The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by informing the Members of the recent death of Lt. Col. Fiachra McGinley, father of Councillor Ruairí McGinley who died 6th April, 2011. All stood to observe a minute’s silence as a mark of respect.

He then informed the Members that a special meeting of Dublin City Council will be held on the 25th July in relation to the SDZ for Grangegorman. It was agreed that this meeting should commence at 6pm. Referring to a letter from People of the Year Awards, dated 29th April, 2011, seeking nominations for 2011 People of the Year Awards, he encouraged the Members to make nominations and informed them that the closing date for nominations is Monday 20th June, 2011.
2. Ceistean sóba Ordú Úimhir 16 — It was moved by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 124 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 25th March 2011 from Monaghan Town Council conveying the terms of a motion from their recent meeting calling on the newly elected Government and particularly it’s Taoiseach to ensure the preservation of our first official language and promote its prominence in the education system. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

4. Submitted Letter dated 13th April 2011 from Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council conveying the terms of a motion from their March meeting requesting that the Manager write a letter to Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council requesting that they consider erecting a statue or other commemorative monument to honour the life and work of Irish writer Bram Stoker, who was born in Clontarf and lived in Dublin city until the age of 31. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

5. Submitted Letter dated 14th April 2011 from Carrickmacross Town Council conveying the terms of a motion from their April meeting calling on the new Government in Dublin to voice their concerns to Westminster re building 5 new nuclear power stations along the Irish Sea in Britain and also calls on Dublin to take further legal steps confirming Ireland’s status as a nuclear free state. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

6. Submitted Letter dated 15th April 2011 from the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Eamon Gilmore, T.D., in response to a motion from February City Council Meeting concerning the situation in Egypt. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

7. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 4th April 2011 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

8. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That the Financial Statement be entered in the minutes”. The motion was put and carried. The Financial Statement is set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

9. Submitted Report No. 138/2011 of the Dublin City Manager - Local Fund Statement and EU/IMF Reporting. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor D Lacey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 138/2011” The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed that some mechanism would be worked out in conjunction with the Finance SPC whereby the Members would be kept informed monthly of the financial position of the City Council.
10. Appointment of a member to the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum following the election of former Councillor Kevin Humphreys to Dáil Éireann - It was proposed by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor M Parodi. "That Councillor Gerry Ashe is hereby appointed to represent Dublin City Council on the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum" The motion was put and carried.

11. Appointment of a member to the Dublin North East Regional Health Forum following the election of former Councillor Séan Kenny to Dáil Éireann - It was proposed by Councillor M Freehill and seconded by Councillor D Lacey. "That Councillor Emer Costello is hereby appointed to represent Dublin City Council on the Dublin North East Regional Health Forum" The motion was put and carried.

12. It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh. "That Mr Micheál Mac Donncha be co-opted to replace former Councillor Killian Forde who has resigned from Dublin City Council" The motion was put and carried. Councillor Mac Donncha took his place in the Chamber and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to him by the Lord Mayor, the City Manager and his staff and by the Members of the City Council.

13. It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh. "That Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha is hereby appointed to fill vacancies on the following Committees/Boards created by the resignation of former Councillor Killian Forde:

- Board of the Royal Irish Academy of Music
- Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)
- St. Joseph's Senior Traveller Training Centre, Finglas"

The motion was put and carried.

14. To appoint a Member as Chairperson of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee to replace former Councillor Killian Forde. There were 4 nominees proposed for this appointment:

(a) Councillor R McGinley, proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea
(b) Councillor P Bourke, proposed by Councillor M Freehill and seconded by Councillor D Lacey
(c) Councillor M Mac Donnacha, proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole
(d) Councillor Mannix Flynn, proposed by himself and seconded by Councillor D O'Farrell

Councillor P Bourke then withdrew his name and a vote was taken on the remaining proposed three candidates for the position. Following the vote, Councillor M Mac Donnacha was declared to be appointed as the Chair of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee.

15. To approve the nomination of Councillors Smith, Minihan, Dunne and Upton to replace the current City Council Members serving on the Drimnagh Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee as recommended by the South Central Area Committee in line with the agreed annual April rotation of the membership. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor B Tormey. "That Councillors Smith, Minihan, Dunne and Upton are hereby appointed to the Drimnagh Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee" The motion was put and carried.


18. Submitted Report No. 119/2011 of the Dublin City Manager - Annual Financial Statement 2010 – Financial Review. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor D Lacey “That Dublin City notes Report No 119/2011 and adopts the Annual Financial Statement 2010 as outlined therein” The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed to refer this report to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.


20. Submitted Report No. 146/2011 of the Dublin City Manager – Local Government Efficiency Review Group – Independent Group to review staffing numbers. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor D Lacey “That Dublin City notes the contents of Report No 146/2011” The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed to refer this report to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

21. Submitted Report No. 123/2011 of the Chairperson of the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Andrew Montague) – With reference to proposal to make bye laws entitled Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2011. Following discussion by the Members, it was agreed to refer these draft Bye Laws back to the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

22. Submitted Report No. 136/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (R. Brady) – Community Grants Scheme 2011. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor M Freehill “That Dublin City notes the contents of Report No 136/2011 and hereby approves the Community Grants as outlined in the report” The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed that the Housing, Social & Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee would develop a policy document in regard to this process. Councillors expressed a wish to be part of the selection process.

23. Submitted Report No. 137/2011 of the Executive Manager (C. Dunne) – Scheme of Letting Priorities (Allocation Scheme 2011). Mr R Brady, Assistant City Manager, drew the attention of the Members to a document that was circulated to them detailing an addition to the Scheme, replacing Section A 1.3.5. Refusal of Offer of Accommodation. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City notes the contents of Report No. 137/2011 and hereby approves the amendments to the Scheme of Letting Priorities
(Allocation Scheme 2011) as outlined in the report and including the additional information in relation to Section A 1.3.5. Refusal of Offer of Accommodation as outlined" The motion was put and carried.

24. Submitted Report No. 125/2011 of the Area Manager (M. O'Neill) – With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way at Gordon Street/Somerset Street, Doris Street and South Lotts Road, Dublin 4. It was moved by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor P McCartan "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way at Gordon Street/Somerset Street, Doris Street and South Lotts Road, Dublin 4, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 25532, 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.

25. Submitted Report No. 141/2011 of the Area Manager (M. Twomey) – South Central Area Committee - Allocation of Space for Community Garden at rear of Blarney Park, Kimmage, Dublin 12. It was proposed by Councillor P Dunne and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City notes the contents of Report No141/2011 and hereby approves the proposals outlined therein to allocate space for Community Garden at rear of Blarney Park, Kimmage, Dublin 12, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001" The motion was put and carried.

26. Submitted Report No. 135/2011 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 18 premises. It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 135/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

27. Submitted Report No. 128/2011 of the Executive Manager (D. Wallace) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 4 Bellevue Cottages, Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 128/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

28. Submitted Report No. 129/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (M. Stubbs) - With reference to the proposed disposal of private dwellings, 23 & 25, Herberton Walk, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 129/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

29. Submitted Report No. 130/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (M. Stubbs) - With reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private dwellings at Apartment 21, 31 James Walk, Rialto, Dublin 8, Apartment 5, 6 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8, Apartment 8, 2 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8 and Apartment 5, 45 St. Anthony's Road, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 130/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No. 131/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (M. Stubbs) - With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Unit No. 8, 45 St. Anthony’s Road, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor C Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 131/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

31. Submitted Report No. 133/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (M. Stubbs) - With further reference to the proposed development of a site at Finglas Road/ Tolka Valley Road, Dublin 11 with Mc Cabe Builders Limited, Floor 2 St. John’s House, Tallaght, Dublin 24. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor C Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 133/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

32. Submitted Report No. 134/2011 of the Assistant City Manager (R. Brady) - With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at Apartment 17, 86 Reuben Street, Herberton, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor C Burke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 134/2011 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

33. Submitted Report No. 122/2011 of the Chairperson of the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Andrew Montague) – Breviate of meeting held on 14th April 2011. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 122/2011” The motion was put and carried. Mr Michael Phillips, Director of Traffic, informed the Members that all TAG queries would be uploaded to Sharepoint in the coming months and progress of each item could then be tracked. It is also the intention to initiate Local Area Traffic Management Plans to enable the integration of traffic and parking requirements of whole areas.

34. Submitted Report No. 139/2011 of the Chairperson of the Housing, Social and Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Dermot Lacey) – Breviate of meeting held on 19th April 2011. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 139/2011” The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed that a copy of the letter sent to NAMA by the Housing & Residential Services Department would be circulated to all Members. The City Manager, responding to queries raised by Members referring to RTE’s Primetime programme on housing in Dublin City said that management had been asked to participate and rather than do a pre-recorded piece, had offered that a representative would appear live on the programme. The offer of the live interview was not taken up so a detailed statement was issued to the programme makers beforehand instead. He said he understood that comments were made on the night suggesting that Dublin City Council had declined to take part in the programme. He said that could be interpreted in two ways – the pre-recorded piece or the piece on Primetime in its entirety. He felt that both the Minister and Dublin City Council management interpreted this as the overall piece and had clarified the position on that basis.

35. Submitted Report No. 127/2011 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2011 – Councillor John Redmond, Vice-Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor J Carmichael “That
Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 127/2011 The motion was put and carried.

36. Report No. 140/2011 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2011 – Councillor Aine Clancy, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor M O’Shea and seconded by Councillor E Costello “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 140/2011” The motion was put and carried.

37. Submitted Report No. 142/2011 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2011 – Councillor Clare Byrne, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 142/2011” The motion was put and carried.

38. Submitted Report No. 124/2011 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2011 – Councillor Edie Wynne, Vice-Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor E Wynne and seconded by Councillor J O’Callaghan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 124/2011” The motion was put and carried.

39. Submitted Report No. 143/2011 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2011 – Councillor Declan Flanagan, Vice-Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor D Heney “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 143/2011” The motion was put and carried.

40. Submitted Report No. 120/2011 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate for the month of March 2011 - Councillor Paddy Bourke, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor D Heney “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 120/2011” The motion was put and carried.

41. Submitted Report No. 121/2011 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate of Special Meeting held on 7th April 2011 – Councillor Deirdre Heney, Vice-Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor M Fitzpatrick “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 121/2011” The motion was put and carried.

42. Submitted Report No. 144/2011 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of meeting held on 18th April 2011 – Councillor Larry O’Toole, Vice-Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor P Crimmins “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 144/2011” The motion was put and carried.

43. Submitted Report No. 132/2011 of the South Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of meeting held on 15th April 2011 – Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 132/2011” The motion was put and carried.

44. Submitted Report No. 145/2011 of the North West Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of meeting held on 18th April 2011 – Councillor Paul McAuliffe, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor B Tormey and seconded by Councillor M Metcalfe “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 145/2011” The motion was put and carried.
45. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following emergency motion without debate. This motion was submitted in the name of Councillor Christy Burke “That this City Council receive a statement from the City Manager to outline how much Dublin City Council has received from Government for regeneration programme excluding Ballymun and to ask this City Council for a Special City Council Meeting in the next 2 weeks and to invite the Minister to attend given that the 25 Million Euros it will cost the Irish State for security for the Queen and President Obama and that this City Council demand that funding be allocated for regeneration programme north and south of Dublin” The motion was put to a vote and defeated.

46. An emergency motion submitted in the name of Councillor L O’Toole on behalf of the Sinn Fein Party was ruled out of order by the Lord Mayor.

47. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following emergency motion without debate. This motion was submitted in the name of Councillors Dermot Lacey and Paddy Bourke on behalf of the Labour Group “Dublin City Council, consistent with its previous decision reaffirms its support for the holding of the Dublin Pride Festival in Merrion Square Park and urges the Manager to make the necessary arrangements as requested by the Organisers to ensure that this event can go ahead as currently being planned” The motion was agreed and the Lord Mayor offered to facilitate a meeting by the principal stakeholders in the Mansion House the following day.

48. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following emergency motion without debate. This motion was submitted in the name of Councillors Cieran Perry, Nial Ring, Mary Fitzpatrick, Marie Metcalfe, Christy Burke, Ray McAdam, Mary O’Shea, Seamas McGrattan, Emer Costello, Aine Clancy and Claire O’Regan “That all work being carried out on or to the 1916 National Monument site at 14-17 Moore Street, and the use of no. 16 as a registered office by the owner or by any other person or persons, in contravention of the regulations under National Monuments Legislation and the Planning and Development Act 2000, cease immediately, and that those responsible be reported to the appropriate authorities, and furthermore that the Members instruct the City Manager to use all powers, legislation and remedies available to Dublin City Council to ensure that the National Monument be protected” The motion was agreed.

49. As the following motion, standing at Item No 39 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor C Perry, was on the same topic, the City Council agreed to take it at the same time “This City Council formally adopts the position of the Dublin Central Area Councillors in declaring full support for the call by relatives of the 1916 leaders for the full conservation and protection of the 1916 National Monument as part of a battlefield site in line with the Shaffrey report commissioned by Dublin City Council in November 2005 and under the direct supervision of the Director of the National Museum” The motion was put and carried.

50. The City Council agreed to defer the following motion, submitted in the name of Councillor L Minihan and standing at Item No 37 on the Agenda Paper, to its next meeting to be held on the 13th June 2011 “That this Council recognises the services provided to the communities of Dublin 8 and surrounding areas for the past 50 plus years by the management and coaches of St. Theresa's Boys and Girls Football Club. In recognition of this excellent ongoing work, Dublin City Council will immediately re-open the playing pitches at the rear of St Theresa's Gardens
known as the Boys Brigade playing fields, temporarily for the period of time up to the commencement of the regeneration project. Since DCC closed these grounds and due to the Council's failure to continue basic maintenance, the playing fields have fallen into poor condition. These pitches should be returned to an acceptable and safe condition for playing on as required by league standards at no cost to any previous or future users. By doing this the Council will remove the massive financial burden for transport costs the club has carried since its displacement three years ago. This Burden has now brought the club to breaking point and its removal would halt the club's imminent demise. The club has provided a valuable sporting outlet and service to the children of the South West Inner City and beyond. Its demise would create a vacuum that would be irreplaceable and contrary to the social regeneration of St. Theresa's Gardens.

51. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor M Fitzpatrick “That the Manager give an up-date on Smithfield horse market and say what efforts he has taken since the March City Council Meeting to bring the appropriate stakeholders together in order to bring about the banning of the Smithfield horse market” The motion was put and carried. Members paid tribute to Mr Charlie Lowe, Area Manager, Mr John Tierney, City Manager and the Gardai for all their efforts to ensure the safety of all taking part in recent horse fairs at this venue.

52. The City Council agreed to take Item No 44 next as it was on the same topic – motion in the name of Councillor J O’Callaghan “This Council calls upon the new Government to bring forward promptly legislation to amend Section 8 of the Casual Trading Act 1995 to allow a Local Authority to extinguish a Market right (without providing alternative facilities in the same vicinity as the Market to which the right relates) if the said Market constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the general public and/or animals and/or takes place in a vicinity which, in the opinion of the Local Authority, is wholly unsuitable for the operation of a Market” The motion, having been seconded by Councillor M Fitzpatrick, was put to a vote and carried.

53. The City Council agreed to defer the following motion, submitted in the name of Councillor P McAuliffe and standing at Item No 40 on the Agenda Paper, to its next meeting to be held on the 13th June 2011 “Dublin City Council calls on the Government to proceed with plans for a National Children’s Hospital at the Mater site, allowing it to play a central role in an integrated network of paediatric services across Ireland”

54. It was proposed by Councillor P Dunne and seconded by Councillor N Ring “Dublin City Council welcomes the reduction in electricity charges as announced by ESB Electric Ireland, last month. This Council however is alarmed that not all customers may benefit from the full reductions. It appears from the announcement that those customers who are in arrears and those that cannot pay by direct debit or accept on-line billing will be excluded from benefiting from the reductions. These customers are often the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. This Council calls upon ESB Electric Ireland to immediately pass on the full reductions to all customers without conditions” The motion was put and carried.

55. The City Council agreed to defer the following motion, submitted in the name of Councillor N Ring and standing at Item No 42 on the Agenda Paper, to its next meeting to be held on the 13th June 2011 “That the members of this Council agree that any Presidential candidate wishing to make a presentation to the City Councillors may do so through the Area Committee system if a suitable motion is put down by a member and agreed by the relevant Area Committee”
56. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor B Smith “This City Council calls on the British government to pass on the files relating to the Dublin Monaghan bombings in 1974 in order to help put closure to the investigation for the families who lost loved ones in the bombings and also that the Irish Government make this request to Queen of England on her planned visit to Dublin”

An amendment was proposed by Councillor P Bourke to delete the following wording from the last sentence motion – “and also that the Irish Government make this request to Queen of England on her planned visit to Dublin” This amendment was seconded by Councillor D Lacey.

A second amendment was then proposed by Council M Mac Donnacha and was seconded by Councillor L O’Ttoole – that part of the wording of Emergency motion be added to the motion as amended by Councillor P Bourke to create the following substantive motion “This City Council calls on the British government to pass on the files relating to the Dublin Monaghan bombings in 1974 in order to help put closure to the investigation for the families who lost loved ones in the bombings and also calls upon the Taoiseach Enda Kenny to demand of the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, that he comply with the unanimous request of Dáil Éireann of 10 July 2008 to ‘allow access by an independent, international judicial figure to all original documents held by the British government relating to the atrocities…inquired into by Judge Barron’ and noting that the visit to our City of the Queen of England coincides with the 37th anniversary of the Dublin and Monaghan bombings we add our voices to that demand for justice and truth” This motion, having been seconded by Councillor D Lacey, was put to a vote and carried.

57. The following motion, referred by the North West Area Committee, was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe “Following the conclusion of City Coroner’s inquest into the death of Ms. Rachel Peavoy, the North West Area Committee calls on the City Manager to make a full statement on the matter at the next City Council meeting and to supply all Councillors with the verdict of the Coroner and all relevant documentation or information” Following discussion during which Members and the City Manager extended condolences to the family and friends of Ms Rachael Peavoy, it was agreed that Dublin City Council would continue to exercise the utmost care in de-tennancing its’ housing complexes. It was agreed that the documents in relation to the inquest in this case would be circulated to all the Members.

58. The City Council also agreed that a related motion, Item No 54 on the Agenda Paper, submitted by Councillor B Smith, would be deferred, to its next meeting to be held on the 13th June 2011 – “This Council calls for an open public enquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of Rachael Peavoy in Ballymun Council accommodation in 2010. Such an enquiry should involve the Ballymun Regeneration Board. The Peavoy family rejects the findings of the City Coroner and therefore cannot have closure on the tragic death of their loved Rachael. The Council will establish a sub-committee of councillors and relevant bodies to decide how such an open public enquiry should be conducted” The Manager’s report, informing the Members that that the calling of a public inquiry was not within the remit of the City Council, was noted. A minute’s silence as a mark of respect to the late Ms Rachael Peavoy was observed by all present.

59. The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Edie Wynne, took the chair at 9.35pm and continued to the chair the meeting until 10pm.
60. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor A Montague “That this Chamber express its deep concern for the welfare and safety of the Internationally renowned Chinese Artist, Ai Weiwei. At present there is international concern regarding the manner in which Mr Weiwei and his associates are being treated by the Chinese authorities. Ai Weiwei, it is believed, has been recently arrested and detained. His whereabouts and his wellbeing are of concern to his many supporters and family. Mindful of Ireland’s continuing good relations with China and Dublin City Council’s most recent successful twinning initiative with Beijing and given the continuing strength of our mutual trust and strong friendship, it is legitimate for us to express our concerns in relation to this issue” The motion was put and carried.

61. The following was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council shall not make any monies available to pay costs arising from the visit to the city of the Queen of England in May. DCC has a greater moral and legal responsibility under the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights to urgently upgrade the housing standards of its tenants in locations such as St Teresa’s Gardens and Dolphin House, Croke Villas, Dominic St and O’Deveney Gardens than any obligation it has to pay for the festivities, food and drink for the elites of Britain and Ireland” The meeting concluded at 10pm without the motion being put.

The meeting concluded at 10pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 13th June 2011.

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LORD MAYOR                                               MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 09TH MAY, 2011

Q1. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING
In relation to social services provided in the City, to ask the City Manager to provide a comprehensive list of residential and non-residential facilities in the City (by reference to and broken down by the five City Council Areas) provided by the City Council, HSE, Religious Orders, Charities and any other providers with the following information on each facility:

a. Provider of facility (e.g. DCC, HSE etc.) and nature of tenure (e.g. freehold or leasehold and if leasehold duration and expiry date of lease)
b. Provider of service e.g. Crosscare (and nature of contract with primary provider of facility)
c. Nature of facility and service provided e.g. hostel for homeless, provision of beds, meals etc.
d. Residential or non-residential
e. If residential - number of beds, number of staff; if non-residential - number of users, number of staff

For the purposes of clarification, the objective of getting the answer to this question is to get an overview of all social service type facilities in the city, and to understand the current geographic spread of such facilities in order to highlight areas which have above or below average amounts of such facilities, classified by facility and more importantly client usage numbers.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The question seeks comprehensive information in respect of all social services (residential and non-residential) in the City which spans beyond the statutory remit of the City Council, that is, other statutory providers such as the HSE and private legal entities such as voluntary service providers etc. The City Council can undertake to request this information for the purpose sought but would caution on the following basis: firstly, a substantial amount of this information would have to be requested from other entities and it will take time to gather same should the entities involved be prepared to share the information sought in the first instance. Secondly, the information sought also relates to settings which are people’s homes. In this context there is a concern as to whether the level and type of information being sought accords with the principles of the Data Protection Act and the right of citizens of the state to privacy etc. This aspect would need to be clarified with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner which the City Council is happy to facilitate.

The information does refer to information regarding homeless related facilities/services and the Councillor would be aware from his engagement regarding the Cold Weather Initiative that the Dublin Homeless Regional Action Plan does provide for a major reconfiguration/ consolidation of services which the Council believes over time will see a reduction in the level or quantum of services given that the key objective is to provide housing with support to this cohort. In this context, it is proposed that matters relating to the homelessness element of the Councillors request be taken up as an agenda item at a future Housing, Social & Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) where comprehensive information can be provided and the matters of concern addressed.
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Q2. **COUNCILLOR LARRY O’TOOLE**
To ask the Manager to report on the following issue, *(details supplied).*

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Refurbishment works due to be carried out at, *(details supplied)*, will commence shortly with contractors due on site from the 9th May 2011. Work on the site is expected to take approximately nine months provided that no further issues arise.

Q3. **COUNCILLOR LARRY O’TOOLE**
To ask the Manager to indicate when the following maintenance work will be carried out, *(details supplied).*

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The Area Maintenance Foreman has confirmed that a new hall door and screen have been ordered from our Joinery Workshop for this dwelling. It is expected that they will be manufactured and available for fitting in approximately six weeks.

Q4. **COUNCILLOR RUAIIRI MCGINLEY**
To ask the Manager to arrange for urgent drainage repair outside property owned by Dublin City Council, *(details supplied).*

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The Manager of our Choke Car has confirmed that the blocked drain at this location has been cleared. There was no evidence of damage to the drain so therefore there are no further works required.

The Area Maintenance Officer has also confirmed that a new gully cover will be fitted in the next few weeks.

Q5. **COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**
To ask the Manager if he will have action taken to deal with the seriously dangerous situation outlined in the attachments submitted with this question in relation to Sandymount Strand.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The area in question is currently being made safe, as is an extended area along Sandymount Strand.

Q6. **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**
To ask the City Manager will there be costs out of the City Council Budget as a result of the visits by President Obama and the Queen of England, and if there are large costs, will the City Manager seek a refund from the Irish Government as Dublin City Council is not in a position to carry the costs of funding with regards to these visits.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Dublin City Council is working closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to traffic and assisting with security matters. It is not anticipated that the City Council will incur significant costs.

The Office of the Lord Mayor will not incur any costs in relation to the visit of Queen Elizabeth II as the Lord Mayor will not be hosting a Civic Reception.

General civic decoration will take place at the time of the visit of Queen Elizabeth, President Obama and for the Europa League Cup Final. These costs (circa €2,000) are provided for in the Parks and Landscape Services Division Budget.
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As a security measure requested by the Gardaí, Waste Management Services will be securing and removing street litter bins at specified locations prior to the upcoming visits. Additional costs associated with this work are as yet unknown.

The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has notified Dublin City Council of the award of a grant allocation of €20,000 under the Civic Responsibility Week Grant Scheme to undertake activities to improve the appearance of the environment prior to the visits. Dublin City Council proposes to use this grant for the removal of graffiti.

The Drainage Division is assisting the Gardaí concerning security details associated with the upcoming state visits of foreign dignitaries. It is not expected that there will be significant costs incurred by the Division in this regard; however a record of any costs involved will be recorded and made available after the visits have been completed.

Water Services Division will not incur additional costs as a result of these visits. There will be costs associated with the co-ordination of Emergency Management but these should not result in costs which are not fully provided for in the current budget.

Q7. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council can outline as to when this Dublin City Council can expect development at Moore Street and will it be in the next 5 yrs or longer.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:
This matter has been taken up with the Developer, Chartered Land. Their response will be forwarded to the Councillor when received.

Q8. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the City Manager to allow the use of the old fish market site in the markets area for football, basketball and other games to the local groups in the Dublin 7 area as this site may not be developed over the next few years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:
The Fish Market was demolished in 2006 as part of the Markets Area Framework Plan. While it is regrettable that due to the current economic climate the redevelopment has not progressed, the general objectives for the area still remain.
The site has since been temporarily converted to a public car park and is a significant source of income for the Development Department. In its current condition, the ground/surface of the car park is not suitable for use as a play area. Significant resources would be required to construct a football and basketball facility on the site which would have to comply with the standards and recommendations of R.O.S.P.A. who certify all D.C.C. public play spaces.
There will also be the added cost of the loss of car parking income that the site currently generates.

Q9. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the City Manager to check the public lighting and to clean out the shores at Black Street, O’ Sullivan Street and Infirmary Road.
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CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
We have investigated the existing lighting on the streets and consider the lighting levels to be to an acceptable standard at each location. Reports from our latest night inspection, carried out on the 19th April 2011, also show all lights to be operating normally.

The gullies on Black Street were checked on the 15th April 2011 and 4 out of 4 gullies were cleaned.

The gullies on O'Sullivan Street were checked on the 15th April 2011 and 5 out of 5 gullies were cleaned.

The gullies on Infirmary Road were checked on the 14th April 2011 and 17 out of 18 gullies were cleaned.

Q10. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY
To ask the Manager to arrange to set up a waste account for, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A domestic waste collection service account has been set up for this customer. The bins at the property were registered on the 14th April 2011 which will ensure accurate and timely billing.

Q11. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM
To ask the City Manager how many housing extensions have been approved but have yet to be constructed? I would ask the Manager to provide this information per administrative area and detailing when each application was approved.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
There are 120 approved applications for extensions on grounds of disability. The following table details the administrative area and the priority level awarded to the applications:

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In the high medical priority category twenty four of these cases are currently with Consultant Architects. They are at various stages of the planning and drawing stage. In addition five approved high medical priority cases are at the initial stage of the process and are due to be surveyed in-house to assess the feasibility of the works. A further four approved cases with a high medical priority are currently waiting to be sent for initial in-house survey.
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It is not possible to estimate when the remainder of approved applications for extensions on grounds of disability, sixty one moderate priority and twenty six low priority, will be reached. Due to ongoing budgetary constrains only high medical priority cases are being dealt with at this time.

Applications in the high priority category have in general an approval date from 2008 to date. Applications in the moderate and low categories have approval dates from 2004 to date. Applications are assessed on the medical need, not on the date of application. Applications are assessed and reviewed on medical evidence as the needs of the individual tenant may change over time. The date of approval only applies within the same priority category.

There are currently one hundred and forty two approved applications for extensions on grounds of overcrowding on our waiting list. A breakdown into administrative areas will be forwarded to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Six of these cases are currently with Consultant Architects and are at the planning and drawing stage of the process.

It is not possible to estimate when the remainder of approved applications for extensions on grounds of overcrowding will be reached. Due to ongoing budgetary constrains priority is given to high medical priority applicants.

Overcrowding extensions are assessed on the number of persons permanently residing in the dwelling and the number of bedrooms available. Time on the waiting list only applies where the same level of overcrowding exists. Approved applications on this list date from 2003.

Q12. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**
To ask the City Manager to provide a report from Dublin Fire Brigade on the cause of the fire at the apartment block on Terenure Road East on Friday 1st April 2011 and whether water pressure for the purpose of fighting the fire was adequate.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**
The investigation into the cause of fires is the responsibility of An Garda Síochána and they are currently investigating the cause of this fire.

With regard to the water supply and pressure, the water supply was adequate for fire fighting at the time of the fire. The water supply/pressure was also boosted by turncocks from the Waterworks Section and by the presence of a Water Tanker. Each Fire Appliance carries 400 gallons of water; there were three on initial attendance and two further Fire Appliances were used during the course of this incident.

Q13. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**
To ask the City Manager whether the lane between Ormond Road and Windsor Road, Dublin 6 can be swept by Waste Management.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**
The heavy dumped items were removed from this lane at the end of April 2011. This lane is due to be swept before the end of May 2011.

Q14. **COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**
To ask the City Manager what is the current status of a planning application made for an Aldi Store on Terenure Road East beside Faulks Lighting.
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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:
A planning application was submitted on 3rd March for the demolition of existing structures and development of single storey discount supermarket on a site at 82-84 Terenure Road East, Dublin 6. On 20th April the applicant was requested to submit additional information. This request requires the applicant to submit the following details; a revised landscape plan, impact assessment of proposed lighting, methodology for the proposed demolition works, revised details on the condenser units, delivery times and signage, statement of significance of the old tram complex and architectural / historic assessment of site, design response and potential to reuse old building and an industrial heritage report. The applicant has 6 months to respond to this request.

Q15. COUNCILLOR PADDDY BOURKE
To ask the Manager to outline the timescale for the new mediation process for resolving disputes which has given rise to the illegal occupation of the Dublin City Council site at Newtown Court. Will he make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:
The report of the Mediator has just been received and is being considered by Dublin City Council management. A full report will be made to the next meeting of the North Central Area Committee, to include recommendations for bringing this matter to finality.

Q16. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE
To ask the Manager to have the following work carried out, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The requested tree pruning at (details supplied) will be considered in the context of the maintenance of roadside trees by the Parks & Landscape Services Division in the 2011/2012 dormant season subject to the availability on the necessary resources.

Q17. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE
To ask the Manager to have the footpath at, (details supplied), repaired.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Road Maintenance Services Division has inspected this location. A temporary repair has been scheduled in the coming week and a permanent repair will be carried out in the coming 8-10 weeks.

Q18. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY
To ask Manager to take action where litter was dumped at open space and burnt causing damage to a mature tree, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Litter Warden will issue a fine under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to the offender (details supplied). The litter Warden will contact Councillor McGinley directly in relation to this offence.

Q19. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY
To ask the Manager if he could give the attendance figures for each of the external representatives on each of the SPC's since their formation after the last Local Elections.
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CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

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**Q20. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**
To ask the Manager to give a figure for the cost of the full implementation of the Benchmarking agreement to date.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The implementation of the Benchmarking Agreement was phased as follows:

- 25% on 1st December 2001
- 50% on 1st January 2004
- 25% on 1st June 2005

The estimated cost of applying the terms of the Benchmarking Agreement for 2006, the first full year of its implementation, was €30.4m.
The application of the Benchmarking Agreement in subsequent years is not separately categorised in payroll as it has been integrated within payroll since its introduction.

The introduction of the Public Service Pension Related Deduction with effect from 1st March 2009 and subsequently revised rates / bands with effect from 1st May 2009 imposed a pay reduction on average of 6.5% on Council employees, which is a deduction in addition to the pre-existing superannuation deduction payable by local authority employees.

The pay levels of public sector employees have been further reduced by an average of 6% as a result of cuts imposed in January 2010. This reduction is reflected in the City Council’s reduced expenditure from 2010 onwards.

Q21. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY
To ask the Manager if he could estimate the total sum of money Dublin City Council would have been entitled to receive in Domestic Rates in the year 2010 had they been applied at the same level as 1977 when abolished.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The amount that would have been raised in 2010 is €222M.

Q22. COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL
To ask the City Manager to have the tree located outside, (details supplied), pruned back as it is seriously blocking light into adjacent houses.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Parks & Landscape Services Division has inspected the tree outside, (details supplied), which is a specimen of Maple. This tree is considered to be in satisfactory condition and is not considered to require general pruning operations at this time.

Q23. COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL
To ask the Manager to have a ramp installed at the following location, (details supplied), which would allow people in wheelchairs access to the local shops including the post office and chemist.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
This location was inspected on the 21st April 2011. The area in question directly in front of the shops between no. 32 and 46, (details supplied), is in private ownership and not in charge of Dublin City Council. As a consequence we can not carry out any works at this location.

It was noted that there is a ramp onto the first island at the pedestrian crossing at this location, which is in charge by Dublin City Council.

Q24. COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL
To ask the City Manager who owns the following building, (details supplied), if the Council have plans for the building and if the ownership is in private hands will the Council contact the developer with a view to having discussions about the Council renting out the building for community use

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.
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Q25. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN
Could the City Manager give me a report on what % of the DCC fleet of vehicles is hybrid or all electrical vehicles or operating on Green Technologies.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The breakdown of the fleet is as follows.

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Q26. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN
Can the City Manager issue a report on the number of single parent families who are tenants of Dublin City Council Housing. This report to include all relevant data.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
There are 6,965 single parent families who are tenants of Dublin City Council. Should the Councillor require any additional information, the Rent Section will seek to facilitate such a request.

Q27. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN
Can the City Manager supply a report on the amount of outstanding rates in default owed to the city.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Total rates debtors at 16th April 2011 are €51M. This is the amount outstanding for 2010 and previous years. Rates demands have issued for 2011 and the collection of debtors will be managed with the collection of current rates due.

Q28. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN
Can the City Manager facilitate a civic reception for the US and Irish Teams participating in the the Creedmoor Cup 2011 which will be staged in Dollymount Strand on June 2011 for the first time since 1874. This event will have a significant impact on tourism and will be a very strong economic generator for the city and the local area around Dollymount Strand. Full details have been supplied to City Manager. The events begin on Sunday 19th June with full reenactment and conclude with the competition on Sunday 26th June 2011. The event is being organised by the National Rifle Association of Ireland with the full approval of An Garda Siochana.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Lord Mayor will host a Reception for the US and Irish Teams participating in the Creedmoor Cup 2011 between 19th June and 26th June.

Q29. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS
Can the Manager request that the Parks Department investigate a boundary wall outside, (details supplied), which is cracking due to the roots coming from a roadside tree which is uplifting the wall and could be a potential Health & Safety risk.
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CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Area Dangerous Buildings Inspector, Mr. John O'Reilly reports that he inspected the front garden wall of, (details supplied), on the 28th March in the presence of the owner who pointed out a number of roots in the vicinity of the base of the wall.

The Inspector reports that, while there are a number in cracks in the wall, the wall is stable and was not dangerous at the time of inspection. The Inspector informed the owner of his responsibility to take the necessary steps to insure that the said wall does not become a dangerous structure.

The Parks & Landscape Services Division has inspected the roadside tree and path at, (details supplied). There appears to be a root growing longitudinally between the wall foundation and edge of path pad and this is currently slightly raising the wall.

It is proposed to sever this root, monitor the impact on the roadside tree and keep the wall stability under review over the next year for any deterioration. It is anticipated that, without any further secondary thickening of the root, any lifting of the wall will cease.

Q30. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS
Can the Manager request that the Water Works Department investigate a new leak appearing inside the wall of house, (details supplied). This was already repaired but an additional leak has now appeared.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The leak, within the property of the above address, was repaired by the householder upon inspection.

Q31. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS
Can the Manager request that the Water Works Department fix a leak outside house, (details supplied). This leak was already repaired but the uneven surface of tarmac is causing difficulty for the resident of the house as she is wheelchair bound.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Road Maintenance Services Division has scheduled a repair at this location in the coming 2-3 weeks.

Q32. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS
Can the Manager please advise what the position is with grass cutting in the Bettyglen Village and does it include the grassed area at the very end of Bettyglen Village.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The open space at the end of Bettyglen village is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. All other areas in our charge are attended to as required.

Q33. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Manager whether, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q34. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Manager what impact the recent census will have on the voting register for the City.
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CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
All personal data gathered as a result of the recent census is treated as strictly confidential and is therefore not available to Dublin City Council. The Franchise Section will, however, compare statistical information such as population age profile within specific areas in order to verify the accuracy of the Voters Register.

Q35. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Manager what was the total cost to DCC of the recent visit of Prince Albert of Monaco and what will the total cost be for the visit of the British Queen.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Lord Mayor of Dublin hosted a Civic Reception in honour of H.S.H. Prince Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco on the occasion of His State Visit to Ireland on 5th April 2011 in City Hall. The total cost for the Civic Reception was €3,037.99. An additional €164.50 was incurred by City Hall for security for the day.

The Office of the Lord Mayor will not incur any costs in relation to the visit of Queen Elizabeth II as the Lord Mayor will not be hosting a Civic Reception.

Roads and Traffic Department incurred no costs as a result of the visit by Prince Albert of Monaco. No final cost has been determined for the visit by the British Queen. However, these are not expected to be significant.

No additional costs were incurred by Waste Management Services for the recent visit of Prince Albert of Monaco.

As a security measure requested by the Gardaí, Waste Management Services will be securing and removing street litter bins at specified locations prior to the upcoming visits. Additional costs associated with this work are as yet unknown.

The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has notified Dublin City Council of the award of a grant allocation of €20,000 under the Civic Responsibility Week Grant Scheme to undertake activities to improve the appearance of the environment prior to the visits. Dublin City Council proposes to use this grant for the removal of graffiti.

The Drainage Division did not incur any costs due to the recent visit of Prince Albert of Monaco. The Department is assisting the Gardai concerning security details associated with the upcoming state visits of foreign dignitaries. It is not expected that there will be significant costs incurred by the Division in this regard, however a record of any costs involved will be recorded and made available after the visits have been completed.

Water Services Division did not incur any costs due to the visit of Prince Albert of Monaco and will not incur additional costs as a result of future state visits. There will be costs associated with the co-ordination of Emergency Management but these should not result in costs which are not fully provided for in the current budget.

Q36. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Manager to begin the procedure, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.
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Q37. **COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**
   To ask the City Manager to investigate the possibility of removing the wall at, **(details supplied)**, which would make the area less attractive for anti-social behaviour and easier for the Gardaí to patrol and manage.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The Area Office has investigated the possibility of removing this wall at, **(details supplied)**. The cost of the demolition would be in excess of €20,000 and there is no provision for this in our budget. There is a CCTV camera which covers this area and to which the Gardaí have access. The residents have always stated that they would like to see an increased Garda presence in the complex, which would include the Gardaí walking up and down the stairwells, in addition to patrolling the common areas, such as the playground and the football pitches.

Q38. **COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**
   To ask the City Manager to report to this Councillor on the following issue, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q39. **COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**
   To ask the City Manager how many tenants have availed of the, **(details supplied)**, and does he not think that this option should be highlighted more to struggling tenants.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q40. **COUNCILLOR DERIDRE HENEY**
   To ask the Manager to refer to property at location, **(details supplied)**, which residents complain is in an unacceptably unkempt condition with two large unsightly container trucks parked in the front garden; the yard to the side/rear being used for what residents describe as a possible depot with vans driving in and out on a daily basis dropping off or dumping materials from other locations; will the Manager please refer to above and:
   1. say what enforcement action he can take to have the site cleaned up and the appearance of same brought to a suitable condition/appearance for a residential area such as, **(details supplied)**, is,
   2. say what Departments of Dublin City Council are responsible for ensuring that the owners of properties maintain them and the front gardens and surrounds of same in a reasonable condition from (a) an environmental aspect and (b) a health & safety point of view,
   3. say what regulations there are governing the placing of container trucks in front gardens and if same is allowed in a residential area,
   4. say if he can arrange to have the containers removed or at least painted and the area around same cleaned up and painted,
   5. say if he will carry out enforcement action if against the owner to have the property/site cleaned up as requested above as nearby residents are upset at the way in which the owner is allowing the appearance of his property at details attached to deteriorate and thus have a negative effect on the quality of life of the surrounding community,
   6. comment on residents complaints that the property is being used by youths at night to engage in anti-social behaviour and say what action can be taken to have the owner of the property make it secure to prevent such anti-social activity,
7. refer to residents concerns that the site/property is lowering standards in their area,
8. if he will make a statement on the matter

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
1, 2. The Derelict Sites Section will carry out an inspection of this site to determine what action, if any, may be taken under the Derelict Sites Act. A report will be sent to the Councillor in due course.

2. Enquiries will be made to ascertain if any house on the site is privately rented. Where necessary any private rented house will be scheduled for inspection.

The Area Litter Warden inspected the property on the 6th May and found the property is not littered.

3, 4, 5, & 7. Planning permission is not required for the temporary placement of container trucks being used in the course of construction works on the lands under development. The trucks must be removed on completion or cessation of the works. In other circumstances, planning permission is required.

The lands concerned have enjoyed a long use as a builder’s yard dating back to 1996 or earlier) and the Council is now statute barred from initiating enforcement action in respect of this use.

The Planning Department has not received any complaints of containers being stored on the lands mentioned in the question. However, a Warning Letter pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 will be sent to the property owner.

6. The maintenance and security of the location is the responsibility of the property owner. It is advisable for the owner or aggrieved persons to contact the local Garda on anti-social behaviour prevention measures and to report specific incidents.

Q41. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON
To ask Dublin City Council if they will confirm whether they are responsible for the laneway, (details supplied), or if it is supposed to be maintained by the residents; if it is in the ownership of DCC, if they will clean and maintain the portion where there is grass overgrowing as this is being used by people who drink there and leave litter there on a regular basis;

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The small unsurfaced section of the laneway between, (details supplied), is not in charge and Dublin City Council is not responsible for the maintenance of this section of this laneway. However DCC looks after the concrete surfaced section of this laneway, which is in charge.

Q42. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON
To ask the City Manager if the path on, (details supplied), can be repaved as it is in a very poor condition at present; if bollards will be placed on the path to ensure that cars can not park on the path as this causes significant disruption for pedestrians
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CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Roads Maintenance Services carried out an inspection of the footpaths on, (details supplied). The paths at both junctions are in good condition. Roads Maintenance has carried out extensive footpath repairs on, (details supplied), Avenue as part of our Works Programme. These footpath repairs included concrete footpath repairs and reconstruction of the tarred margins on, (details supplied), Avenue at the junction with, (details supplied), Park. There are residents who are currently parking on the tarred margins outside their houses. The footpath is used by pedestrians. It will most likely cause disputes with the current residents if bollards are placed on, (details supplied).

Q43. COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH
To ask the City Manager to respond to the following request, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The City Council will arrange a meeting over the next four weeks with representatives of the principal organisations and agencies that operate in the area to discuss the issues raised.

Q44. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES
To ask the City Manager whether it is possible to modify or relocate the ESB box on main Ballyfermot Road at O’Hogan Road junction which is used to service traffic lights at same junction, as it is being used to gain access to The Steeples Apartment Complex causing nuisance to the residents.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The box referred to appears to be a Traffic Controller. It is not possible or feasible to move this box due to the location of the ducting required for the traffic lights and the enormous expense involved in relocation and realignment of ducting at this junction. Dublin City Council does not have the monies available to consider this option. The location of the traffic controller at the back of the footpath is in accordance with standard practice and ensures ease of movement for pedestrians and mobility impaired individuals on the adjacent public footpath.

Q45. COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES
To ask the City Manager if double yellow could be imposed on Mary’s Avenue, The Ranch (along Liffey Gaels railings side) due to overflow parking from nearby apartment complex which is causing difficulties for residents, and restricting movement of traffic in the area.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The matter has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG). The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations of the group when these are available.

Q46. COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE
To ask the Manager for an environmental assessment from fumes from the vents coming from the Car Park at Hanover Reach directly under bedroom windows. Are fumes creating a risk to young children who sleep in these bedrooms. Can this be investigated as soon as possible.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Section has not received any complaints to date that the fumes from the car park serving the Hanover Reach Development are causing a nuisance. If the contact details of the complainants are
forwarded to this Section a full investigation will be carried out under the provisions of the Air Pollution Act 1987.

Q47. **COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE**
To ask the Manager can the Fire Officer investigate whether there is a danger to the ground floor apartments from smoke & fumes should a fire start in the Car Park in Hanover Reach. Grids/vents are directly below bedroom windows and can this be investigated as soon as possible.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The above matter has been referred to Fire Prevention, Dublin Fire Brigade and a detailed inspection is currently being arranged.

A report will be furnished as soon as it is available.

Q48. **COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE**
To ask the Manager are the grids/vents in front of ground floor apartments in Hanover Reach in compliance with City Council planning guidelines and fire regulator.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Planning permission for the development at Hanover Reach was granted by the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (D.D.D.A.)

However the above matter has been referred to Fire Prevention, Dublin Fire Brigade and a detailed inspection is currently being arranged. A report will be furnished as soon as it is available.

Q49. **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the City Manager to arrange for a wall to be fitted at the gable end of house, *(details supplied)*. This wall was promised by BRL.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The following report was received from Ballymun Regeneration Limited:

BRL is currently reviewing the proposal for this area. The original idea of a wall along the gable is not a viable solution due to the presence of underground services and complications where the wall would meet the neighbouring boundary. An alternative solution is being considered and this will be presented to the resident prior to final agreement.

Q50. **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Manager to arrange for the replacing of windows at, *(details supplied)*, which are in poor state and have been badly damaged.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The Area Maintenance Foreman called to this dwelling within the past few days but was unable to gain access. Contact details were left for the tenant and a further call will be arranged when contact is made by the tenant with the Foreman.

Q51. **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the City Manager to arrange for the proper securing and replacement of floorboards in the landing and bedroom at, *(details supplied)*, and to also arrange for the front gate to be remounted which was removed when wall was being replaced.
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CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed the following in relation to this dwelling:
- There is one floorboard on the landing to be replaced and a number to be secured. This work will be completed within the next two weeks.
- Our Steel Fabrication Unit will re-mount the gate within the next few weeks.

Q52. COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN
To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs to front door at, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the front door has been inspected and the repairs will be carried out within the next few weeks.

Q53. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING
To ask the City Manager to confirm that Dublin City Council will be fully reimbursed for all costs, direct and indirect, incurred by the Council for works undertaken and/or delayed to facilitate the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Dublin, and to detail such costs under each category.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Dublin City Council is working with An Garda Síochána in relation to traffic matters and security issues. Costs have not been determined at this time but are unlikely to be significant.

General civic decoration will take place at the time of the visit of Queen Elizabeth, President Obama and for the Europa League Cup Final. These costs (circa €2,000) are provided for in the Parks and Landscape Services Division Budget.

As a security measure requested by the Gardaí, Waste Management Services will be securing and removing street litter bins at specified locations prior to the upcoming visits. Additional costs associated with this work are as yet unknown.

The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has notified Dublin City Council of the award of a grant allocation of €20,000 under the Civic Responsibility Week Grant Scheme to undertake activities to improve the appearance of the environment prior to the visits. Dublin City Council proposes to use this grant for the removal of graffiti.

The Drainage Division is assisting the Gardaí concerning security details associated with the upcoming state visits of foreign dignitaries. It is not expected that there will be significant costs incurred by the Division in this regard, however a record of any costs involved will be recorded and made available after the visits have been completed.

Water Services Division will not incur additional costs as a result of these visits.

There will be costs associated with the co-ordination of Emergency Management but these should not result in costs which are not fully provided for in the current budget.

Q54. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING
To ask the City Manager to detail what notices, information or other means of communication will be used to advise citizens of any road closures, traffic restrictions or other disruptions which may occur during the forthcoming visits of Queen Elizabeth and President Obama.
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CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Traffic Management for the visits by Queen Elizabeth and President Obama are being handled by An Garda Síochána. An Garda Síochána will arrange for any relevant publicity. In addition to any press notices traffic disruptions will be advised to the public by means of the City Council Variable Message Signs and by public radio.

Q55. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING
To ask the City Manager for an update on progress to date on the course of action agreed by the passing of Emergency Motion number 5 at the City Council meeting of 4th April 2011.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
There is an ongoing dialogue between Dublin City Council and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation in relation to the Smithfield Horse Fair and legislative requirements in relation to same. Submissions were made to the Department on the 3rd and 25th March and the 1st April 2011.

The Area Manager attended a recent meeting convened by the Smithfield Area Business Association and their correspondence of the 11th April 2011 to the City Manager was replied to on the 15th April 2011.

There have been 3 meetings involving Senior Gardaí and Dublin City Council staff since the Horse Fair on the 6th March and ongoing liaison on a week to week basis since.

The Department of Agriculture is not directly involved in the matter. There has been no contact from any residents associations in the area.

The Lord Mayor wrote to both the Attorney General and the relevant Minister and replies have now been received. It was the view of Dublin City Council based on a recent High Court Case that the Market Right was owned by the House Traders. According to the Attorney General Dublin City Council owns the Market Right. However even if this is the case the difficulty associated with extinguishment is also apparent based on the Attorney Generals advices. Smithfield is not suitable as a location for a horse fair and as it stands the legislation requires that the alternative be provided in the same vicinity. This is not practical in a city centre context.

The response from the Attorney General and the Minister will be further considered and the City Manager will also convene a meeting with the Assistant Garda Commissioner and report back to the June Council Meeting.

Q56. COUNCILLOR GERRY ASHE
To ask the Manager for street lighting to be put in the lane at Garden Terrace off Clanbrassil Street as it is very dark. There are about 8 houses in the Terrace.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
We have investigated the existing lighting levels here and will consider any necessary improvements for inclusion in a future programme of improvement works subject to the availability of funding.

Q57. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN
To ask the City Manager to explain why, (details supplied), a housing applicant who is living in a shed at the rear of the family home, is deemed not eligible to be placed
on the housing list; and if this person is in fact deemed to be homeless should they not be considered for accommodation as a homeless person?

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Council does not accept housing applications from persons residing in structures in rear gardens of family homes or other such structures deemed unsuitable for permanent habitation.

Such applicants are advised to source alternative accommodation in the private rented sector and thereafter to notify the Council of their new address so their application can be reconsidered and an Assessment letter issued for the purposes of rent supplement applications where needed.

Applicants presenting as homeless should contact the Homeless Services Section at 160 Capel Street (tel: 2222158).

The applicant, (details supplied), and his family are advised to find alternative private rented accommodation and contact his local Community Welfare Officer with a view to applying for Rent Supplement. Alternatively, should they move back into the family home, they must notify this Office so a housing inspection can be arranged and their housing needs assessed.

Q58. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN
To ask the Manager to investigate how, given the high number of derelict flats, the subsequent serious rat infestation, and the recurring and serious levels of anti social behaviour, life for the few remaining residents at, (details supplied), can be improved as they wait to move from the priority housing list.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The City Council and the Regeneration Board are working with the Residents Association in relation to the regeneration of, (details supplied). A design brief has been prepared for the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and exploratory discussions are taking place with a developer to see if they are interested in developing a site beside the complex for the residents of, (details supplied).

The empty flats are cleaned out and secured when they become vacant, the steel is then painted and any graffiti is removed within three working days. All reports of rats are treated very seriously; inspections take place within two days and rat poison is laid as required. There is an issue with residents throwing out food to pigeons, which can attract rats, and the Area Office has sent out a number of notices appealing to residents to desist from this practice.

The Gardaí have carried out a series of operations in relation to drug dealing in the complex and a number of arrests have been made.

There have also been a number of residents excluded from the complex, and one individual who breached this order is now serving a sentence in relation to the breach which has sent out a strong signal that exclusion orders will be enforced. The CCTV cameras have been very beneficial as they remove the need for residents to give evidence in court and have been successful in securing evidence against people who are involved in criminal activity in the complex.

The City Council is also actively seeking transfers for our residents and to date we have transferred 156 residents to areas of their choice.
Q59. **COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN**  
To ask the City Manager to ensure that the front door of, (details supplied), is replaced as it is badly warped, difficult to lock and allows wind and rain in.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**  
An inspection has been carried out of the front door of this dwelling. A new door and screen have been ordered and will be installed within the next four weeks.

Q60. **COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN**  
To ask the City Manager to have the cause of persistent dampness at, (details supplied), investigated and remedied.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**  
The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that this dwelling has been inspected. There is no evidence of dampness; however there is condensation. The tenant has been advised how to deal with the condensation and prevent further occurrences.

Q61. **COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**  
Can the Manager arrange to repair the roadside fencing along, (details supplied).

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q62. **COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**  
Can the Manager arrange to install bollards at, (details supplied), as there are currently parking on the green area in front of, (details supplied), which occludes the view for drivers exiting neighbouring estates.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**  
The Traffic Department will carry out an inspection at, (details supplied), with respect to illegal parking causing a traffic hazard for residents exiting neighbouring estates. A report will be prepared for the Councillor within a one-month timeframe.

Q63. **COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**  
Can the Manager arrange to give an update regarding the illegal traveller encampments at Newtown Court, Dublin 17 and at the Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13 and if he can indicate by way of a timeframe when he expects to have vacant possession of both sites.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**  
The North Central Area Committee was informed at its last meeting that a final attempt at mediation with the Travellers at Newtown Court would be attempted. The report of the Mediator has just been received and is being considered by DCC management. A full report will be made to the next meeting of the Area Committee, including a definitive statement on how DCC intends to address this matter.

With regard to the illegal encampment on the Hole in the Wall Road, it should be noted that these Travellers are not indigenous to the City Council area and in fact they formerly lived in Northern Ireland. The Law Agent is advising on the matter and it is expected that notices will be served on the occupants in the near future.
Q64. **COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**
To ask the Manager as to what recommendations have been implemented to-date from the Ken Knight report on Dublin Fire Brigade and can he provide an implementation plan of 1 - 12 months for the 23 recommendations and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CITY MANAGER REPLY:**
Sir Ken Knight, Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser for the UK, was asked to undertake a review of Dublin Fire and Ambulance Service in 2009. His report has been adopted by DCC and a Fire Services Development Board has been established to implement the recommendations contained in the report. One of the major changes will be that the Fire Service will change from judging performance by evaluating response time and number of call outs to a risk-based operation, evaluating risks and driving down the number of call outs, thus having a greater emphasis on prevention. Work on the Risk Based Analysis has commenced and will help to determine the Staffing Level appropriate for the delivery of services.

In addition the following key strategic recommendations are at various stages of progression and will be implemented during 2011:

1. Organisation Structure Review
2. Operational Response Review
3. Income Generation Programme
4. Introduction of a Service Level Agreement with Health Service Executive.
5. Review of Control and Mobilising Facility

Q65. **COUNCILLOR MARY O’SHEA**
To ask the Manager to outline the cost incurred by the City Council in providing for Social Inclusion Week May 3rd to May 7th, reply to include details of funds received by the Council to facilitate the advertising and holding of events during this week.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The purpose of Social Inclusion week is to highlight Social Inclusion issues across the city and also to highlight the excellent work being done by many community and voluntary groups throughout the year.

The costs incurred in running the Social Inclusion Week will be available in the near future and will be forwarded to Councillor O’Shea. No funds have been received and the costs will be met out of the Office of the Director of Community and Enterprises’ budget. The advertising of the event was free of charge.

Q66. **COUNCILLOR MARY O’SHEA**
To ask the Manager to outline the categories of premises excluding domestic premises which are exempt from the payment of commercial rates.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001 sets out details of relevant property not rateable. The schedule includes land used for agriculture, horticulture, forestry and sport; in addition, buildings used exclusively for public religious worship, caring for sick persons, educational institutions, any art gallery, museum, library, park or national monument which is open to the public and not maintained for the purpose of making a private profit, community halls and buildings used for charitable purposes by a charitable organisation (see Sec. 16); buildings occupied by members of either
house of the Oireachtas or a member of the European Parliament exclusively as his/her constituency office.

Q67. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**
Can the City Manager request a viewing of the bricks removed from the 17-18 Henry Place, Dublin 1, site in January on instruction of the Dangerous Buildings section? Councillor Ring and myself wish to attend the viewing. I have requested a viewing from the current owners of the site but they have informed me that they will only deal directly with Dublin City Council.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The salvaged bricks removed from the walls of 17-18 Henry Place are the property of Chartered Land. The Dangerous Buildings Section has no function in relation to those bricks.

The Area Dangerous Buildings Inspector has inspected the said bricks at the invitation of Chartered Land.

Q68. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**
Can the Manager detail the conservation grants available to those who own houses on the Protected Structures List.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government’s usual grants scheme has been suspended at national level for financial reasons. A Structures at Risk Fund was introduced this year by the Department, but only two nominated buildings per local authority were allowed. Dublin City Council has forwarded Aldborough House, Portland Row and 20-21 Parnell Square for consideration. The former Hume Street Hospital was included as an extra nomination, in the event that extra monies are allocated.

Q69. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**
Can the Manager confirm the amount of money available to the Housing Department for the purchase of “Buy Backs” not including those units purchased for de-tenanting? Can he provide a breakdown by area.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The level of funding available nationally to support the Social Housing Investment Programme has been reduced significantly in 2011. This is in part due to economic circumstances and partly due to the focus of social housing delivery shifting away from reliance on construction and acquisition towards a greater role for more flexible delivery mechanisms, including the Rental Accommodation Scheme and the Social Leasing Initiative. Consequently Dublin City Council is not in a position to purchase “Buy Backs” in 2011 with the exception of acquisitions to facilitate the de-tenanting process and for exceptional cases.

Q70. **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**
Can the Manager confirm that DCC recognise the value of staff employed locally in council facilities such as our Sports and Community centres? Can the Manager confirm that it is not DCC policy to move locally based staff without good reason.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Dublin City Council has a long established and union agreed proactive staff mobility policy whereby all staff are subject to transfer at regular intervals. This policy has benefits for the organisation with newly transferred staff in sections bringing their
experience and new ideas to refresh services. It also gives staff wider varied experience encouraging and promoting personal and career development.

Q71. **COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**
Can the Manager please indicate what is the current status of private businesses looking for planning applications for exclusive use of taxi set down areas outside their own premises. They are by bye-passing all other taxi drivers and discriminating against drivers who were only looking to make a living. In addition, can I have a copy of the taxi regulators commission guidelines which were written to assist Local Authorities on the matter. I am asking that the Manager please don't allow exclusive use anywhere and if permission at shopping centres, hotels and other businesses that the set down, collection points be available to all registered taxi/hackney drivers. We don’t need more red tape.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**
The Taxi Regulator is currently developing guidelines for the design of taxi ranks. The guidelines have not been finalised at this time and the final document is not yet available.

Q72. **COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**
Can the City Manager please have a serious issue of discrimination looked at, *(details supplied).*

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**
The current Rent Scheme was implemented from 7th March, 2011 and the issue of students with no income will be considered when the Rent Scheme for 2012 is being drafted. The current Scheme allows for students to be rent free up to age 22 (regardless of whether or not they have part-time jobs while in College). Following this they are assessed on the minimum Social Welfare rate (currently €144.00 per week for 22-24 year olds).

However there is provision for a Hardship Clause to be applied depending on the financial situation in a household. If the tenant agrees, a Housing Welfare Officer will call to the property, conduct an interview, assess the situation and report back to the Rent Assessment Section for a decision on the matter.

The Hardship Clause is only applied in extreme cases.

Q73. **COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**
Can the City Manager please see that the following housing application be looked at as an urgent priority, *(details supplied).*

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**
The Council does not accept housing applications from persons residing in structures in rear gardens of family homes or other such structures deemed unsuitable for permanent habitation. Such applicants are advised to source alternative accommodation in the private rented sector and, thereafter, to notify the Council of their new address so their application can be reconsidered and an assessment letter issued for the purposes of rent supplement applications where needed.

The family of the applicant, *(details supplied)*, were in contact with this Office in November 2010 and were informed that the applicant was thus ineligible for the Council list and also that, whilst working and earning a salary of €600 weekly at that time, the Council saw no reason for his residing in the shed and advised a move to private rented accommodation.
In view of the changes in the applicants circumstances, that he cannot return to work nor can he return to his previous address as he is currently in hospital, the Council is arranging to contact the applicant to discuss his housing circumstances.

Q74. **COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**
To ask the City Manager to please arrange a round table meeting with Housing Officials and myself to look at the housing situation of, (details supplied).

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
I can confirm that the applicant, (details supplied), is currently on the City Council’s Housing Waiting List with a Welfare Priority awarded on 4/2/09 for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore), Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown) and Area N (Harold’s Cross, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Terenure). Unfortunately there are currently applicants with priority status of longer standing within the applicants area of preference who also merit consideration as suitable vacancies arise, therefore it is likely to be some time yet before the applicant, (details supplied), is reached with an offer of accommodation. Kindly note at present there is very little availability of two bedroom accommodation in the Ballyfermot Area. Mr John Behan, Housing Manager in the Ballyfermot Area Office will contact you to arrange a meeting

Q75. **COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY**
To ask the Manager if, (details supplied), is in Dublin City Council’s charge.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q76. **COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY**
To ask the Manager will provision be made for residents to apply for, (details supplied).

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
In accordance with Bye-Law 22 (5) (e) of the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2010, residents of a building consisting of more than four housing units located in a heavy demand zone are not eligible for residents parking permits.

As these apartments are located in a heavy demand parking zone, residents of this complex are not eligible for on-street residents’ parking permits.

Q77. **COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY**
To ask Manager can the, (details supplied), be reinstated on, (details supplied).

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Despite Dublin City Council providing free poop-scoops, erecting anti-dog fouling signs and installing approximately 100 dog bins throughout the city, approximately 100 complaints were still received in Customer Services through the litter hotline in 2009 and 2010 in relation to dog fouling.

The programme for the distribution of free poop-scoops, erection of anti-dog fouling signs and the installation of dog bins has now been completed and it is not intended to resume such a programme as the dog bins that were in situ were abused and used as ordinary litter bins. Accordingly, all dog dirt litter bins have now been removed. It is the view of Dublin City Council that there is absolutely no reason why
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dog owners cannot take personal responsibility for fouling by their pets by the use of
bin bags or other such means.

Q78. **COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI**
To ask the City Manager to provide a full report regarding Dublin City Council’s
position on the Poolbeg Incinerator including:
- a. What date the review period has been extended to?
- b. What are the grounds for the City Managers decision to extend the review period?

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Dublin City Council and Covanta remain in a contractual position in relation to the
construction of the Waste to Energy facility at Poolbeg in Dublin. As a result of the
passing, in September 2010, of the Longstop Date without all conditions precedent
being met, issues arose which require further discussions between the parties to the
Agreement.

To enable these discussions to take place, the City Council and Covanta agreed to
an extension date to the period, within which the rights under Schedule 2 of the
Project Agreement must be exercised, to 2nd May 2011. These discussions are
continuing and accordingly, the parties have again agreed to a further extension
period of 6 weeks to 13th June 2011.

As previously stated it is expected that discussions will be concluded over the
summer period and Dublin City Council expect that work will recommence as soon as
practicable.

Q79. **COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI**
To ask the City Manager for Cambridge Court to be considered as a priority for
inclusion in a pilot scheme for bedsit conversion.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Dublin City Council has carried out pilot conversions whereby 2 empty bedsits have
been converted into a one-bedroom unit in 4 separate older persons complexes
around the city. These were done to establish if there would be demand for such
units and the feedback has been very positive. It is hoped to carry out further pilots
in other complexes and Cambridge Court will be prioritised for inclusion in the next
batch of older persons complexes in which a pilot is to be carried out. However, a full
programme of conversion will be dependent on a funding commitment from the
Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

Q80. **COUNCILLOR MARIA PARODI**
To ask the City Manager to write to all companies who install satellite dishes on
residential properties throughout the city and let them know about the DCC planning
enforcement guidelines in relation to the erection of satellite dishes. In particular, to
inform them that it is illegal to install satellite dishes at the front of residential
properties.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Dublin City Council wrote to Sky Television in 2005 and advised them of Irish
Regulations on the installation of satellite dishes and asked them to bring that
information to their agents in Ireland.

Advances in technology since that time means that it is now possible for individuals
to purchase satellite dishes in retail shops and to erect same without approaching
any electrical or installation company.
In the circumstances, it is not feasible to write to installation companies. The Council will continue to deal with each case that is brought to its attention and to advise the householder concerned of the requirement of the Regulations.

Q81. **COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**
Can the Manager provide me with a further update on, *(details supplied).*

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q82. **COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**
Can the Manager outline the investment required in the coming years to the water treatment and distribution system in the Dublin Region. Can he identify the projects which he believes are a priority, the progress made on reducing leaks and detail correspondence with government on this issue.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**
The schemes which Dublin City Council consider essential to provide continuity of supply are listed in the assessment of needs submitted every 3 years to Central Government. Only a limited subset of schemes is then listed for funding through the three year DEHLG Water Services Investment Programme (Current Programme 2010-2012).

The overall water strategy is set out in summary in the Dublin City water Services Strategic Plan 2010 and was incorporated into the 2011-2017 City Development Plan. The Strategy for the Dublin Region involves parallel investment in water storage and treatment, leakage reduction, network rehabilitation and new source development and demand management. Since 1996 this Regional strategy is being implemented to address decades of underinvestment. The water supply situation in the Dublin Region is very complex and is not amenable to quick fix or single approach solutions. Current abstractions from the Liffey and Vartry rivers, which supply over 95% of Dublin’s raw water, are close to their sustainable limits and cannot meet future needs. Indeed, climate change projections suggest that future rainfall in the region could reduce significantly with consequences for existing reservoirs.

As regards leakage levels, the Dublin Region Water Conservation project reduced leakage from 42.5% to 28% and confirmed that reductions below this would require replacement of significant portions of our ancient Victorian network. Britain has a very similar water distribution network to ours and it has taken high levels of sustained investment for over 25 years to approach leakage levels of 20% there. In addition, Ireland generally (incl. the Dublin Region) has significant leakage on the customer side of the property boundary which will take many years to bring under control to best practice standards. This was confirmed in a recent metering project where in a sample of 220 houses, 3 houses had leaks equivalent to 90, 60 and 30 houses respectively, i.e. 3 houses were consuming as much as the other 220 houses due to customer side leaks. Investment in replacing the Victorian mains has commenced through the Dublin Region Watermain Rehabilitation Project. Over 60 Km. of mains have already been replaced and an additional 200 Km. will be replaced over the next 2 years. A minimum investment of €40m per year for a 10 year continuous programme with no breaks while waiting for approvals from Government would ensure that the City reaches the sustainable limit of leakage. The teams and contracts are in place now and work is underway in 2011.
Water production facilities in the region (Dublin/Wicklow/Kildare) can produce a sustainable output of 520 million litres of water per day. However demand is running at 550 million litres per day (most EU Cities have 15-20% spare capacity on any day). The major extension to Ballymore Eustace is at construction and when the planned Leixlip extension by Fingal is completed, the region will have no further supplies until a new major source is developed.

In planning for the long-term (2020-2050) future water supply needs of the Dublin & Mid East Regions, the scheme (at the planning stage) has been approved at Strategic Environmental Assessment by the City Council. The scheme envisages for usage of Shannon Water, via intermediate raw water cutaway bog storage at a new midlands Water based Eco park. Water from the Shannon will fill the reservoir at times when the Shannon is in flood and the storage will be used to balance flows outside of this period. This is the single most important element in an overall approach which envisages significant additional investments (€400m) to reduce leakage to best practice levels of 20% (a massive challenge) by 2020, combined with the implementation of full domestic metering and charging to reduce personal consumption and domestic household leakage. It should be particularly noted that in the UK the best water companies have after 25 years only metered 65% of their customers (but 100% pay directly for water services).

Only by combining all of these measures can we hope to have a ‘first world’ water supply in the future. In planning for the future, it is vital that we continue investment in replacing old assets and recognise the value of a continuous water supply. For Dublin as an International City Region and the Midlands to have good capacity of quality water available would make Ireland one of the most attractive locations anywhere in the world for important industries and support job creation. It is a project that benefits not just Dublin but the national economy and is a project of national importance.

**Q83. COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**
Can the Manager investigate what schemes have been developed by other local authorities which would help increase occupancy in commercial and retail units in Dublin City and its villages. In particular what schemes have used the rates system as an incentive and what amendments to rate collection legislation would he suggest necessary on this and other issues.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Local authorities charge rates only on commercial property as rates on other sectors i.e. domestic and agricultural are abolished. The determination as to whether a building is rateable or non rateable is determined by the Commissioner of Valuation in compliance with the Valuation Act 2001. The Government has in the past introduced rates exemption on schemes for development in some areas under various Finance Acts. Local authorities do not have the power to introduce such schemes. Commercial rates are a tax on property and in order to reduce the burden on the commercial sector, the base would need to be broadened to include sectors currently not subject to rates.

**Q84. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENY**
To ask the Manager to refer to grant/monies made available to Energy Action dating as far back as 1994, which was used to carry out insulation of social housing for the City Council by Energy Action and say:
(1) if he will report on the success achieved over the years with these monies,
(2) if the work done has been evaluated within DCC or independently,
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(3) if it was considered good value for money and made a significant improvement to our housing stock,
(4) why the arrangement has not continued in the current year,
(5) if the council is under pressure from outside bodies to change the system of expenditure e.g. open market contracts,
(6) if he aware of the recent report published by the doe sponsored centre for housing research which indicates that DCC and the manner of operation in recent years is the best method of doing such works,
(7) if the new system is likely to result in contracts being given to companies outside of the state,
(8) if he will agree to maintain this arrangement which was initiated over 13 years ago by the DOE and continued by DCC up until last year

*The scheme was initiated via a grant of £50,000 from the DOE in 1994 as a once off payment which was then continued by management in DCC taking the monies from the housing maintenance budget up until last year.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
(1) Dublin City Council recognises the benefits of improving Insulation within our housing stock. The Council has worked closely with Energy Action Ireland over the last number of years in terms of general attic insulation and pilot heating & energy projects. It is acknowledged that this has been a good working relationship and that the investment of monies led to an improvement in the energy efficiency of the properties and benefited the tenant in terms of comfort of living.

(2) No formal evaluation has been documented by Dublin City Council on the works carried out. However, Area Maintenance Officers would have reviewed any works carried out in their areas on properties under their responsibility areas.

(3) Dublin City Council acknowledges that Energy Action Ireland provide their services at a competitive rate in the market and it is widely accepted that attic insulation as one intervention can have significant improvements in the energy efficiency of a dwelling, so improvements have been realised within the housing stock to date.

(4) In this current year, funding has been made available to Dublin City Council from Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government under a Retrofitting Programme. This means funds have been allocated to carry out Insulation and other Energy Improvement Works to improve the energy efficiency of the Housing Stock. The main priority under this Funding is to work on void/empty properties. It is envisaged that Energy Action Ireland in conjunction with other Energy Service Providers would be engaged to carry out work on our void properties in 2011.

(5) In relation to contracts, Dublin City Council must comply with procurement legislation in line with good corporate governance.

(6) Dublin City Council has not formally been provided with this report from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government.

(7) There is no new system in place for awarding any contracts to service providers. Contracts are open to competition in line with Procurement Guidelines so companies both within and outside the state can compete in relation to awarding of tenders.
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(8) Dublin City Council has not allocated a set budget for insulation works from the Housing budget over the past number of years. As stated funds for energy works are available from DoE allocations under the Retrofit Programme.

Q85. **COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**
Can the Manager please refer to his previous commitment to reinstate the area of paving/car park at, (details supplied), and say if he can now arrange to have works to same carried out without further delay

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair will be carried out in the coming 1-2 weeks.

Q86. **COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**
To ask the Manager to please refer to two previous questions put down by me regarding truck illegally parked at, (details supplied), and say if he will arrange to have the necessary enforcement action carried out as promised in conjunction with An Garda Síochána.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
This matter is under examination at present and a reply will issue to the Councillor within 2-3 weeks.

Q87. **COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**
Will the Manager as a matter of urgency have the Dangerous Building Section inspect the following vacant house, (details supplied). This house which was completely gutted by a fire has been left unattended without proper boarding and with debris on site. The house is a hazard to the public and persons unknown have entered it at various times causing minor secondary fires in the garden and surrounds. This house is privately owned and the owner has failed to adequately make it safe. Following inspection will the Manager take the necessary steps to have this house made secure and safe.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
A Dangerous Building Inspector carried out an inspection on the 23rd March 2011 following a fire and, on his instruction. Housing Maintenance secured the ground floor level door and window.

An inspection carried out on May 3rd 2011 confirmed the property to be secured against entry and the Dangerous Building Section have no requirements regarding this structure at this time

This property has been inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the Law Agent has been requested to provide details of ownership. On receipt of same the owner will be informed of his/her obligations under the Derelict Sites Act. The site will be kept under review.

Q88. **COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**
Will the Manager provide an updated report on the on-going maintenance and security issues at, (details supplied). In particular please report on broken front door, malfunctioning intercom, and the major security problem caused by unauthorised entry by anti-social persons from the basement and back doors.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.
Q89. **COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**
Can the Manager provide a status report on the social housing application for, (details supplied)? This person who may have a low points total should be considered for some form of housing support. The person returned from living abroad a number of years ago and is living with a sibling but under constant duress as a result of this arrangement. As the person’s sole income is from a CE Scheme can the Manager suggest a housing alternative in Dublin 6w or D12, either voluntary or sheltered.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
I can confirm that the applicant, (details supplied), is currently on the City Council’s Housing Waiting List with 49 points for Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown), 44 points for Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemont, Dolphin’s Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe/Maryland, York St., Ushers Quay) and 44 points for Area N (Harold’s Cross, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Terenure). Unfortunately these points are low and it will likely be some time yet before the applicant is reached for an offer of alternative accommodation. If the applicant, (details supplied), wishes to change to the older persons list they should contact the Allocations Section. While the applicants points would still be relatively low, there may be some possibility the applicant could be considered for low demand/bedsit accommodation.

As the applicant is on a Community Employment Scheme they may qualify for rent allowance from their Local Community Welfare Officer if they wish to source private rented accommodation. The applicant should contact their Community Welfare Officer to discuss this option.

Q90. **COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**
Can the Manager provide an update on the priority housing upgrade for, (details supplied). This family have five children one of whom is special needs requiring oxygen. A letter from her consultant was recently forwarded to the Housing Allocation section.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The applicants, (details supplied), have a medical priority but it is only a very recent priority award (since September 2010). The applicants have five daughters and their younger daughter has Cerebral Palsy. They are currently in a 3-bed House as there was an extension added in 2007. It is very difficult to say how long they would be waiting for another offer of a larger house suitable to their needs. I have contacted the Crumlin Office who are also aware of their case and I have advised the Crumlin Office of their interest in a specific 4 bed property which the applicants have indicated an interest in being considered for. This property is currently subject to litigation proceedings and has not yet been surrendered to the City Council.

Until it is surrendered and a check carried out regarding what maintenance works are required and its suitability for this family, I am unable to state their prospects of consideration. However one serious impediment to their current application is the fact that they have considerable arrears. The City Council has a policy of not considering transfer applicants without a suitable rent payment record and over the last year or so has implemented this policy on a rigid basis. A reassessment of the families rent account in 2009 resulted in a large debit being applied for undeclared income. While they have entered an agreement to pay the arrears off, it will be a considerable time before their account is clear. While I cannot guarantee that they would receive an offer of a transfer more expediently, I certainly believe that, if their account was cleared, it would assist in their application being considered if and when
the house they have identified in the Dublin 12 area is returned to the housing stock, and was deemed suitable to their needs.

Q91. **COUNCILLOR BRID SMITH**
Will the Manager outline the process by which tenants are informed of rent arrears and given notice to quit? Numerous tenants in both Ballyfermot and Drimnagh have contacted this Councillor during the month of April concerning the receipt of "Notice to Quit" from DCC. In each case the tenants in arrears have been alarmed and distressed by the manner in which DCC have dealt with them. They have been handed a notice of intent to evict without any prior contact by letter or phone call from DCC.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The procedure for dealing with rent arrears and issuing “Notices to Quit is as follows:

Letter 1 is sent to the tenant when arrears are greater than 3 weeks charge.

Letter 2 is sent to the tenant when arrears rise to greater than 5 weeks charge advising the tenant that this is not acceptable, requesting the tenant to make an agreement to repay the arrears and mentions the possibility of a “Notice to Quit” being served.

Letter 3 is sent to the tenant when arrears continue to rise to greater than 7 weeks charge and again mentions the possibility of a “Notice to Quit” being served if the arrears situation is not addressed.

The Executive Housing Officer will contact tenant by phone/in person to discuss the arrears situation and to attempt to enter into an agreement with the tenant to repay the arrears.

A “Notice to Quit” issues when arrears have risen to greater than 13 weeks charge, when the tenant defaults on an agreement or the tenant is not making a genuine effort to repay the arrears.

I am currently aware of one case in the Drimnagh area where a Notice to Quit was served without the serving of Letters 1, 2, 3 immediately prior to this. However, in this case the arrears are extremely high (56 weeks in arrears) and the tenant had been issued with 13 letters regarding the arrears within a 5-year period.

Q92. **COUNCILLOR BRID SMITH**
To ask the City Manager will management investigate the possibility of a solution to the constant anti social issues arising from the access laneway between Thomond Road and Kylemore Road in Ballyfermot? Following a recent question to the Area Committee, the Manager indicated that the erection of CCTV cameras would be too expensive. However, the problems arising from access to this laneway have increased rather than abated. At the Easter weekend there were four cars damaged on Thomond Road end of the lane. There is constant illegal dumping, often dead dogs left in the laneway, drinking sessions till early hours of the morning and generally a huge level of disruption for the residents on both ends of the lane. The overall cost of insurance, cleaning, use of Gardai and Council time must be far in excess of the cost of CCTV which would hopefully eliminate and discourage such unacceptable behaviour.
CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:
Dumping is an ongoing problem in the laneway. Despite it being cleaned several times a week by the City Council the problem continues.

In order to give full coverage of the lane it would be necessary to erect four C.C.T.V. cameras; this is based on expert advice. The installation cost alone would be in excess of €10,000 with additional annual costs for maintenance and monitoring. There is no provision in this years budget for the carrying out of this work. The Gardaí were asked about the possibility of extending their C.C.T.V. system to cover the lane; however they have stated that there are no funds available for additional cameras.

There is an option available to the residents to apply to have the public right of way extinguished over this laneway. If the extinguishment goes ahead the petitioners will be then obliged to provide and erect suitable gates to prevent access. The Councillor has been contacted in writing with details of the process involved in initiating the extinguishment process.

Q93. COUNCILLOR BRID SMITH
To ask the City Manager can Management investigate the condition of NABCO housing close to the railway tracks at Cherryorchard Court? Residents have been living with cracks, leakages, broken flooring and a high degree of noise and light pollution to their homes as a consequence of the Irish Rail Kildare Route Project. Both Irish Rail and NABCO deny any responsibility for the obvious damage that is common to those houses closest to the track. The residents need to get a resolution and it would be progress their case if DCC engineers could carry out an investigation on behalf of this Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:
The properties at Cherry Orchard Court were built and are owned by NABCO. Dublin City Council would only investigate the condition of properties outside of our ownership if there was an obvious danger to the public at large.

NABCO have informed Dublin City Council that a pre-condition survey was carried out at Cherry Orchard Court by Irish Rail prior to work commencing. Following the completion of the works NABCO had a full engineers report done on the properties and rectified cracks to the garden wall. These cracks were deemed not to be as a result of the Irish Rail works. One property was monitored for some time as a result of concerns expressed by the tenant; however NABCO’s engineer has reported that no further action is warranted. This report has been made available to the tenant.

Q94. COUNCILLOR BRID SMITH
To ask the City Manager will management finally finish off the dishing which has been fully paid for by, (details supplied). The dishing is incomplete since the removal of a tree by DCC, despite the fact that the resident has made continuous pleas and complaints to get the job finished.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:
The resident of, (details supplied), apparently widened his entrance after the original footpath dishing was installed. (Details supplied), paid for a standard footpath dishing and a standard footpath dishing was installed. (Details supplied), can apply to Roads Maintenance if he wants to have a larger footpath dishing installed to facilitate his widened entrance. (Details supplied), would require planning permission and would have to pay the appropriate fee to Roads
Maintenance to have his footpath dishing widened to facilitate his widened entrance.

Q95. **COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**
Will the Manager arrange to have an area, (details supplied), included in the works programme as a priority and have the following works carried out: the road widened at this location, as Ambulance services are unable to access homes; and a tree removed from this location also.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q96. **COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**
Will the Manager arrange to have the footpath between, (details supplied), repaired as this was reported a number of months ago.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The footpath at, (details supplied), was opened to facilitate the installation of a new gas main. The reinstatement work to the footpath is now complete.

Q97. **COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**
Will the Manager have the railings at, (details supplied), repaired.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The railings at the above location are scheduled to be repaired within the next 6 weeks.

Q98. **COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL**
To ask the City Manager to attend to three trees in, (details supplied), please as a matter of urgency.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
The roadside trees at, (details supplied), have been inspected by the Parks and Landscape Services Division. The two trees at, (details supplied 1), are specimen of mature Platanus trees and on visual inspection are considered to be in reasonable condition. Consideration will be given to the inclusion of pruning of these trees in the 2011/2012 dormant season subject to the confirmation of the necessary resources.

The more juvenile tree located at, (details supplied 2), will receive pruning operations before mid June 2011.

Q99. **COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL**
To ask the City Manager to have an enclosed net placed around, (details supplied), as a matter of urgency.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
Quotations have been received for the installation of netting at, (details supplied). However, due to the present economic climate this is not feasible at this moment.

Q100. **COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL**
To ask the City Manager to have the traffic calming ramps in, (details supplied), repaired as a matter of urgency please.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**
This location was inspected by Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance Services. The ramps at the entrance to, (details supplied), which are in the worst condition,
have been scheduled for repair in the coming 8-12 weeks. The other ramps in, *(details supplied)*, were inspected. However there are no funds available to carry out further repairs at this location.

**Q101. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL**

To ask the City Manager to report on whether or not DCC would be prepared to offer funding to groups opposing the, *(details supplied)*. Can the Manager also say whether any DCC funding was given to any groups opposing the, *(details supplied)*.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q102. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager outline the current policy in respect of consultation with local residents associations prior to a housing unit being allocated; if he accepts that this policy has generally operated well with regard to ensuring good estate management and will he give a clear direction to all areas in this regard.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has a duty to manage and control its tenancy dwellings and accommodation let under the Housing Acts and to secure and protect the interests of its tenants and tenant purchasers, as far as reasonably possible, in the peaceful occupation of those dwellings. Dublin City Council is committed to taking action to avoid, prevent or abate anti-social behaviour.

Such action involves:

- Investigation of complaints by a dedicated team of Estate Officers under the direction of the Area Housing Managers.
- Interviewing / challenging of alleged offenders.
- Preventative measures including consultation with Residents Associations where deemed appropriate regarding new lettings.
- Pursuit of legal remedies, including court orders for evictions where necessary *(Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1997)*.

Dublin City Council may refuse to allocate a dwelling, where it considers that the prospective tenant has been engaged in anti-social behaviour or that a letting to that person would not be in the interests of good estate management. In coming to such a decision, one of the measures taken by Dublin City Council is to consult Local Residents/Tenants Associations regarding prospective tenants prior to allocation when deemed necessary.

Generally, the above actions are working satisfactorily. However, I would add that the final decision on each allocation rests with Dublin City Council as the Housing Authority and as laid down in the Housing Acts.

**Q103. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN**

To ask the City Manager what his views are on the upcoming rates revaluation in the City Council Area; what effect he believes this process will have on the finances of the City Council; if he believes this process will be beneficial to businesses; how long will the process take to complete and when he believes the revaluations will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Commissioner of Valuation is obliged in compliance with the Valuation Act 2001 to carry out a revaluation of all commercial and industrial property in Ireland. To date revaluations are completed in Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. The purpose of the revaluation is to bring more equity, fairness and transparency into local authority rating systems. Following revaluation there will be a much closer relationship between rental value and commercial rates liability. Commercial rates income will be capped in the year following a revaluation and any increase will be limited to the rate of inflation. The Commissioner launched the revaluation on 5th May 2011 and new valuations will be effective for rating purposes on 1st January 2014.

Q104. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN
To ask the City Manager to report on the coming into force of the Multi Unit Development Act 2011 and the requirement on developers to vest common areas in Owner’s Management Companies and the clarity this will require on the part of the City Council as what common areas are to be taken in charge by the Council; and if he will report on the measures to be taken regarding the taking in charge of multi-unit developments in Dublin North West: and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Act does not provide for the City Council to take in charge common areas within the envelope of the building. The City Council will only take in charge external public areas of developments as per the Taking in Charge Policy.

The vesting of common areas in Management Companies is a civil matter.

Q105. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN
To ask the City Manager his views on a litter ‘Name and Shame’ scheme as proposed by the City Council a number of years ago; if he believes such a scheme would be beneficial to current efforts to tackle littering and illegal dumping: and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
It was the practice of Dublin City Council to publicise the names of persons convicted of offences under the relevant legislation. However, Circular WP 20.10 dated 1st July 2010 from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government advised as follows:

“The Data Protection Commissioner has indicated to the Department that such action, in publishing the names and addresses of private individuals fined or convicted as a result of littering, whether by way of publication on local authority websites or by way of notices published in the local press (notices paid for by the authority rather than court reports) is in breach of the principles of data protection as set down in the Data Protection Act 1988 as amended by the Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003, and in particular, Section 2A.

Therefore, it is recommended that you review your Litter Action Plans with regard to such a policy. It is further recommended that any such material currently on local authorities’ websites should be removed immediately and that no further publication should take place”.

As a result of the above Dublin City Council no longer publish a Name & Shame list.
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Q106. COUNCILLOR STEVE WRENN
To ask the City Manager to detail in tabular form by type of mortgage (e.g. for affordable housing), the number of mortgages in arrears or which have been restructured and the length of time in arrears (e.g. less than 30 days, between 30 and 90 days and greater than 90 days); and also what on-going and future plans does the City Council have to assist these persons: and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Breakdown as follows:

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Q. Accounts in arrears that have been restructured
A. There are currently 225 accounts on Interest Only and 9 Terms Extended.

Q. The length of time in arrears:
- Less than 30 days – 288
- Between 30 and 90 days - 260
- Greater than 90 days – 745
- Total - 1293

Q. What on-going and future plans does the City Council have to assist these persons and if he will make a statement on the matter.
A. A framework is currently in place for assisting borrowers having difficulties making their monthly repayments. A personal Account Manager from the Mortgage Support Team can assist a borrower as follows:
   i. Assess overall financial situation and ability to pay based on evidence produced (e.g. Payslips, statements from Department of Social Protection, separation agreements etc.)
   ii. Refer to the local Money Advice Budgeting Services (MABS).
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iii. Advise to apply for Mortgage Interest Supplement (MIS) (if applicable) under the Supplementary Welfare Scheme.

iv. Apply a Rental Subsidy (if applicable in the case of Shared Ownership accounts).

v. Reschedule repayments (if applicable) as follows to make monthly instalments plus any arrears more manageable:
   1. Interest Only
   2. Extending the loan repayment period

Q107. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM
To ask the City Manager when will, (details supplied), be re-surfaced as it is in a deplorable condition.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Road Maintenance will not be resurfacing, (details supplied), as the 2011 Works Programme has already been drawn up. However we will carry out necessary repairs to improve the road surface, as required.

Q108. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM
To ask the City Manager to provide a report on, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q109. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM
To ask the City Manager to provide details on how much money the City Council has received in respect of Government funding for the resurfacing of roads to date in 2011.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A funding allocation to the value of €670,000 has currently been received for road maintenance works on the City’s national primary road system and, in addition, a funding allocation of €6,270,000 has currently been received for road maintenance works on the City’s regional and local road system.

Additional funding is currently being sought from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for carriageway maintenance works on the City’s national primary road system and the quality bus network.

Q110. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI
Can the Manager please respond on how a local resident would go about the following particularly in terms of trading licensing etc. (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Casual Trading on public space in Dublin City is regulated by Casual Trading Bye-Laws made under the Casual Trading Act 1995. The making of Casual Trading Bye-Laws is a reserved function of the City Council. A public location must be designated for trading and listed in the Bye-Laws (attached). No location in the description provided has been designated for casual trading.
Q111. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI
Can the Manager please organise for the area around the works container on Mount Prospect Avenue near the entrance to Park Lawn to be tidied up and all litter etc. removed - it is a local eyesore at the moment.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Waste Management Services cleaned this location on the 3rd May 2011.

Q112. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI
Can the Manager please take the appropriate enforcement action to remove the advertising vehicle parked at the Clontarf baths without delay.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reference has been sought from our Law Department and, upon receipt, enforcement proceedings will be initiated. The first step is the issue of a Warning Letter. The recipient has 4 weeks to respond to the Letter, following which a decision will be made on whether to serve an Enforcement Notice having regard to the response to the Warning Letter.

Q113. COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI
Can the Manager please deal with the following, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q114. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES
To ask the City Manager to make a statement on graffiti removal in Dublin City, addressing the following matters:
- The reasons for the discontinuance of the practice of removing graffiti from walls and other surfaces in the city irrespective of its nature once a year at the request of Resident’s Associations.
- The city wide budget for removal of graffiti and its breakdown across each geographic area.
- To investigate the possibility of DCC hiring or buying sandblasters to rotate across each area in order to address this problem which is of growing concern to residents across the city who are unable to personally fund the expensive process of graffiti removal to deal with a problem that is a blight on all areas.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
Recent Government funded anti-graffiti schemes have been discontinued.

Dublin City Council has, following public procurement, engaged contractors to remove graffiti from City Council owned property. These contractors have specialist equipment, methodologies and expertise to deal with graffiti removal from various surfaces in the most effective and environmentally friendly manner possible. There is accordingly, no proposal to hire or buy sandblasters for graffiti removal.

Removal of graffiti from private property is the responsibility of the owner. However the City Council, with the agreement of the owner, removes graffiti that is of an offensive, political or racist nature from private property that is visible from a public place.

The 2011 citywide budget for graffiti removal is €150,000.
Q115. **COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**  
To ask the City Manager to make a statement on the status of certain buildings on Marlborough Street in Dublin City Centre, incorporating the following matters:  
1. The ownership of the listed buildings covered by planning files 1759/04, 5653/05 and 5654/05.  
2. Whether the City Manager is aware that the owners of these buildings have not acted accordance with their planning permission or the guidelines for shopfronts in the IAP by erecting shutter structures outside the ground floor windows without seeking planning permission, thus creating a grim and foreboding appearance in an area that is frequented by tourists and locals alike, and is the terminus for many Northside bus routes.  
3. Any and all action that has been taken to date by Dublin City Council in relation to the shutter structures that have been placed on the outside of the windows of the aforementioned buildings and outside other buildings in the Talbot Street/Marlborough Street area.  
4. Why no response has been given by DCC to the complaint made by, (details supplied), relating to these shutters which was first sent in, in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000, in February 2007.  
5. The Manager’s plans to deal with the preponderance of such shutter structures in the Marlborough Street area into the future.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**  
A complaint concerning roller shutters at 90 – 93 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 was received on 4 January 2008 (Enforcement reference E0018/08).

The Council encountered difficulty in locating the property owner but we have recently done so. He has been asked to contact the Area Enforcement Officer to arrange an inspection of the properties.

Following that inspection, a decision will be made on what, if any, enforcement measures are necessary.

With respect to other properties on Marlborough Street, the Planning Enforcement section has not received any complaints concerning shuttering. Many buildings have had shuttering installed for a number of years and, where same has been installed for over seven years, the Council is statute barred from taking enforcement action.

There were no complaints received regarding shutters at this address prior to 2008.

There is an Architectural Conservation Area for O’Connell Street which included the area in question and the Planning Department of Dublin City Council has also produced a Shopfront Design Guide. The principle of placing shutters inside the windows is articulated well in both documents. The goodwill of the shop owners is required and indeed many of them have complied already.

Q116. **COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**  
To ask the City Manager to give a detailed report on the expected timescale this summer for the completion of the flood defence works in Clontarf.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:**  
Tenders for the project (which includes the section of watermain from Fairview Park to the Wooden Bridge and flood defences along the entire Clontarf Promenade) have been received and are currently undergoing detailed analysis.
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Approval from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and the Office of Public Works (OPW) (the funding agencies for the watermain and flood defences respectively) will be sought to award the contract and provide the requisite funding as soon as the tender report is completed. Subject to these approvals, and the availability of the required DCC funding component of the water scheme, the contract will be awarded and the project will then proceed to construction in or about the autumn of 2011. The anticipated construction period is two years.

Q117. COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES
To ask the City Manager to give a report on the percentage of public events organised by Dublin City Council in 2010 and 2011 (events already completed, currently running, or future events for which a ticket structure has been agreed), that offer an “Unwaged” pricing option as part of the ticketing structure.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
All public events organised by Dublin City Councils’ Events Unit, Libraries, Arts Office and Gallery are all “free” events to the general public. The exceptions are the Dublin Writers Festival which offers a concession rate to all events available to unwaged, older age and students. The events organised by UNESCO are generally free as are those for Dublin: One City One Book. The only event organised by UNESCO City of Literature office, for which a charge was made, was DublinSwell in the Convention Centre on 18th March. Tickets for this event were deliberately kept at an accessible, non-profit making level so concessions were not offered. The few events charged for during One City One Book all had concessions for the unwaged, with the exception of those organised by St. Ann's Church and the Irish Writers’ Centre. In those cases the admission was €5 which was considered by the event organisers to be at an accessible level.

Q118. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE
To ask the City Manager for the current update on, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q119. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE
To ask the City Manager to check the roof of, (details supplied), due to the concerns of the tenant that a tree is growing on it.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that there are weeds growing on the flat roof of this dwelling. A hoist is required to remove these weeds. It is expected that this work will be completed within the next two weeks.

Q120. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE
To ask the City Manager will he consider providing washing machine facilities for those at, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
The Manager of Community, Education and Recreation Centres will carry out a survey of the residents of this older person’s complex to determine the demand levels for such a facility. The provision of such a facility would involve converting an existing vacant unit into a laundry room and this, along with other issues such as CCTV, protective entrance gates and railings, and the upgrading of the community room, is presently being addressed.
Q121. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE
To ask the City Manager to explain the situation at, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q122. COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN
To ask the City Manager to give an updated report on the progress of the community garden/allotment rollout in the city. How many allotments are being planned, where are these located, when will they be made available. Also, can the City Manager give an updated report on allotments in Dublin South Central.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
At present there are allotments in the Walled Garden at St. Anne’s Park, Raheny. There are also Allotments in Ringsend Park and De Courcy Square, Glasnevin.

Parks and landscape Services Division offer technical advice and assistance when requested.

Crumlin Area
It was agreed at the April 2011 South Central Area Committee meeting to forward a report in relation to the development of a community garden at a site to the rear of Blarney Park, Kimmage to the City Council for consideration. This report is included on the agenda for the May City Council meeting (Report No. 141/2011).

The City Council provided assistance to the VEC in developing an allotment at a site in the grounds of Pearse College, Clogher Road. The initial allocation of approximately 100 individual allotments took place early in 2010 and all plots are now fully booked and under cultivation.

Liberties Area
A small community garden and allotment scheme is currently being developed at Weaver Square, off Cork Street. The demand for these allotments far exceeds the supply. The allotments will be allocated by means of a lottery. This lottery is scheduled to take place on 13th May. Successful applicants will then be notified and requested to sign a licence and pay the allotment fee. It is hoped that the first allotment holders will be on site before the end of May.

The site of the former senior citizens homes in Braithwaite Street is currently being considered for use of allotments.

Ballyfermot
The City Council has made land at Cherry Orchard Green available to Cherry Orchard Regeneration Board Limited for use as allotments. Approximately 60 allotments of varying sizes can be accommodated on the site. The Regeneration Board will be inviting applications within the next two weeks and it is expected that the plots will be available for use by late Summer.

A community garden has been established by the Regeneration Board on land provided by the City Council. This land adjoins the proposed allotment site.
Q123. COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN
To ask the City Manager to give consideration to play facilitates to be located in, (details supplied). There are very few play facilities in the Dublin 8 area and this is an ideal location for a small playground.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
(details supplied) would be a suitable location for some small pieces of play equipment. There are however no funds available at the moment to add facilities to our parks.

Q124. COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN
To ask the City Manager to give an updated report on, (details supplied).

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.
Reconciliation of Revenue and Capital Income & Expenditure to Payment & Receipts, March 2011

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| Balance Credit | 7,320,680 |

Income % This period 25/03/2011 Expenditure % This period 25/03/2011
Revenue Income
- Rates & Entry Year Levy * 38.7% 29,502,270 85,606,951
- Government Grants ** 12.9% 9,289,691 38,074,276
- Local Government Fund Income 0.0% 15,161,585
- Pensions levy 1.3% 964,021 3,847,698
- Rent Heating Charges 9.4% 6,778,807 20,638,552
- Water & Drainage Income 11.8% 8,499,231 16,360,543
- Income from Local Authorities 8.5% 4,464,702 13,954,273
- Parking Meter Fees & Traffic Enforcement 3.6% 2,564,839 7,369,829
- Other Income 5.7% 4,070,810 10,468,772
- Roads Control Income 0.3% 149,434 329,491
- NPPR Income 0.2% 147,520 143,040
- Superannuation 0.1% 1,054,759 3,060,751
Total Revenue Income 100.0% 71,789,124 220,982,604

Expenditure
- Rent 1.5% 875,375 1,660,911
- Communications Costs 0.8% 481,509 1,261,965
- Computer Costs 1.0% 585,568 837,615
- Contributions to other bodies 0.0% 23,682 116,849
- Energy Costs 2.2% 1,283,316 2,158,680
- Financial Expenses 1.7% 998,674 1,463,695
- Postage Printing & Stationery 0.4% 247,249 650,696
- Purchase of Equipment & Materials 3.6% 2,084,023 2,884,968
- Repairs & Maintenance 2.4% 1,401,926 3,447,959
- Security 0.3% 311,613 715,054
Total Revenue Expenditure 100.0% 58,854,413 138,000,965

* Annual Rates Income is billed in January of each year.
**Income from Government Grants of €9.2m includes Ras Income €3.9m, Homeless Services €1.6m, Roads €0.5m & VEC Recoupment €2.8m.

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LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

26th February to 25th March 2011

Balance Credit 7,320,680
Payments during period 95,293,279
Receipts during period 72,060,310
Difference Debit -23,232,969
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<td>138,000,965</td>
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<td>Total Capital Income</td>
<td>21,169,038</td>
<td>86,487,524</td>
<td>Total Capital Expenditure</td>
<td>23,339,879</td>
<td>46,416,039</td>
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| Movement in Creditors | -23,232,969 |
| Balance Credit | 7,320,680 |

Income % This period 25/03/2011 Expenditure % This period 25/03/2011
Revenue Income
- Rates & Entry Year Levy * 38.7% 29,502,270 85,606,951
- Government Grants ** 12.9% 9,289,691 38,074,276
- Local Government Fund Income 0.0% 15,161,585
- Pensions levy 1.3% 964,021 3,847,698
- Rent Heating Charges 9.4% 6,778,807 20,638,552
- Water & Drainage Income 11.8% 8,499,231 16,360,543
- Income from Local Authorities 8.5% 4,464,702 13,954,273
- Parking Meter Fees & Traffic Enforcement 3.6% 2,564,839 7,369,829
- Other Income 5.7% 4,070,810 10,468,772
- Roads Control Income 0.3% 149,434 329,491
- NPPR Income 0.2% 147,520 143,040
- Superannuation 0.1% 1,054,759 3,060,751
Total Revenue Income 100.0% 71,789,124 220,982,604

Expenditure
- Rent 1.5% 875,375 1,660,911
- Communications Costs 0.8% 481,509 1,261,965
- Computer Costs 1.0% 585,568 837,615
- Contributions to other bodies 0.0% 23,682 116,849
- Energy Costs 2.2% 1,283,316 2,158,680
- Financial Expenses 1.7% 998,674 1,463,695
- Postage Printing & Stationery 0.4% 247,249 650,696
- Purchase of Equipment & Materials 3.6% 2,084,023 2,884,968
- Repairs & Maintenance 2.4% 1,401,926 3,447,959
- Security 0.3% 311,613 715,054
Total Revenue Expenditure 100.0% 58,854,413 138,000,965

* Annual Rates Income is billed in January of each year.
**Income from Government Grants of €9.2m includes Ras Income €3.9m, Homeless Services €1.6m, Roads €0.5m & VEC Recoupment €2.8m.
Government Grants €10.4m relates to Housing €7.5m, Engineering €0.5m, Voluntary Housing €2.1m. Capital Expenditure in Contract Payments of €10.9m relates to acquisition of Voluntary Housing.

*Full Debit Raised is included in the Rates Debtor.

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