative

The Planning and Development Department carried out a study of vacant buildings in areas of the city centre, engaging with landowners and advising them that Dublin City Council would facilitate assisting the temporary occupation of their vacant units. With respect to the vacant space it was found that in a large number of situations that negotiations were at an advanced stage, with some about to be occupied. The Economic Development Unit continues to successfully link together potential users, landlords and developers who are open to such initiatives.

Dublin City Council is also taking an active approach with respect to one of its own vacant buildings and is at an initial stage of having its own pop up unit for temporary entrepreneur innovative retail use.

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Q8. **COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the City Manager to address all the issues, **(details supplied)**, and to make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q9. **COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the City Manager to provide approximate numbers of additional staff which would be needed if residential street cleaning was increased to once every two weeks? What would be the cost of this service? To further ask the City Manager what is the staff and running costs of the illegal dumping unit per year and how much money was raised from fines for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is estimated that 21 additional mechanical road sweepers and 42 additional General Operatives would be required to provide a two-weekly street cleaning service in residential areas throughout the city. The additional cost of this service would be approximately €2m per annum.

Staff and running costs for the Litter Prevention Unit and income from fines are as follows:

Year	Staff (Admin & Litter Wardens) & running costs	Income from fines
2009	€1,831,446	€361,472
2010	€1,720,942	€387,221
2011 (to end Sept)	€1,304,786	€257,666

Q10. **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to provide an update as to what the Council plans to do with the long-term homeless facility on the North Circular Road should be it agreed that they be vacated and residents relocated to Chester House? Dublin City Council had been asked to provide such details to elected representatives prior to a consultation beginning with local residents' groups.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council can confirm that the long-term homeless facility on the North Circular Road will not be used as a homeless accommodation service into the future.

The schedule of meetings with local residents will be communicated to elected representatives in advance, as confirmed at meeting with officials from Dublin City Council, Dublin Simon Community and elected representatives from the North Central Area on July 28th 2011.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive is scheduling meetings for the last week in November with the Mountjoy Community Forum, North Circular Road and Area Residents Association and Cabra Road/Park Residents Association and exact dates and details will be communicated to all elected representatives once confirmed. It is also intended that the Dublin Simon Community will provide an open morning in the long-term homeless facility on North Circular Road to discuss the relocation to Chester House, if any resident is unable to make scheduled meetings.

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If you require further information in relation to this please contact the Dublin Region Homeless Executive directly on lisa.kelleher@dublincity.ie or 01 7036106.

Q11. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Foreman called to this dwelling. One of the internal door frames upstairs is detached from the wall. This will be refitted within the next few days.

Q12. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to have the street light at this location repaired, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A night inspection was carried out at, **(details supplied)**, on 24th October 2011 and all lights were found to be operating.

If there is an intermittent failure with one of the lights please quote the pole number and we will re-investigate the fault.

Q13. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager if, **(details supplied)**, could rent, **(details supplied)**, as no progress has been made on this site and still remains a derelict site for the foreseeable future and could a meeting been set up to discuss the possibility of the site been rented between Dublin City Council and, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Final approval was received from the DOE in June 2010 for the construction of 8 units (5 houses and 3 apartments) on this site. It is expected that a Part VIII planning application will be lodged early next year.

Q14. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager to contact the owners of, **(details supplied)**, and ensure that the gardens are cleaned as they are causing a major eyesore for the residents of the area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Environmental Liaison Officer inspected this location and did not identify anything that could be considered an "eyesore" in the front garden. There was no access to the rear garden for inspection. The matter has been passed to our Waste Enforcement Unit to follow up and a reply will be sent to the Councillor as soon as their inspection is completed.

Q15. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager to remove all unnecessary signs in, **(details supplied)**, and to give an update report on the installation of, **(details supplied)**, in the village.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q16. COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q17. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to repair the gap in the park hedging which is leading to anti social behaviour, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The gap in the hedge along, **(details supplied)**, will be repaired within the next week.

Q18. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to have the heating radiators at, **(details supplied)**, repaired.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the heating system in this dwelling needs to be drained down. He confirms that this will be carried out within the next few days.

Q19. COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'REGAN

To ask the Manager is it the policy of Dublin City Council to request that people registered on their homeless list must report in person to Dublin City Council housing department every month in order to remain on the list for housing and if not to outline the actual policy of DCC on this issue.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) operated by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) generates vital information in terms of managing access to accommodation. The system therefore provides 'real-time' information in terms of homeless presentation and bed occupancy.

Since the PASS system has been put in place this year, it is possible for the local authority Assessment and Placement Service to confirm that people are accessing homeless services, removing the necessity for people to report to Dublin City Council's Housing Department to remain on the homeless priority housing list.

The local authority Assessment and Placement Service still encourages people who are accessing homeless services to remain in contact with them (particularly if their circumstances change in relation to their housing options) to ensure they remain on the homeless priority housing list. This is done through the service user telephoning or presenting to the local Authority Assessment and Placement service or a key worker advocating on behalf of service user (who is accessing their service).

If you require further information please contact the Dublin Region Homeless Executive on lisa.kelleher@dublincity.ie or 01 7036106.

Q20. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will issue a reply to the person seeking the information in the email attached to this question and to this Councillor and to further explain why it was necessary for a question such as this to be submitted to secure an answer, **(details supplied)**.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A response has been forwarded to the Councillor.

Q21. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q22. COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the Manager to provide details of the provisions in place in respect of the removal of chewing gum from pavements and public property. In particular to provide details in relation to any contracts in place between the City Council and Contractors for such removal, the reply to provide details of the costs incurred by the Council in respect of such removal.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Tender for Chewing Gum Removal Services in Specified Areas of Dublin City was advertised in 2010 and seven tenders were received from various companies. Following assessment under the criteria specified in the tender documents, P Mac Ltd. was awarded the contract for a period of three years from 1st December 2010 on the terms and conditions under that tender contract. The work is carried out in specified public streets and footpaths, mainly in the city centre areas, between the hours of 8pm and 8am and at intervals as set out in the tender documents. The annual cost of this service is €334,200.00.

Q23. COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the Manager to provide details of the age profile of all persons employed by the City Council in kerb-side refuse collection /disposal services.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Council is currently engaged in a process, in accordance with the Croke Park Agreement, which will provide for the reassignment of staff currently in the kerbside waste collection service.

The proposal directly affects a total of 157 employees, some operational and some administrative.

Of the total 157 affected staff there are 75 employees under the age of 50, 64 employees between the age of 50 and 59 and 18 employees age 60 or over.

Q24. COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL

To ask the Manager to address the ongoing issue with an overgrown tree in a Dublin City Council property that needs to be cut down, **(details supplied)**. This issue is affecting adjacent neighbouring homes for the past two and half years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This tree has been inspected but it is too large for our mobile crew to remove currently. However, further training is scheduled for December and January to upgrade skills and enable our mobile crew to prune and remove very large overgrown trees.

This tree will be included in the schedule of works once the training has been completed.

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Q25. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tree at, **(details supplied)**, has been inspected and arrangements are being made to re-stake the tree.

Q26. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will set up a programme to deal with the ongoing mould and fungus problem at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q27. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager how long a person or family unit will be waiting to be housed when they present as Homeless applicant.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

It is not possible to give a definitive timeframe that a homeless client is waiting on the list due to variables including family size, areas of choice and cases deferred for various reasons. However families and older people are generally housed more quickly due to the smaller numbers and accommodation availability.

In accordance with the Homeless Strategy – “Pathway to Home” it was envisaged that homeless persons would not remain any longer than six months in temporary accommodation. However due to the lack of move on accommodation available to homeless persons other than the normal ratio arising in our social housing annual allocation it is not possible to adhere to that principle at this time.

Q28. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will remove on a weekly basis the falling leaves outside, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services operates a leaves removal programme during the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. We will ensure that the area outside, **(details supplied)**, is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

Q29. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will set up a programme to deal with the mould and dampness problem at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that a leak from a rainwater outlet which was causing problems at this address has been repaired. A vent will be fitted in the affected room to improve ventilation within the next few weeks. The tenant, at her request, has been supplied with paint to redecorate.

Q30. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to rumours that petrol/diesel tanks are due to be installed at premises at, **(details supplied)**, and say:

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1. if planning permission is required for such a development,
2. if planning application was submitted and if so, give me date and decision of same,
3. what if any, inspection/examination he can carry out at this location in order to quell rumours locally that fuel tanks are to be installed as activity at the premises is reported to have increased somewhat in recent times,
4. if any enforcement action is necessary from a planning point of view, he will carry out same and report fully on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q31. COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the latches and locks on the windows at, **(details supplied)**, repaired as soon as possible.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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

Q32. COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE

To ask the Manager to improve the road signs indicating the left turn from, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Traffic Officer will be asked to examine the adequacy of existing signage which indicates no left turn into **(details supplied 2)** and no entry from Cuffe Street **(details supplied 1)**.

Appropriate action will be taken if signage is deemed to be inadequate.

Q33. COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE

To ask the Manager to investigate the ongoing anti-social behaviour at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

All reports of antisocial behaviour from within the, **(details supplied)**, complex should be reported to An Garda Síochána and to the South East Area Office where a thorough investigation will be carried out in accordance with the Dublin City Council Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2010-2015.

Q34. COUNCILLOR MARY O'SHEA

To ask the Manager to issue a report on the responsibility of the City Council in relation to the provision of signage on public roads in particular on roadways which are adjacent to Luas Lines and QBC's to warn cyclists of the danger of cycling on such lines.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council and the Railway Procurement Agency jointly agreed road signage for operation of Luas in Dublin City Area. Signage erected is in accordance with the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations. For most of the Luas network access is limited to trams only. This is indicated by means of a "no entry" sign accompanied by a plate "except trams". Only very limited sections of Luas lines are open to non tram traffic.

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Roads and Traffic Department will review signage at any location where a problem is identified.

Bus Lane (QBC's) signage is the responsibility of Dublin City Council. Most bus lanes are shared bus and cycle lanes. Roads and Traffic Department will review signage if any particular area is highlighted.

Traffic signs (including road markings) are divided into three broad types:

- Information-signs which give directions and distances to destinations or which provide other information that may be relevant to road users.
- Regulatory-signs which give instructions, prohibitions or restrictions which road users must obey.
- Warning-signs which warn of hazards on the road ahead.

Details of signage that may be used on roads in Ireland is given in the Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) Volumes 1 and 2 published by Department of Transport. Section 1 of the manual states "*signs should only be erected where there is a demonstrable need, because unnecessary, incorrect or inconsistent signs detract from the effectiveness of those that are required and tend to lead to disrespect for all signs.*"

Q35. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q36. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the Manager can a barrier be erected on the narrow footpath on the bend as pedestrians step out onto the roadway at this point which is a bus lane and is hazardous particularly at school times at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Traffic Department will carry out an inspection of the footpath between, **(details supplied)**, with respect to footpath width and pedestrian safety. A narrow footpath may make the installation of a barrier impracticable; however a report will be prepared for the Councillor following the inspection.

Q37. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the Manager to carry out urgent remedial drainage on both sides of the central grass margin and remove trees from protected structure adjacent to, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parks & Landscape Services Division will remove the vegetation at the base of the protected structure.

The wall and the grass margin are not maintained by Road Maintenance. The protected wall structure may be the property of the CIE Works.

Q38. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

In light of the devastation to peoples homes when the River Camac 'burst its banks' in the vicinity of Carrickfoyle Terrace, Lady Lane, Millbrook Terrace and Kearns Place (Kilmainham), during the recent period of prolonged, torrential rainfall, and

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bearing in mind the consequent loss and trauma suffered by so many families on the above streets to ask the Manager now to immediately organise an on-site meeting of appropriate City Council staff so that the work of designing a new wall for the southern bank of the River Camac at this location as well as other necessary and effective flood mitigating measures can immediately commence.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Tom Leahy, Executive Manager (Engineering) is preparing a general reply to City Council next week. The sheer scale of questions and the need to catalogue flooded areas so that possible future solutions can be devised makes it impossible to answer all of the Council questions until next month. A reply will then be forwarded to the Councillor.

Q39. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the Manager can a zebra crossing be imposed to facilitate school children and parents arriving for the early start unit at, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q40. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report has been provided to the Councillor.

Q41. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager:

How much funding has been allocated by Dublin City Council in 2010 & 2011 to, **(details supplied)**, can the Manager provide details on where this funding was spent; has DCC sought or received Central Government funding to assist with this programme; and if so, will the Manager provide details as to where this funding has been used to date.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q42. COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Manager for a full breakdown on all costs and professional fees, inclusive of VAT, in relation to repairs of wall at Fitzwilliam Quay, Ringsend and to explain how the original estimate of 250,000 euro is now 800,000 euro.

What is Dublin City Council's liability for this project and where is the rest of the funding to come from?

To name the successful contractor.

How many tenders were there?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The initial estimate for repairs to quay wall at Fitzwilliam Quay/Ringsend was in the hundreds of thousands of euro. A figure of €250,000 was not quoted by any City Council employee but was reported in one newspaper. The current estimate for the project is €850,000 consisting of:

- Construction works €600,000
- Eircom service diversion €170,000
- EGE service diversions €20,000
- Consultancy and fees €60,000

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The overall funding of €850,000 will be met by Dublin City Council as emergency works with a €400,000 grant from OPW (Eircom and EGE will be approached to bear the cost of their service diversions).

The work is very specialised involving bored piling and consultants Roughan & O'Donovan identified three contractors who were sufficiently skilled and experienced to carry out this work being Murphy International, Cementation Skanska and PJ Edwards and company. The contract following tender was awarded to Murphy International who expect to start on Monday 14th November for estimated 16-week duration. In the recent flooding of 24th October the quay suffered further slippage and deterioration making it essential to complete stabilisation and repair as emergency works.

Q43. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the Manager to set up a meeting between, **(details supplied)**, over the planning permission granted at, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q44. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the City Manager to provide a comprehensive progress report into each project contained in the Central Area works programme for road maintenance services, traffic calming measures, Public lighting and Parks and Landscapes Division.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

See attached report from Roads Maintenance.

See attached report from Public Lighting.

Due to the current economic climate there is currently no funding to implement a Parks Improvement Programme of Works in the area. Instead this Division has concentrated on maintaining its stock of existing parks, open spaces, trees etc. to a high standard.

With respect to traffic calming measures, the Traffic Department would comment as follows:

1. Ratoath Road: Narrowing of carriageway from Drumcliffe Road to Fassagh Avenue by re-marking road is complete. Re-lining centre-line is also complete.
2. Blackhorse Avenue: Installation of three 10.0m speed ramps is complete; re-lining of centre-line will be completed shortly.
3. Liscannor Road: Junction narrowing is not yet complete and is currently in the contract phase.

Q45. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager arrange for the railings to be repaired at, **(details supplied)**, also for a pothole to be filled in at the same location.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services have inspected the location and confirm that the pothole does not pose a safety hazard. It will be repaired within the next week, when a road maintenance crew is available in the area.

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The railings at this location will be repaired within the next 4 weeks.

Q46. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager inform me when the street light at, **(details supplied)**, will be reinstated.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A new pole was installed in place of pole 25 on 21st October 2011 and is now lighting.

Q47. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager arrange for the removal of graffiti at, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Graffiti removal was on hold over the Halloween period and it will resume on Wednesday 9th November. The above locations will be investigated. If the graffiti is not on private property we will arrange removal. However, if the graffiti is on private property we will inform the property owner of their responsibilities in relation to removal of same.

Q48. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND

Will the Manager inform the resident of, **(details supplied)**, with information regarding the cost procedures and installation of dishing to the footpath outside his property.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A road maintenance inspector will make contact with the owner at, **(details supplied)**, within the next week. The resident will be informed of the conditions and the cost involved in the installation of a vehicle dishing.

Q49. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager in view of the fact that, **(details supplied 1)**, pay a reduced rent and the fact that, **(details supplied 2)**, are providing vital community services, would it be Dublin City Council's position that, **(details supplied 2)**, should not be charged a commercial rent.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q50. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager to request that something be done about the flood water outside, **(details supplied)**, as it is unable to flow to the nearby gully.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

2 of 2 gullies were cleaned at, **(details supplied)**, on 27th October 2011.

Road Maintenance Division has inspected this location. A minor pool of water was noted at this location. At present there is no funding to carry out minor drainage works.

Q51. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager that the Drainage Department investigate why flood water is a problem between, **(details supplied)**.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

8 of 8 gullies were cleaned between 85 and 197, **(details supplied)**, on 27th October 2011. 2 of these need to be jetted and have been placed on the list to jet.

Q52. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager that the paving Department fix the uneven pavement outside, **(details supplied)**, as this is a trip hazard.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Division has inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled at house number 39 and 41 **(details supplied)** in the dished footpath. There were no hazards outside house number 38. This work has been scheduled in the coming 10-12 weeks.

Q53. COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'REGAN

To ask the Manager to organise an immediate inspection of the drainage system in Bessborough Avenue, North Strand Dublin 3 and relevant repairs/development of drains and to ask:

- what strategy the Council has for responding to future floods and
- advice on what support services we can access should similar crises arise.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The drainage system at Bessborough Avenue will be thoroughly examined next week.

A report on the flooding event of 24th October will be presented to the City Council meeting next Monday and will include details of the protocols for dealing with flood emergencies.

Q54. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

Can the Manager arrange for the following at, **(details supplied)**:

- a) front door to be repaired as it was badly damaged by vandals recently
- b) windows to be repaired as they have been damaged also,
- c) and can railings be placed on the back wall to prevent people crossing from Fairlawn into Prospect Hill development.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has inspected this dwelling and reports the following:

- A new timber double-glazed front door has been ordered from our joinery workshop and will be installed when manufactured.
- The windows have been made safe; however the replacement of glass is the responsibility of the tenant.
- Additional railings will be installed on the back fence as part of the works at Prospect Hill as soon as the surrender of the site back to Dublin City Council by the developer is finalised.

Q55. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

Can the Manager arrange for the paving slabs outside, **(details supplied)**, to be repaired to a satisfactory state please?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that all paving slabs at this complex are currently being re-laid.

Q56. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

Can the Manager arrange for the light at, **(details supplied)**, to be repaired?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The light at this location was repaired on 19th October 2011.

Q57. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

Can the Manager arrange for the rebuilding of a wall between, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that there is one fence panel required to the concrete post and base fence currently dividing the two gardens of these dwellings. This will be fitted over the next few weeks.

Q58. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager whether additional pedestrian lights can be erected at Harold's Cross bridge/Grove Road junction which is a busy and blind junction that pedestrians are fearful of crossing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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

Q59. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager whether additional pedestrian lights can be erected at Upper Kevin Street and New Street South which pedestrians are finding extremely difficult to cross safely.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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

Q60. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager whether Pearse Grove was recently sprayed in order to remove the growth of moss which is a trip and fall threat to people walking in the Grove.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Pearse Grove was sprayed for weed control in June 2011 and again in August 2011. There is a small growth of moss in this area and arrangements are being made to have that removed.

Q61. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for an ongoing collection of a black bin at the home of the resident, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had, **(details supplied)**, black bin collected on the 26th October 2011. No further problems are anticipated with his collection service. We have explained the matter to, **(details supplied)**, and apologised to him for the disruption to his collection service.

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Q62. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Could the Manager ensure that the pavement at Errigal Road is reinstated particularly the sections at the junction of Errigal and Brandon (near shops) and the section from, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q63. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Could the Manager indicate how many fines have been issued in respect of dog fouling in the last five years; whether the incidence of dog fouling is recorded and if so whether any increase has been noted, and what legislative changes would be helpful in order to assist the work of litter prevention officers in ensuring that the city streets are kept free of this unhygienic and unsightly material.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following are the details of fines issued under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts from 01/01/2007 to 31/08/2011:

Area	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East
No. of fines issued	1	3	4	5	4
No. of fines paid	1	0	0	1	1

Due to the difficulties of enforcement of Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts there has not been an increase in the amount of fines issued. Waste Management Services in conjunction with a number of local authorities in the region have met to discuss amendments to the Litter Pollution Acts. Included in our discussions is an amendment to Section 22 along the lines of:

- Need to strengthen this section from person in charge of the dog to the licence holder. This allows the owner of unaccompanied dogs to be prosecuted.
- The person in charge of the dog shall carry a poop-scoop at all times and it shall be an offence not to do so.
- A public place and a local authority complex should also be included as part of the prescribed area.

Q64. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Could the Manager outline briefly the Council's policy on the provision of litter bins in residential areas and could he comment on the removal of such bins from the Somerville Road area of Crumlin?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are not in favour of installing litter bins in residential areas as experience has shown us that litter bins in residential areas are regularly used to dispose of domestic refuse and can in fact become focal points for dumping with bags of refuse regularly being left beside these bins. For this reason we have removed litter bins from residential areas throughout the city including the Somerville Road area of Crumlin.

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Q65. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager what is the total cost to Dublin City Council of, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q66. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager to grant a lease to, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q67. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager to address problems with dampness/mould in, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A trial to re-cover the roof of one block of this flat complex was carried out. This trial was with a petroleum based waterproof material which the City Council purchased, and which was applied by our local area maintenance depot staff, to seal the roof. Once verified as successful, the remainder of the blocks will be considered for this treatment subject to the necessary funding being available.

The local area office has received some complaints in relation to these roofs, which the local Area Maintenance Officer is making arrangements to investigate.

Our Housing Maintenance Executive Engineer previously assessed the roofs of this complex and recommended the above course of action.

Q68. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager if the proposed 2012 City Council budget will include, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are currently no funds available in the 2012 and no legal basis for providing such funds for private dwellings.

Q69. COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the City Manager who has responsibility for the closing of the Dodder Walkway flood gates, by whom the decision to close them should be made, where and by whom the keys are stored, and at what time and by whom the decision was made on the day or evening of Monday 24th October to close or to not close the gate at Newbridge Avenue/Lansdowne Village.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A Report on Dublin City Flood Risk and interim report on extreme pluvial flooding event affecting East Coast and Dublin City on 24th October 2011 is before the City Council meeting under Item 10 on the Agenda (Report No. 338/2011).

In presenting this report to the Council a detailed explanation will be given on the operation of the Tidal Flood Gates on the River Dodder.

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Q70. COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the Manager if Dublin City Council have any role in the planning, funding or management of the berths in Grand Canal Dock (the Bolands Mill side), what is being done to ensure that they are available to houseboats, and whether he accepts the statement (**see details below**) which states that works by Dublin City Council are partly to blame for the delay in making them available.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council has no role in the planning, funding or management of berths in Grand Canal Dock.

On completion of the Needs Assessment for the 2010 – 2012 Water Services Investment Programme, the scheme for the construction of a surface water outfall pipeline through Grand Canal Dock was ranked as Priority 6 under Category 3 Environment/Public Health Objectives (eg arising from compliance with Water Framework Directive requirements, Regulations and EPA Reports dealing with drinking water standards, wastewater treatment standards, authorisation of wastewater discharges, bathing water standards etc). In the resultant WSIP 2010 – 2012, the Scheme is listed at “Planning Stage” as “GDRDP: Grand Canal Surface Water Outfall”.

The scheme has not been approved by the DECLG to advance to a construction contract until after the current WSIP has expired, i.e. after 2012.

Q71. COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the City Manager to verify that no structural damage has occurred and to see what compensation is available to Council accommodation residents in the following circumstances, (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

With reference to the matter of a goodwill gesture to the tenant of, (**details supplied**), the tenant should contact the Council's Central Claims Unit at 222 3637 to discuss this issue. In regard to the structural safety of the building and in particular, (**details supplied**), a structural survey was carried out of all affected units in this complex which established that no structural damage was caused by the explosion.

Q72. COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the Manager to ensure that in the outsourcing of the bin collection, the following serious issues are covered so that no loss of level of service occurs:

- The waiver continues in place at least at the same level
- Rubbish Bags are still an option for those with no suitable front yard or garden for wheelie bins
- Inaccessible streets and lanes are still collected, either by bin-men walking down and collecting from outside houses or by residents leaving bins at a suitable location
- City Council street cleaning continues to take into account the collection times.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Street cleaning will continue to take into account bin collection schedules following any structural change to the service. In relation to the other matter raised these will be dealt with as part of the arrangement which will be put in place. The City Council wishes to ensure that there is no diminution in the service provided to customers.

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Q73. **COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH**

To ask the Manager to provide a full list of spending on the following:

- All councillors conferences and training,
- All overseas official visits by councillors,
- All extra remuneration for chairpersons of committees within DCC,

Covering the last two and a half years since the current city council was elected.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The figures for the period from June to December 2009 under the above headings are as follows:

- Conferences, Official overseas visits & Training = € 71,053.36
- Chairperson allowances (6 x SPCs & City Dev Board) = € 21,767

All costs incurred in relation to the years 2010 and 2011 are published on the website, [dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie). To view these please use the following link -

<http://www.dublincity.ie/YourCouncil/Councillors/Pages/Councillors.aspx>

Q74. **COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH**

To ask the Manager to explain if the decision not to include the Falun Dafa Association in the Chinese New Year celebrations has any connection with the twinning of Dublin with Beijing. The initial presentation by the association was so well received by DCC that the Falun Dafa group are perplexed at their exclusion and this Councillor believes it may be as a consequence of the twinning arrangements and an attempt to avoid embarrassment with the Chinese and Beijing authorities.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Chinese New Year Festival is organised by an independent Festival Committee which is supported by the Office of Integration in Dublin City Council. This Committee is composed of members of the Chinese Community, Business interests, Educational Institutions and Cultural Organisations. Any decision on what activity happens during the Festival and under the umbrella of the Festival is made not by DCC but by this Committee.

The twinning with Beijing is handled by International Relations & Research in DCC. This is a formal twinning approved by City Council and all matters pertaining to the twinning come under the leadership remit of City Council. The twinning is separate from the Chinese New Year Festival and not dependent on it. The objective of the twinning is to develop economic, educational and cultural links between the two capital cities, their people, their businesses, their educational establishments and their cultural institutions.

There is no connection between the decisions made by the Chinese New Year Festival Committee on what programmes elements they include in their programme and the twinning relationship between Dublin and Beijing.

Q75. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

In relation to the Waste Management Service

- a. Can the Manager detail the complete process undertaken by DCC in seeking interest in taking over the Waste Management Service?
- b. Did the process adhere to the public service procurement requirements?
- c. Can the Manager detail the costs associated with the Waste Management Service which will continue after DCC have withdrawn from the Bin Collection Service?

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- d. Can the Manager detail the meetings conducted with the Unions in relation to the Waste Management Service including those related to the Croke Park Agreement?
- e. Can the Manager estimate the total cost to DCC of a full waiver to social welfare recipients?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- a) The City Council, with the assistance of expert advisors sought interest from waste management operators regarding the provision of the waste management operation provided by the City Council.
- b) This is not a tendering procedure and public procurement requirements regarding such procedures are not applicable.
- c) An amount of €6m is being provided in the 2012 draft estimates in relation to Waste Management issues directly related to domestic kerbside and commercial bin collection. These charges relate to Landfill aftercare.
- d) In May 2011, the City Council outlined to the relevant Unions (Impact and SIPTU) the financial circumstances relating to the kerbside waste service. At the Unions' request, an independent third party was appointed to assist the Unions in the verification of the financial data and information being provided by Management. In June 2011 Management agreed the appointment of an independent consultant nominated by the Unions following which Terms of Reference for the examination were jointly agreed.

The examination process, which involved detailed discussion with Unions and Management, was concluded with the issuing of a report jointly to both parties. Thereafter, it was agreed by the Unions that the appropriate vehicle for the Council to present its proposal was in accordance with the procedures in the Croke Park Agreement. A preliminary information meeting took place with the Unions on 24th August. The Council's proposal was formally issued to the Unions by letter on 2nd September, inviting them to the first formal meeting which took place on 19th September 2011. At the first meeting on 19th Sept, the Unions advised Management that they were referring the matter to the Labour Relations Commission. A subsequent meeting was held on 26th September which was attended by both Unions. The LRC conciliation conference took place on 14th October 2011. Both Unions failed to attend subsequent meetings in the City Council scheduled for 19th October, 2011 and 24th October 2011, having notified the Council in advance of their non-attendance. SIPTU attended a meeting on 1st November 2011. A further meeting is scheduled for 9th November 2011. The City Council is anxious to continue engagement with the Unions in accordance with procedures in the Public Service (Croke Park) Agreement in relation to the proposal which has an implementation date of Monday 5th December, 2011.

- e) Circa 37,000 applicants will qualify for a waiver in 2011 which equals an amount of €3,700,000 being waived.

Q76. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Manager answer the following questions In relation to the severe flooding on Monday 24th October:–

- a. When were DCC first notified of the possibility of flooding?
- b. Why did it take so long to implement the Major Emergency Plan?

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- c. Are extra resources allocated to manning the Emergency After Hours phone number during the Major Emergency Plan?
- d. Have DCC the available resources during an emergency such as that on Monday 24th or should Army resources have been called upon?
- e. How significant was the gullies blocked by leaves as a contributing factor to the flooding?
- f. How many houses and apartments across Dublin were damaged by floods?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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Q77. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Manager detail the number of planning retention applications submitted for the last five years and the number of successful retentions granted?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The information requested by the Councillor is available from 1st of January 2008 to date. Below is a table outlining the requested information:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Retention Applications</u>	<u>Retention Grants</u>
2008	308	209
2009	338	213
2010	244	159
2011(end Sept)	148	95

Q78. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

Can the Manager make a statement on the flooding in the Clontarf LEA that occurred on the day/night of Monday 24th October, addressing the following issues:

- Whether the main cause of the flooding in the Clontarf area was the inability of the drainage system to cope with the large amounts of rain rather than any water coming in over the sea wall?
- The concerns of local residents in Clontarf that a barrier between the sea wall and the road would have exacerbated this problem in Monday night's circumstances rather than alleviated it?
- What measures were identified as being necessary as regards clearing drains once the Council became aware of the extreme weather forecast? In what areas within the LEA were any such measures taken? Specifically were drains cleared in the Donnycarney area which have been subjected to extreme flooding in similar circumstances twice in the last three years?
- Does the Manager feel that there was a sufficient advance warning system in place for the extreme weather and that adequate measures were taken to reduce the effect of the extreme weather in the time available to the Council?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The event that took place in the Dublin area, including Clontarf, on Monday 24th October 2011 was a rainfall (pluvial) event and not a coastal or tidal flood event. As such it is clear that water would not be expected to overtop the sea wall during such an event and that the proposed coastal flood defences would have not had any impact on the flood risk for such a pluvial event.

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In relation to the possible impact on landside drainage when the proposed Clontarf Flood Defences are completed, the design of the flood defences is such that it will not impact on future such pluvial events as the existing surface water drainage system will be unaffected.

Drainage Division run a gully cleaning programme and all 55,000 gullies in the city are cleaned once a year and areas that are prone to flooding are cleaned 6 to 8 times a year. The last occasion was on 31/08/2011, when all gullies from Collins Avenue junction down to Howth Road were cleaned.

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Q79. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

Can the Manager address the following issues in relation to the Clanmoyle Road area of Donnycarney.

- Will the Manager account for the delays in beginning work on flood defences for the Clanmoyle Road area of Donnycarney since residents were told by council officials at a meeting on 2nd July 2009, after the last floods in the area, that they were at the top of the priority list? In particular will the Manager address why no work was commenced in early 2011 despite the Clontarf Golf Club indicating to the Council that there would be difficulties with the work taking place in 2012 during their centenary year?
- What provision will the Manager make to financially assist the residents who have been affected by these floods and are without house insurance as a result of the last major weather event in 2009?
- When does the Manager anticipate that these flood defence works will begin?
- Will the Manager give a clear outline of the history of the plans for flood defences for Clanmoyle Road, their current status and whether the funding is still secure for the realisation of these plans?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report will be presented to the November meeting of the City Council on the extreme pluvial event of the 24th October that will include reference to this scheme. We understand that the Red Cross will be making monies available to residents affected by these floods but we have no further details of any proposed scheme as yet.

Q80. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

Can the Manager arrange for the work recommended by the TAG with reference number 1042890/SH/CC to be carried out as soon as possible as the parking difficulties that brought about the request are causing great concern to residents in the area? When can the work be carried out?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This refers to a recommendation to rescind Pay and Display and Permit Parking on a section of Mount Prospect Lawns and replace with Double Yellow Lines.

This work has been completed.

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Q81. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

Will the Manager arrange for an engineer to evaluate the drainage system in and around, **(details supplied)**?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Northside Area Engineer, Mr. Colin Egan will have all the gullies cleaned on **(details supplied)** and, upon inspection, if he decides that new gullies are necessary a request will be passed onto Roads Maintenance Division.

Q82. COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE

To ask the Manager to arrange to have a fire door fitted in the kitchen of, **(details supplied)**, also to arrange to have a smoke detector fitted at the same address.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that this dwelling will be inspected in relation to a fire door and a smoke detector; if not in place and required they will be installed within the next few weeks.

Q83. COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI

To ask the City Manager to conduct a full investigation into the flooding that took place on 24th October. In particular, can the Manager investigate and report on why the keys to the Dodder flood gates on Newbridge Avenue, Dublin 4 were not available which resulted in the emergency services having to cut the locks in order to close the flood gate.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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In presenting this report to the Council a detailed explanation will be given on the operation of the Tidal Flood Gates on the River Dodder.

Q84. COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI

To ask the City Manager to clear out all the blocked drains as a matter of urgency in the areas that were badly affected in the Dublin floods on 24th October; in particular, Stella Gardens, Bath Avenue (including Havelock Square, Margaret Place, Derrynane Gardens, Bath Avenue Gardens, O'Connell Gardens, Malone Gardens and Vavasour Square), Newbridge Avenue, Macken Street, Pearse Square and South Lotts in anticipation of the winter months ahead.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Please see below dates and numbers of gullies cleaned as you requested.

We clean these areas on average 4 times a year because they are prone to flooding. Stella Gardens is on our priority list so it is cleaned on average every six to eight weeks.

Aikenhead Terrace DONE on 28/10/2011	8 of 9 cleaned
Celestine Avenue DONE on 29/8/2011	14 of 14 cleaned
Dermot O Hurley Avenue DONE on 28/10/2011	11 of 13 cleaned

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Philomena Terrace DONE on 28/10/2011	6 of 6 cleaned
Rosary Terrace DONE on 28/10/2011	6 of 7 cleaned
Veronica Terrace DONE on 28/10/2011	4 of 4 cleaned
St Magdalene Terrace DONE on 28/10/2011	4 of 4 cleaned
Oliver Plunkett Avenue DONE 29/8/2011	18 of 18 cleaned
Bath Avenue DONE on 7/9/2011	19 of 20 cleaned
Havelock Square DONE on 7/9/2011	10 of 10 cleaned
Margaret Place DONE 6/9/2011	6 of 6 cleaned
Derrynane Gardens DONE on 6/9/2011	21 of 21 cleaned
Bath Avenue Gardens DONE on 6/9/2011	7 of 7 cleaned
O'Connell Gardens DONE on 6/9/2011	24 of 24 cleaned
Malone Gardens DONE on 6/9/2011	5 of 5 cleaned
Vavasour Square DONE on 7/9/2011	10 of 10 cleaned
Macken Street Cardiff Lane to Pearse Street DONE on 1/9/2011	13 of 15 cleaned
Macken Street, Pearse St. to Grand Canal St. DONE 2/11/2011	24 of 29 cleaned
Newbridge Avenue DONE on 27/6/2011	5 of 6 cleaned
Pearse Square DONE on 12/8/2011	10 of 12 cleaned
South Lotts Road DONE on 5/9/2011	25 of 26 cleaned

Q85. COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI

To ask the City Manager to investigate and report on why the sandbags boxes on Strand Road were not unlocked and why the response for more sandbags in the Dublin 4 and Dublin 2 areas was so slow.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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The Office of Public Works has prepared 5 booklets (assessing a flood risk, preparing for a flood, making a home flood resistant, in the event of a flood and after a flood) to assist householders / property owners providing flood prevention measures for their properties. These booklets are available on line at <http://www.flooding.ie/en>.

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Q86. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to review the plans for dealing with flooding in Dublin Central considering that there have been five serious floods the last ten years including a special schedule of cleaning shores in high risk areas.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is a full gully cleaning programme in operation where all 55,000 gullies in the Dublin City Council area are cleaned at least once a year. We prioritise potential flooding areas which are cleaned 6-8 times a year.

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Q87. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to ensure that an effective system is in place to notify all public representatives as soon there is a severe weather alert and that the new technologies are fully utilised to inform councillors and members of the public what assistance is available to members of the public e.g. accessing sandbags, assistance with pumping out houses etc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council has been using a combination of text alerts and e-mails since 2010 to notify the Councillors when there is a severe weather alert.

In addition we have suggested that the Councillors would subscribe to the RSS feed from the City Council's website so that they will be automatically alerted when the website has been updated. The Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts are automatically updated when the website has been updated

Councillors and Customer Service

In situations such as occurred on Monday 24/10/11 the volume of calls to our out of services number are enormous. Given previous experiences with severe weather and wanting to ensure Councillors had a separate mechanism to make contact, mobile numbers were made available for Siobhan Brazil and Martin Daly from our Customer Services Department for use by Councillors, to ensure there is a special arrangement for Councillors in place.

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Q88. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager what financial assistance is available to City Council tenants who were flooded on 24th October and to report on the problem of a lack of dehumidifiers for City Council tenants affected by the floods.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have and are carrying out any structural repairs caused by the recent flooding to City Council properties. In regards to damage to personal belongings tenants are advised to claim under their contents insurance.

Dehumidifiers were provided for tenants. However as the humidifiers were rented for these dwellings by the City Council, there was a short delay in supply in some cases due to the demand at this time.

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Q89. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO

To ask the Manager to ensure that sandbags are readily available to residents and businesses in high risk flooding areas at all times and that there is effective communication with Councillors and residents in relation to this matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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Q90. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager to immediately carry out an investigation, in the public interest, to establish the basis upon which representatives of Chartered Land misled Central area Councillors at a meeting organised by and facilitated by Dublin City Council, by contending that, specifically, their proposed development of the National Monument section of Carlton site had the financial support of NAMA.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The following response has been received from Chartered Land: -

"In response to the statement, and on behalf of Chartered Land, I highlight that at the meeting (indicated by the Honourable Councillor), that Chartered Land clearly advised the Committee that the company had secured funding, with the approval of NAMA, for the proposed works associated with the National Monument 14-17 Moore Street, up to the point of tender stage completion. Also highlighted during the course of that meeting, Chartered Land indicated that the award of the building restoration/ conservation works contract would be subject to further NAMA approval. Clear reference was made to the quantum required to deliver this project, with the works clearly outlined within the Ministerial Application.

To be clear, Chartered Land explained that this was standard practice, as any funder would not give an open-ended commitment on funds being available, until the construction tenders had been returned. Chartered Land reiterate that from direct discussions and negotiations with NAMA, that they have approved the budget for the delivery of the entire 14-17 Moore Street restoration/ commemorative centre scheme and have approved funding of the works (design and relevant permissions) up to receipt of tenders.

Yours Sincerely
Gary Cooper
Project Director"

Q91. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager for the following information in relation to Priory Hall:

- a. The total number of units affected,
- b. The number of units owner occupied,

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- c. The number of units privately rented,
- d. The number of units rented whose occupants are in receipt of supplementary rent allowance.

In relation to d. above to further ask the Manager to indicate if Dublin City Council is now in receipt of this allowance from the HSE and if not, to explain why Dublin City Council is effectively paying for accommodation for people entitled to this allowance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

- a. 187
- b. 47
- c. 14
- d. 61

The payment of Rent Supplement to all of those recipients in Priory Hall ceased once they had left their apartments. Dublin City Council is not in receipt of this allowance in respect of these people. Both Local Authorities and the Health Service Executive are bodies excluded from being able to receive Rent Supplement payments in accordance with the relevant legislation.

Q92. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager to detail how many shores in the City were still sealed (as a result of security for the visit of Queen Elizabeth in May) as of Monday 24th October 2011 and to confirm and detail how and if such sealing would have been a contributing or exacerbating factor to the flooding of residences on that day/night.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

All manholes within the City were unsealed and in full working order on 24th October 2011.

Q93. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager if he will set up a team within Dublin City Council to discuss to examine ways and options with insurers for homeowners in flood prone areas of the City to access and avail of suitable and inexpensive home insurance and to consider underwriting excesses for such cover where appropriate.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council understands that there are ongoing discussions with the Office of Public Works (OPW) and the insurance industry on this matter.

Contact: Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance
Tel: 222 2102

Q94. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager what action is possible in responding positively to the request regarding a Driving Test submitted with this question, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report has been provided to the Councillor.

Q95. COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Manager please provide me with a copy of the Dublin Coastal Flooding Protection Project Final Report (April 2005) by Royal Haskoning as referenced in the 2007 EIS submission.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A CD of the report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q96. COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

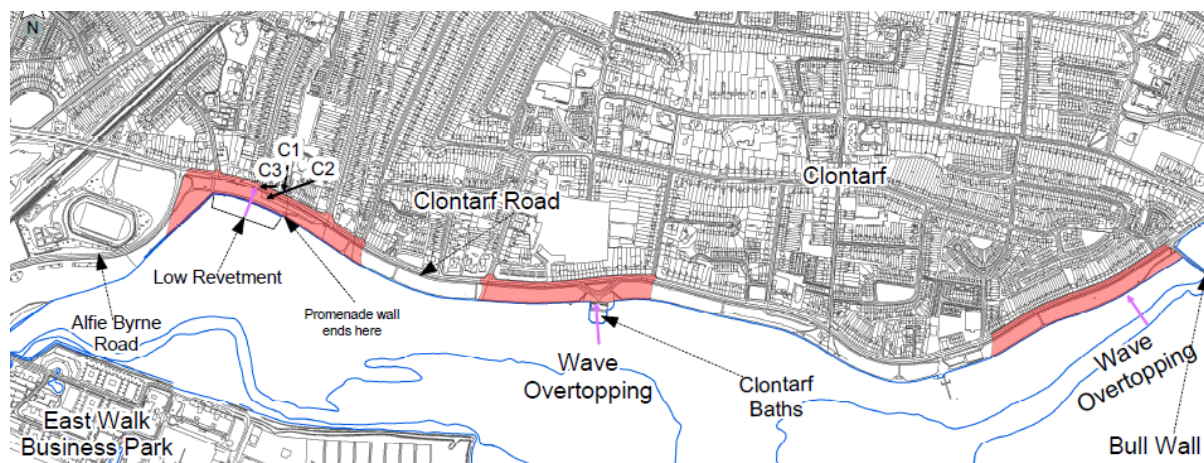
Can the Manager please provide me with detailed records held by DCC of coastal flooding in the Clontarf area in the last 20 years; duration, sea-level height above datum, properties damaged etc.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A Report on North City Arterial Water main and Clontarf Flood Defence Project Interim Report is before the meeting under Item 9 on the Agenda (Report No. 315/2011).

The main coastal flooding event in the last 20 years was 1st February 2002. The highest tide ever was recorded on the day and reached 2.95m OD (Measured at Dublin Port).

There were 3 areas inundated at Clontarf as shown below in the post event flood map.



Tidal Flooding also occurred on Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th October 2004 at Clontarf Road. The worst affected location was on Clontarf Road between Castle Avenue and Belgrave Road where the road flooded to a depth of 750MM. Nine properties were flooded as a result.

Q97. COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

In relation to the rainwater flooding on 24/10/11 can the Manager please provide me with the following for Dublin North Central administrative area:

- list of locations where flooding was reported,
- estimate of number of either commercial or residential properties flooded at that location.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The preparation of a comprehensive list of all properties affected by the extreme pluvial flooding event of the 24th November is ongoing and not yet available for distribution. Additional surveys and data collection will continue in the coming weeks to ensure that as complete a list as possible is available to assist in the assessment of further actions required.

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Mr. Tom Leahy, Executive Manager, Engineering Department will be preparing an interim report on this matter for the November City Council meeting.

Q98. COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

In relation to the bandstand that used to be in Fairview Park can the Manager:

- confirm if it is still in storage,
- confirm if there is a plan to put it back in situ again or if this has been superseded by other plans.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The original bandstand which was in place at Fairview Park was removed in the course of the Dublin Port Tunnel Works. It was not in a condition that permitted storage and reconstruction. It was the proposal at the time of the Port Tunnel Project in the park, and is currently, to include a "bandstand"/performance feature/area in the improvements project on that area of the park close to the boundary with Fairview Strand which was impacted by the Dublin Port Tunnel Project. Other improvements include the placement of a children's playground, seasonal bedding area, lawn area, interactive play area, small skateboard feature, pathway system, lighting and woodland walk. This project is at the latter stages of procurement and it is anticipated that the main contractor for the project will be shortly on site.

Q99. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

There is an outfall manhole in the front garden of, **(details supplied)**, that services a number of surrounding houses. To ask the City Manager could a letter similar to the one attached be posted to the relevant houses serviced by the drain please.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

When it is ascertained what houses are served by the private combined drain a similar letter will be sent to all relevant houses.

Q100. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager for a full and comprehensive answer to the following questions which were put to DCC/Law Agents by some Councillors in the Clontarf Ward please. I have attached the answer we have received thus far and I do not feel it adequately or at all addresses the matters raised below.

1. A legal basis for the suggestion that the Council could become liable for any flood damage if these flood defences are not built, either in their current form or a modified form (i.e. a source for this suggested positive legal obligation on the Council to build the flood defences once permission has been granted by ABP);
2. A legal basis for the suggestion that Councillors voting in favour of a) a S139 motion or b) a S140 motion would become personally liable for any flood damage where the result of either motion was that the flood defences, either in their current form or in a modified form, were not undertaken ;
3. If Section 112 of the Local Government Act 2001 is being suggested as a basis for (2), what specific illegality or unlawfulness triggering the surcharge provision is the Law Agent suggesting exists in this case;
4. Any examples from case law where Councillors voting in favour of S139 or S140 motions have been found personally liable in circumstances where those motions were passed by a local authority.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A full report, covering all aspects of the proposed Flood Protection works at Clontarf, is being submitted to the City Council meeting on 7th November 2011.

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Q101. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager the following please in relation to the Clanmoyle Road/River Wad Flood please:

- Can you tell me exactly why property no 3 is being purchased by DCC for the River Wad project and also why property no 9 which DCC already own and is vacant is not being used for the purposes of this project please?

-How much is being paid for the property No 3 by DCC and when did negotiations on the sale begin? Also why weren't residents in Clanmoyle Road informed of this intended purchase please?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The flood channel lowest route passes between House No.2 and No.3 Clanmoyle Road. The latest preferred solution is to put a large culvert between same. This will involve altering and possible rebuilding the extension at the rear of No.3 Clanmoyle Road. The house would have to be vacated during these works particularly with a handicapped child on the premises. This gave two options, either relocate the family during the works until all repairs were completed or purchase the property if DCC were interested in acquiring it long term. Negotiations regarding purchase of the house by DCC are ongoing.

Regarding house number 9, Clanmoyle Road - levels for a proposed solution do not suit. Demolition of the house would be too expensive and the overall project in this case would not be cost beneficial. The gap between houses 8 and 9 is only half that of the gap between houses 2 and 3 giving a maximum of a 450mm pipe instead of a 2000mm pipe between properties. We do not intend to damage House 3 except possibly part of rear extension. An existing foul sewer goes between houses 8 and 9 servicing the whole of Clanmoyle Road. There would be problems with the existing other Arterial sewers at rear of houses 8 & 9 as well. It is not an option to take this route and it was discounted early on.

Negotiations regarding purchase of No.3 Clanmoyle Road or temporary relocation of the family are ongoing over the last few months. It is our understanding that the owner of No.3 Clanmoyle Road is the spokesperson for the residents in Clanmoyle Road as agreed at the last public meeting.

Q102. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager the following:

At the recent meeting in DCC Offices between the Clontarf Ward Councillors and DCC management when the proposed compromise flood defence plans were first shown, I requested that as a matter of urgency DCC at a high level, request that the OPW ring fence funds for this project in order that full public consultation may take place and a flood defence plan is in place that will protect the environment and protect property in Clontarf. Can you tell me if this request has been made to the OPW please and can I have a report on same please?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A full report, covering all aspects of the proposed Flood Protection works at Clontarf, is being submitted to the City Council meeting on 7th November 2011.

Q103. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Manager please advise me, **(details supplied)**.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Council has not received a housing application for the above gentleman, **(details supplied)**, to date.

I would advise that applications are not accepted from persons who own property and are separated, until such time as a legal Divorce/Separation agreement is in place.

The gentleman, **(details supplied)**, is currently a joint owner of a property, **(details supplied)**. If this gentleman comes to an agreement with his estranged wife, the Council may consider an application for social housing if he wishes to make an application.

I would also note that the Council would never advise any applicant to surrender his legal financial or beneficial interest in any property without independent legal advice.

The gentleman should be advised to submit a housing application and any information regarding the ownership issue or possible agreement with his estranged wife to Dublin City Council.

Q104. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager can Dublin City Council please give some leeway on people wanting to buy their homes whilst owing some rent arrears. It appears more and more people are coming forward to elected members with substantial arrears which arise for failure to supply incorrect information or in some case tenants say they never received rent assessment forms. So as to ensure documents are received in future can we register all such correspondence. It would be a dreadful pity if tenants could not buy homes for the sake of a couple of thousand euro. Many tenants would only pay the current rental cost to buy their homes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In August 2010, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government announced that the current Tenant Purchase Sales Scheme would terminate in June 2012. Subsequently, Dublin City Council wrote to 12,500 tenants who were eligible to buy their tenancy under this scheme informing them of the forthcoming closing. As a result of this correspondence, the Council received applications from those interested in acquiring a valuation on their property.

Those wishing to purchase their property can apply to a bank, building society or Dublin City Council for a mortgage. It is the Council's policy that tenants applying to Dublin City Council for a loan must have an up to date rent assessment and a clear rent account for a six-month period prior to application. However, given the forthcoming closure of the schemes, the Council will accept an application from a tenant with arrears and will review each application on a case by case basis. In such cases the application will be date stamped upon receipt and will not be processed until all outstanding arrears are cleared. If the arrears on these accounts are not cleared within 3 months of the closing date of the scheme, the application will not be processed and will be considered invalid.

It is Dublin City Council's policy to apply retrospective debits to accounts where there has been an under-declaration of household income/occupants. This is the primary reason accounts have large debit balances. For example, an account that has a relatively modest level of arrears but has not fully declared the level of household income/occupants for a number of years could have a large retrospective debit

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applied to the account when the Rent Assessment Section becomes aware of the under-disclosure. 1995 to 2006 saw unprecedented salary/wage increases, which were often unreported for assessment purposes. In 2009 a lot of undeclared and unassessed income from previous years came to light.

Q105. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council please give me an up to date report on the following, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, was awarded a Priority under the Exceptional Social Grounds Scheme on the 17/06/2009 for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore). Unfortunately there are currently applicants with priority status of longer standing who also merit consideration as suitable vacancies arise, therefore it is likely to be some time yet before the applicant **(details supplied)** is reached with an offer of alternative accommodation.

Q106. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the City Manager that consideration be given for housing for, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the City Council's Housing List with 68 points for Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemont, Dolphin's Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe/Maryland, York St., Ushers Quay), Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore) and 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 alternative accommodation.

All properties included in the City Council rent to buy scheme in Herberton, Dublin 8 are allocated. This scheme was a pilot scheme and included three developments that had unsold affordable homes. There are no plans for additional rent to buy schemes.

Q107. COUNCILLOR JULIA CARMICHAEL

To ask the Manager in relation to the €600,000 agreed by the Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport in 2010 for renovation works at the public swimming pools in Coolock, Sean McDermott Street and Crumlin, to provide the following details:

- When was this money drawn down by DCC and how much has been spent to date?
- How much of this money has been allocated to each pool and how much of this money has been spent on each pool to date?
- What works are proposed for each of the three pools and what are the likely commencement and completion dates for these works?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The funding available is €600,000 in total and to date an amount of €26,500 has been used. This funding was drawn down in December 2010.

It was agreed at the Swimming Pools sub committee of the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) that no specific funding allocation would be made to individual

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swimming pools until the essential works programme is agreed. No works have taken place to date.

As part of the proposal to keep the three stand alone swimming pools at Sean McDermott Street, Crumlin and Coolock open under revised operating hours, Dublin City Council sought funding to carry out some remedial works. These remedial works are works of an essential nature to prolong the continued operation of the swimming pools rather than of a cosmetic nature. In our funding request the following works were identified, with the provision that subject to the costs of these works other works of a refurbishment/cosmetic nature would also be carried out subject to funding being available. The list of works identified is as follows:

Seán McDermott Street Pool

New Boiler
Repair cracks to external and internal walls.
Repair cracks to balcony area.
Upgrade electrical services where needed.

Crumlin Swimming Pool

Repairs to the roof (resurface flat roof and replace roof lights) in Crumlin swimming pool
Repair seals around windows in pool area in Crumlin swimming pool
Repairs to cracks in external and internal walls in Crumlin swimming pool
Resurface the car park area at Crumlin swimming pool
Upgrade electrical services where needed

Coolock Swimming Pool

Seal external beam and clad internal beams
Repairs to plaster work in pool ceiling and toilets area
Upgrade electrical services where needed

Managers Orders approving the appointment of consultant engineers for the provision of consulting mechanical and electrical engineering services and consultant engineers for the provision of consulting civil and structural engineering services were signed on the 24th June 2011. Their reports were recently received and are now being reviewed by Dublin City Council. With a view to bringing a report to the Swimming Pools subgroup costings are currently being prepared on the works outlined in the consultant's reports. It is now likely that the works will take place during 2012.

During 2011 Dublin City Council applied for additional finance by way of grants from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. As the timeline for completing the works to draw down these additional grants is early December 2011 it was not possible to include the extensive refurbishment proposals in the grant application. However the successful grant application included the following items for all three pools at a cost of €172, 000 – Motorised heat retention covers, automatic chemical dosing system, automatic pool cleaners, heat exchangers and water saving measures.

Q108. COUNCILLOR JULIA CARMICHAEL

To ask the Manager to commence the tendering process for contractors to price the works required to deliver the agreed cladding for the wall at Whitehall.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A detailed estimate was prepared for this work in August of this year. The cost is estimated at €1million based on current contract rates. It is unlikely that tendered prices would vary significantly from this estimate.

Before commencing a formal tendering process it would be necessary to prepare a detailed design and documentation and this would have cost implications. It is not considered appropriate to expend limited public funds to develop a design and to put contractors to the cost of preparing a tender until there is certainty that funding will be available to proceed with the project.

It should be pointed out that the cladding of these walls would require the closure of the off slip road to Beaumont/Santry for several months and this would have indirect cost implications for commuters and businesses. In addition this would lead to some inconvenience for local residents.

Q109. COUNCILLOR JULIA CARMICHAEL

To ask the Manager to provide the cost/estimated cost to the city of the recent flooding and the associated events such as the invocation of the emergency plan for Dublin and if the manager can also provide an overview of the level of damage in the 5 City Council areas caused by the flooding.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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Q110. COUNCILLOR JULIA CARMICHAEL

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the progress or the results of the Dublin City Council's Building Control Investigation into Priory Hall to the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The investigation into Building Control matters at the Priory Hall Development remains ongoing. The investigation is expected to be completed by 16th November and any notice to be served under the legislation, if necessary, will issue by that date.

Q111. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q112. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q113. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN

To ask the City Manager if he can outline the current waiting period for the replacement of windows in City Council tenants' properties and if he can detail:

- The number of people waiting to have their windows replaced,
- The average wait time from the submission of an application to installation,

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. A comparison between wait times this year with the average for the past three years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Replacement windows, doors, kitchens and other joinery works are manufactured in our Joinery workshop.

Currently there are three hundred and twenty four City Council dwellings awaiting joinery replacement including windows, doors and entrance screens.

Due to the volume of orders the timeframe from submission of orders by our local area maintenance depots, to installation, can run to approximately twelve months.

This is a thirty three percent improvement on the average waiting period over the last three years. This is due to the introduction of new machinery and improved working systems. This timeframe is expected to continue. We will endeavour to improve this timeframe with further efficiencies where possible into the future.

Q114. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN

To ask the City Manager and if he will review the City Council's policy on distributing sandbags to areas where flooding has occurred previously to allowing residents to access sandbags and other temporary flood defences when severe storms or very heavy weather is predicted.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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Q115. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN

To ask the City Manager if he will conduct a review of the drainage and sewerage system in an estate in Ballymun, **(details supplied)**, in light of the regular problems with shores becoming blocked, which in turn causes a build-up of water and sewerage in front and behind the residents' homes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Drainage Maintenance will investigate the public drainage system at this location and carry out any maintenance work necessary.

Large areas of, **(details supplied)**, and adjoining estates are served by the private drainage system, which should be referred to Housing Maintenance for their investigation.

A report will be forwarded to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

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Q116. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN

To ask the City Manager if he will review the drainage system at a location, (**details supplied**), due to the recent issues of flooding.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q117. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager at what point was an emergency declared on the 24th of October last.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

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Q118. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager why the D.C.C. emergency number was not in operation the evening of Monday the 24th of October.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Council emergency number was in operation at all times on the evening of Monday the 24th October 2011.

Q119. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager to account for the 300% increase for stall holders in certain parts of the City?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Further to a meeting of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) on the 19th May 2010, a sub-committee was formed to discuss and review the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2003.

The sub-committee met on several occasions and produced draft bye-laws (including revised licence fees) which were approved to go to public consultation by the Arts SPC and the City Council at meetings on the 28th September 2011 and 3rd October 2011 respectively.

The Draft Bye Laws may be viewed on www.dublincity.ie or at the offices of Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay between 9.00 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday for a period from 7th October 2011 to 4th November 2011 inclusive.

Dublin City Council will consider any submissions made in writing up to 5 p.m. on Friday 18th November 2011. Final recommendations will be submitted to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and City Council for approval.

The making, amending or revoking of bye-laws is a reserved function of the City Council.

APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2011

Q120. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE

To ask the City Manager why sandbags were not available on Monday for those houses at risk of flooding?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A Report on Dublin City Flood Risk and interim report on extreme pluvial flooding event affecting East Coast and Dublin City on 24th October 2011 is before the City Council meeting under Item 10 on the Agenda (Report No. 338/2011). The presentation on the report will deal with the issue of sandbags.

The Office of Public Works has prepared 5 booklets (assessing a flood risk, preparing for a flood, making a home flood resistant, in the event of a flood and after a flood) to assist householders/property owners providing flood prevention measures for their properties. These booklets are available on line at <http://www.flooding.ie/en>.

Q121. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to the cluster of trees at **(details attached)** and say if he will include same on the next tree pruning list as the residents are fearful that the trees are being allowed to grow to an extraordinary size and are almost growing in over their gardens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parks and Landscape Services Division has inspected trees referred to at, **(details supplied)**. These trees are a group of Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) growing on the public open space at this location which are considered to be in satisfactory condition and are not considered to require general pruning operations at the present time. Tree pruning operations on public trees throughout the North Central Area are carried out on a priority basis, subject to the level of specific resources available for such specific works. Trees growing on open spaces are allowed to develop naturally and not usually pruned.

Q122. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to a problem of constant dumping of domestic and other rubbish at/close to the public litter bin at **(details attached)** and say:

1. if the City Council is aware of the identity of the culprit(s) who is/are engaging in this dumping
2. what enforcement action has been taken to date against culprit(s)
3. how the Manager intends to proceed to ensure that this dumping is stopped as residents in the surrounding houses are very unhappy about the matter
4. if he will make a statement on the matter?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. The Local Litter Warden has reported that he removed bags from, **(details supplied)**, on a number of occasions and will continue to monitor the area.
2. As no evidence was found in the bags, no fines were issued.
3. Whilst it is not possible to stop dumping in any area of the city, measures are to be put in place to raise awareness of the offence i.e. red sticker placed on litter bin with information that it is an offence to place household waste into or near a public bin.
4. The Local Litter Warden will continue to monitor this area and check for evidence in any bags dumped. If any member of the public knows of anyone who is illegally dumping at this bin they can contact the litter warden directly on 8166726 or the North Central Area Office main office number at 8166710.

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Q123. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please give me a detailed up-date on the proposals for the River Wad Culvert at the Malahide Road and the promised flood prevention measures at Clanmoyle Road Donnycarney and say:

1. When did original discussions begin with residents of Clanmoyle Road?
2. What progress has been made from the initial flooding of Clanmoyle Road in 2008 to date?
3. How many houses in Clanmoyle Road are owned by DCC?
4. Are these houses under the control of the Housing Dept or the Engineering Dept.?
5. if we are using our ownership of the properties here to find a solution to the flooding problem.
6. if the Manager would make a statement on the matter and clarify all of the above with a timescale for a full solution.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Original discussions took place with residents on Clanmoyle Road after initial flooding in August 2008.

"Study Phase

(1) December 2008 - Local Area Study carried out by Dublin City Council. Drainage network surveyed and improved. Maintenance of local drainage network in Clanmoyle and elsewhere in Wad Catchment prioritised. Louvres installed in Clanmoyle to lower future flood levels.

(2) August-September 2009 - Local computer modelled study of Clanmoyle Collins Avenue East area carried out by Consultants RPS for Dublin City. They recommended full catchment study.

(3) Consultants procured for full catchment study. Nicholas O'Dwyers appointed. Full Catchment study was completed in July 2010. The brief was extended to produce document for Phase 1 of Study, Clanmoyle Scheme. After consultation with Residents modifications were made to the proposed scheme and estimated cost increased from €1m to €1.25m.

4) Land acquisition - Negotiations over purchasing 3, Clanmoyle Road to install new culvert were only recently completed.

5) Drawings are being compiled to get agreement from Clontarf Golf Club for pipe work and 50,000 cubic metre storage retention pond in area owned by them. Assurances to Irish rail over risk to railway line in progress.

What has to be done:

(1) Land acquisition to be completed - Agreements with Clanmoyle residents, Clontarf Golf Club, Iarnród Éireann and Department of Marine & Natural Resources to be finalised.

(2) Statutory and Legal - Part 8 procedure with certain environmental reports required. Foreshore licence at Wad outlet to Bay at Clontarf Road has been applied for over a year ago.

3) Contract preparation and tendering following OPW approval - Tunnelling contract under Howth Road downstream also to be procured.

(The Golf Club centenary year is in 2012 and this will have to be borne in mind as works will affect a significant part of the course).

(4) Programme. Finalise all agreements including property purchase. Draft Part 8 to be prepared for Q2 2012. Only then can detailed tender documents be prepared and contractor procured."

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House numbers 4, 9 and 41 are owned by DCC under the stewardship of the Housing Department. These houses are not at the proper hydraulic locations for a solution to the Drainage problem which must be at the low point in Clanmoyle to work most efficiently.

A special meeting to address these issues is being arranged by the North Central Area Office.

A report on Dublin City Flood Risk and interim report on extreme pluvial flooding event affecting East Coast and Dublin City on 24th October 2011 is before the meeting under Item No 10 (Report 338/2011).

APPENDIX B**Statement re Priory Hall City Council Meeting 7th November 2011**

On Friday last, the High Court ordered developer Tom McFeely off the site at Priory Hall. The court made the order after being told by the Council that works to achieve compliance with the fire safety aspects were not progressing satisfactorily. After evidence was heard the court found that Mr McFeely was in breach of the undertaking he had given to the Court and the order directing him to carry out the works within five weeks and he was ordered off the site. The Court gave liberty to the City Council to bring a motion for attachment and committal returnable for next Friday.

In relation to accommodating the owner occupiers the Court made indefinite the time period on assistance and in the case of renters the Council has been ordered to pay the differential between the rent previously paid and the rent for new accommodation. We will have to consider this aspect and we have until 10th November to appeal. Section 23 of the Fire Service Act 1981 gives the Court wide powers for the purposes of reducing the fire safety risk to persons to a reasonable level including prohibiting the use of the premises. The High Court has done so in this case but in doing so has imposed the cost for alternative accommodation on the local authority. There is no provision for this in the legislation.

Normally families would be dealt with under the housing code in that circumstance. We have been heavily criticised for this approach but that is the law and to do differently would have created an enormous precedent for the state. That is why we have to consider further. It creates a huge difficulty for any local authority seeking the assistance of the High Court under Section 23 of the Fire Services Act which is about reducing the fire safety risk for the affected person. In the event of an appeal we have no idea how long this process will take even if we seek to have considered on a priority basis

There was no order and will be no order about who should carry out the works to remediate the complex, now that it has been found that persons responsible are not doing so. But we are left with the problem that was always likely to arise if the responsible persons were found not to have the wherewithal to rectify this matter and lest anyone forget the reason and I repeat the reason we all have this monumental difficulty, and more importantly such distress caused to the residents, is because of the actions of the developers of the Priory Hall complex. But some solution has to be found to having 187 units standing idle in Priory Hall with all sorts of costs building up in terms of accommodation, security and so on. As I advised the residents and Councillors last Friday I have been keeping the Department, and they in turn the political side, up to speed on developments with this case and that includes the events of last Friday.

I will be meeting with the Department this week to discuss what might be done and to see whether there is any way we can resolve the matter for those most affected and at the same time recover some value from the situation. This will also involve discussions with all owners of accommodation and the lending institutions. I will arrange for an update for the residents association and the local public representatives either before the end of this week or by next Tuesday at the latest. But it should be noted that there are going to be no easy solutions to this very difficult problem.

John Tierney – Dublin City Manager

07/11/2011