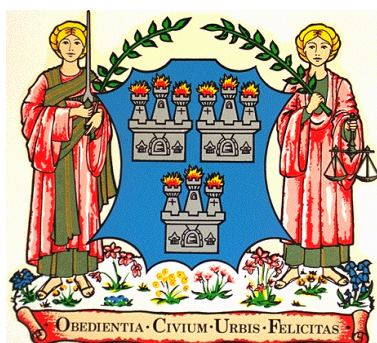


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Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar 3 Márta 2014 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

I Láthair an tArdmheara Oisín Quinn sa chathaoir.

Comhairleoir:

Gerry Ashe
Kieran Binchy
Paddy Bourke
Gerry Breen
Christy Burke
Aine Clancy
Anthony Connaghan
Pat Crimmins
Pat Dunne
Mary Fitzpatrick
Declan Flanagan
Mannix Flynn
Mary Freehill
John Gallagher
Deirdre Heney

Oifigigh

Owen Keegan
Philip Maguire
Kathy Quinn
Michael Phillips
Brendan Kenny

Comhairleoir:

Sheila Howes
Vincent Jackson
Dermot Lacey
Mícheál Mac Donncha
Mel MacGiobúin
Ray McAdam
Paul McAuliffe
Paddy McCartan
Brian McDowell
Hugh McGarr
Ruairí McGinley
Séamas McGrattan
Padraig McLoughlin
Lucy McRoberts
Sean Paul Mahon
Louise Minihan

Richard Brady
Mary Pyne
Jim Keogan
Cathal Morgan
John O'Shee

Comhairleoir

Andrew Montague
Rebecca Moynihan
Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Jim O'Callaghan
Damian O'Farrell
Naoise Ó Muirí
Mary O'Shea
Michael O'Sullivan
Larry O'Toole
Maria Parodi
Cieran Perry
John Redmond
Nial Ring
Brid Smith
Bill Tormey
Henry Upton

Vincent Norton
Brendan O'Brien
Sarah Scannell
Carmel Walsh
Oonagh Casey

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by reminding the Members that the Freedom of the City would be held on the 22nd March, 2014 in the Mansion House and that it is a Special Meeting of the Council.

He then gave an update on the current situation in relation to the proposal for a Directly Elected Mayor for Dublin, saying that a Special Meeting of the City Council would be held on the 24th March to consider the resolution that would be approved by Cabinet in the near future. He said that an Adjourned Meeting of the City Council would follow the Special Meeting to deal with motions on the current Agenda.

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The Lord Mayor then referred to letters that had been circulated to Members in relation to the Waste-to-Energy Project, letter dated 14th February 2014 from Professor Brian Norton, Chair of Audit Committee, to Lord Mayor re Capita Report – Project Governance and Risk Review in respect of the Waste to Energy Project and also the City Manager’s response to that report. The Lord Mayor suggested that a full debate on the issue should take place at the April City Council meeting by which time the Members would have full sight of the Capita Report that he expected would be released by the Audit Committee.

Following discussion, the Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take Motion No 28 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor N Ring. This motion was proposed by Councillor Ring and seconded by Councillor C Burke, as follows :-

“That in view of the City Manager’s reply to my question, No. 36 at City Council Meeting 3rd February, and, in particular, having regard to the statements in the reply that:

a. "subject to the necessary NDFA and Project Board approvals a final decision will be made to proceed or not with the project by the Dublin City and County Managers,"

b. "the technical proposal associate with the Waste to Energy project will be subject to a technical review prior to a final decision to proceed with the project,"

c. "the views of the Elected Members of the four Dublin local authorities will be sought" and

d. "Dublin City Council does not intend to review the business case associated with the procurement of an alternative solution for the treatment of municipal waste"

The Members agree that it is our position/view that the Project Agreement with Covanta relating to the Waste to Energy Project at Poolbeg should be cancelled and we call on the Manager to immediately act on this decision. Furthermore, notwithstanding the City Manager’s indication to the contrary (see d. above), we further instruct the City Manager to immediately review the business case associated with the procurement of an alternative solution for the treatment of municipal waste”

The motion was put and carried.

A motion was then put forward from the floor by Councillor G Breen and seconded by Councillor N O Muiri :-

“That this Council calls on the Dublin City Council Audit Committee to agree at their next meeting , to publish the Capita Consulting Report on the Poolbeg W2E project so that this Council can ensure that the appropriate project governance and risk management structures have been implemented by the Project Executive”

The motion was signed by the Members who sit on the Audit Committee, Councillors Gerry Breen, Naoise O Muiri and Henry Upton. The motion was put and carried.

The City Manager updated the Members in relation to the two EU complaints on which the City Council is currently awaiting rulings. He advised that following the receipt of these rulings, he would consider the matter and would then bring a full business case before the Council as to the future of the project. He clarified issues in relation to the losses that would be incurred in the event of any possible abandonment of the project at this point and indicated that he would consider alternatives to this project only in the event of the project not going forward.

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The Lord Mayor then requested the City Council approval of the request from the Irish Cancer Society to erect a banner on Liberty Hall to promote their Daffodil Day campaign. The display is to be in place from 21st April to 4th May. Due to the time constraint, it was agreed by the Protocol Committee that he would bring this to the attention of the City Council for approval. The request was approved by the Members.

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 -- It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Heney "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 135 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Letter dated 14th February 2014 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a motion calling on the Government and the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to disband Irish Water and revert back to the service being delivered by Local Authorities. It was moved by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
4. The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 27th January 2014 and Monthly Meeting held on 3rd February 2014, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
5. Submitted Report No 86/2014 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) – Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was proposed by Councillor P McCartan and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No86/2014". The motion was put and carried.
6. To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Anna Quigley, who recently resigned : It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Mr Mel MacGiobúin be co-opted to replace former Councillor Anna Quigley as a Member of Dublin City Council" The motion was put and carried. Councillor MacGiobúin 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. Tributes were paid to former Councillor Quigley who was present in the public gallery. The presence of former Councillor Maria Metcalfe and Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan was acknowledged as well.
7. It was then proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Councillor MacGiobúin be appointed to the following committees :
 - Dublin City Joint Policing Committee
 - Finance Strategic Policy Committee
 - North Inner City Drugs Task Force
 - Parnell Square Special CommitteeThe motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Report No 65/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – Proposed Draft Variation (No.16) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017 regarding the site at ESB Headquarters site, 13/28 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2. The

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Lord Mayor declared a family interest in this item and excused himself from the chair and left the meeting. The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Henry Upton took the chair. It was then proposed by Councillor G Breen and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 65/2014 and makes Variation (No 16) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017 regarding the site at ESB Headquarters site, 13/28 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2 as outlined in the report". The motion was put to a roll-call vote and carried. For full details of the vote, see **Appendix B** to these minutes. The Lord Mayor then resumed the chair.

9. Submitted Report No 72/2014 of the Assistant City Manager (*B. Kenny*) – Amendment to Control of Horses Bye Laws 2010. It was moved by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor A Clancy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 72/2014 and hereby resolves to make amendments to Control of Horses Bye Laws 2010 as outlined in the report". The motion was put and carried.
10. Submitted Report No 74/2014 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) - Deletion of Bow Street, New Church Street, Friary Avenue, Dublin 7 - Surviving parts of former distillery and ancillary buildings, including chimney and brick walling at Smithfield, Children's Court building at corner of New Church Street and Smithfield from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor P McLoughlin "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 74/2014 and approves the deletion of Bow Street, New Church Street, Friary Avenue, Dublin 7 - Surviving parts of former distillery and ancillary buildings, including chimney and brick walling at Smithfield, Children's Court building at corner of New Church Street and Smithfield, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.

11. Submitted Report No 75/2014 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) - Deletion of 62 Marlborough Road, Dublin 4 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor N O Muiri "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 75/2014 and approves the deletion of 62 Marlborough Road, Dublin 4 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
12. Submitted Report No. 76/2014 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) - Proposed deletion of 12 Cambridge Road, Dublin 6 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 76/2014, in particular the recommendation contained therein, and hereby resolves not to delete 12 Cambridge Road, Dublin 6 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.

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13. Submitted Report No 77/2014 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) - Deletion of 17 Exchange Street Lower, Dublin 8, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 77/2014 and approves the deletion of 17 Exchange Street Lower, Dublin 8, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
14. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following two Emergency Motions –
- i. In light of the clear evidence that shows Dublin Fire Brigade provides an excellent ambulance service (having a global rating of second best results in cardiac arrests and the lowest rate of patient deaths in any county) and value for money by comparison to that provided elsewhere by the HSE, this City Council calls on management to abandon the review of the ambulance service that has been commissioned by this Council in conjunction with the HSE.

Submitted in the name of Councillor Brid Smith

- ii. Emergency Motion on Ambulance Service review
Noting that:-
- (a) Dublin City Council and its Fire Brigade Department have provided Dublin with an excellent Emergency Ambulance Service over the years;
 - (b) The HSE spends approximately €138M per annum on its national emergency ambulance service yet only pays Dublin City Council €9M for the provision of an Emergency ambulance service to a population region of 1.2M;
 - (c) There is no Service Level Agreement to properly regulate the provision by the City Council of this Emergency Ambulance Service to the HSE;
 - (d) The HSE announced a full Capacity Review on 25 February, 2014 of the national (including Dublin) ambulance service the outcome of which is awaited;

Then this City Council resolves:-

- (1) To call on the City Manager to suspend his review of the Dublin Ambulance arrangements announced on 27 February;
- (2) To call on the Department of Health and the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government to nominate an independent person to decide on the appropriate re-imbursement to be paid by the HSE to Dublin City Council for the provision of the Emergency Ambulance Service;
- (3) That Dublin City Council and the HSE should enter into a Service Level Agreement to govern and properly regulate the provision by the City Council of the Emergency Ambulance service for the Dublin region and to ensure that the City Council is properly reimbursed for this service; and
- (4) In the event that the Manager's proposed review is considered necessary following the HSE Capacity Review, that same be based on terms of

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reference agreed with all stakeholders and that the review body include a person Fire based EMS experience.

Submitted in the name of Councillors Dermot Lacey and Brian McDowell

Following discussion, during which the City Manager clarified his position on this issue and his intention to continue with his review, the City Council agreed that, as some elements of the two motions were conflicting, the first emergency motion would be withdrawn to allow the second motion to be voted on. The second motion, Motion (ii) above, submitted in the name of Councillors Dermot Lacey and Brian McDowell was then put and carried. Two other emergency motions, submitted by Councillor K Binchy and Councillor M Flynn respectively were ruled out of order by the Lord Mayor and were not taken.

15. Submitted Report No 81/2014 of the Chairperson of the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Andrew Montague*) - With reference to Draft Bye-Laws entitled Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2014. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council approves the initiation of the consultation process in relation to formulating Bye Laws entitled Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2014 as outlined in Report No 81/2014" The motion was put and carried.
16. Submitted Report No. 85/2014 of the Executive Manager (*V. Norton*) – Issue of Polling Information Cards. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor G Breen "that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 85/2014 and hereby approves the issuing of Polling Cards as out lined therein" The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No. 90/2014 of the City Engineer/Director of Traffic (*M. Phillips*) - East Link Toll Facility. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council approves Report No 90/2014 and hereby agrees that an East Link Toll Scheme be continued following the termination of the Concession Agreement on 31th December 2015" The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No 83/2014 of the Executive Manager (*C. Reilly*) – With reference to the disposal of the fee simple interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) No. 2 Act 1978 in 9 premises. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 83/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
19. Submitted Report No. 79/2014 of the Assistant City Manager (*R. Brady*) – With reference to the disposal of property at 7 Williams Place Upper, Dorset St Lower, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 79/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
20. Submitted Report No 87/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the Ground Floor, No. 53 Dorset Street Upper, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 87/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

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21. Submitted Report No 88/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a sub-lease in a premises at Ninth Lock, Clondalkin. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 88/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No 89/2014 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of 23, Knockfield Manor, Knocklyon, Dublin 16. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 89/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 91/2014 - Presentation on New Building Control Regulations (*J. Keogan, Executive Manager*).– It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor N Ring “that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 91/2014 and the presentation” The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No 78/2014 of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 29th January 2014. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor N Ring “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 78/2014” The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No 80/2014 of the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Andrew Montague, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 5th February 2014. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 80/2014” The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No 94/2014 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2014 – *Councillor Pat Crimmins, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor P Crimmins and seconded by Councillor D Heney “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 90/2014” The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No 93/2014 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2014 – *Councillor Pdraig McLoughlin, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor R Moynihan and seconded by Councillor R McAdam “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 93/2014” The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No. 92/2014 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2014 – *Councillor Michael O’Sullivan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor R Moynihan and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 92/2014” The motion was put and carried. Councillor Moynihan, referring to a 5-year extension to the LAP for Chamber St, wished to have it recorded that there was cross-party agreement at the Area Committee meeting on a variation to this LAP.
29. Submitted Report N. 82/2014 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of February 2014 – *Councillor Gerry Ashe, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor J O’Callaghan “That Dublin City

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Council notes the contents of Report No 82/2014” The motion was put and carried. Councillor D Lacey informed the meeting that he intended to call a special meeting of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee to progress the appointment of a chairperson to the Charlemont St/Tom Kelly Rd Regeneration Board.

30. Submitted Report No. 84/2014 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2014 – *Councillor Edie Wynne, Vice-chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council hereby adopts Report No 84/2014” The motion was put and carried.
31. The City Council agreed to a request from Councillor B Smith that her Motion standing at Item No 41 on the Agenda Paper be swapped with that of Councillor P Crimmins standing at Item No 26 on the Agenda Paper. As it was then 10pm, it was agreed that Councillor Smith’s motion would be the first motion to be taken at the agreed Adjourned City Council Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the adjourned meeting of the City Council to be held on the 24th March 2014.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2014

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY,3rd MARCH 2014

Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to indicate the number of people housed in temporary accommodation for longer than 1 month and to state how many such people are paying rent for their accommodation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The figures for January 2014 reveal that 1,052 adult individuals, of the 1,779 unique individual adults that accessed emergency accommodation during the month were in placement for a continuous period of 30 days.

Information relating to how many of these individuals are paying rent for their accommodation requires extensive further analysis which will be provided to the councillor in 2 weeks time.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to indicate the full legal costs incurred by Dublin City Council in relation to the High Court case appealing Standards in Public Office Commission finding.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

We are waiting to hear from the Solicitors who act on behalf of SIPOC with their Bill of Costs in this case. The Order for Costs was only made by the High Court on Wednesday last the 26th February so it is likely that we will not be furnished with the costs for a week or two. The City Councils legal costs to date come to a total of €117,912.72 in respect of Senior and Junior Council. We have paid the third parties legal costs of €1,591.50. We are also waiting a bill of costs from the Legal Stenography Company.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the City Manager to make a statement on his plans to address the issue of dumping in Ashmount Court, Old Kilmainham. Dumping and littering on the street has steadily worsened over recent months and has left the street in a dreadful condition. The dumping and littering problem on the street is extremely unpleasant for residents, as well as being an eye-sore for the approximately 310,000 tourists who visit Kilmainham each year. A great many of these tourists walk from Guinness Storehouse to Kilmainham Gaol, a journey which takes them down Old Kilmainham and into contact with the permanent dump outside Ashmount Court.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have had dumped bags removed from Ashmount Court two or three times a day. We also have this street swept on a daily basis. We will continue to do all we can deal with the local dumping at this location.

Bad presentation and dumping of domestic waste outside Ashmount Court has been an issue for some time. The usual methods using the Litter Warden Service prove ineffective. The Public Domain Unit commenced intensive door to door enquiries within the Central Business District at the beginning of February to deal with this type of issue. The results on the ground have been positive and several fines issued in the first few days. It is intended to extend this to other streets where dumping and bad presentation are an issue in the coming weeks. Ashmount Court and adjoining properties will be included in the schedule.

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Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to set out the number of 3 and 4 bedroom council tenancy properties with a single tenant.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are 963 properties with at least three bedrooms with a single occupant.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Manager to state in how many of the approx. 6,700 housing rent accounts, with greater than 3 months arrears, are there are payment plans in place? To also ask the Manager how many eviction cases are pending for non payment of housing rents?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council has an extensive and proactive early intervention system in place that monitors accounts and issues letters to alert tenants whose accounts are in arrears. The process, which derives its legal basis from Section 62 of the 1966 Housing Act, is as following:

- i. A **first** warning letter is issued to tenants if no payments are received for 3 weeks.
- ii. If there is no response from the tenant, a **second** warning letter is issued 2 weeks later.
- iii. If there is still no response from the tenant, a **third** warning letter is issued after another 2 weeks followed by a personal visit or telephone call to tenant.
- iv. Failure to respond to the warning letters results in a Notice to Quit being served on the tenant.
- v. Instruction given to Law Agent to arrange Court Date and notify tenant in question
- vi. Any Agreements subsequently made between the Executive Housing Officer & Tenant are noted once Court Date has been arranged
- vii. Eviction will usually take place in the event of an agreement not being made

The above arrears recovery strategy is deliberately initiated at an early stage in order to protect the income of the authority and to ensure that the debt is kept at a level that tenants can realistically afford to repay.

In addition to the above, the Rent Section also states the amount of arrears when writing to the tenant requesting the tenant to make contact with the office to update their information. The tenant is also issued with quarterly rent statements of the accounts. The Rent Section endeavours to ensure that this initial contact is sensitive to the situation of the tenants in arrears and that all information provided is clear and easy to follow.

The amount of rent is determined by the Rent Scheme. It is designed to be simple and transparent, easily administered by staff and readily understood by tenants, and the formula used to assess rents is equitable and does not discriminate against any category of tenant, does not create or perpetuate inequality and does not contribute to an unemployment gap.

As per the tenancy agreement, the onus is on the tenant to ensure that the rent assessment is up to date and that sufficient payments are made to clear any arrears on the account.

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The principal cause of arrears is not the non-payment of rent but the failure of tenants to timely inform to the Housing and Residential Department of changes in their personal circumstances. This results in a retrospective debit once the change in circumstances has been identified. To tackle this the City Council has recently adopted a more strategic approach to the management of rent assessment, collection, and arrears management which will increase the equity, effectiveness and value for money of these elements of the rent service, and facilitate and encourage the prompt payment of rent by tenants. The Rent Section will actively target tenants who have failed to reply to requests for information on changes in financial and family circumstances and will continue to apply a back-dated debit to accounts where an under-declaration of income has occurred.

Tenants with back dated arrears are encouraged to enter into an agreement. The details of the rent arrears repayment will vary depending on the size of the debt and the personal circumstances and vulnerability of the individual tenant.

In addition to the above the Rents Section in the last four years have inter alia:

- i. Collaborated with the Allocations Section to ensure that no transfer will be granted unless the tenant has an up to date rent assessment and a clear rent account for at least 6 months.
- ii. Collaborated with the Maintenance Section to ensure that tenants who are more than 6 weeks in arrears will not be entitled to have *routine* maintenance work carried out on their respective properties
- iii. Have a full-time legal team assigned to pursue arrears in the courts
- iv. Have strengthened links with inter alia the Department of Social Protection, and MABS.
- v. Have filled key vacancies within Rent Arrears
- vi. Have an extensive range of payment options

As of the 20th February 2013, there are:

- only 38 accounts where there has not been a payment for more than 12 months. This represents 0.0014% of total let stock. The Rent Section is aware of all these accounts and has taken action in all cases. The majority of these accounts highlight other social issues that the housing and residential services are trying to resolve with the tenant. For example, some of the tenants are being taken to the high court for estate management reasons. The Allocations Section is pursuing a significant proportion of these accounts for succession/illegal occupier reasons. Another proportion are tenants who have been hospitalised, died or abandoned their properties. There are a number of properties at an advanced stage with the Eviction Office.
- 2,373 accounts with unbroken arrangements.
- 1,464 accounts do not have satisfactory arrangements in place and accordingly notices to quit proceedings have been served.
In order to accommodate the unique circumstances of each tenant the nature of the repayment agreements can be wide ranging and are monitored regularly by the Arrears Supervisors, Rent Arrears Section.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

Poolbeg Incinerator Costs: The Manager told the Oireachtas Joint Committee on 22nd January 2014 that the cost of the incinerator had risen to €500 million euro (not including the €108 million already spent by the Council).

(a) The VEAT notice states that the Council has an obligation to Covanta which is triggered if gate fee revenue does not meet a certain amount. Is this obligation based

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on an incinerator cost of € 350 million as most recently published by Covanta or on the € 500 million cost stated by the Manager?

(b) Is the significant increase in the proposed cost a means by which Covanta can have an equivalent municipal guarantee over 15 years for € 500 million as they would have had for 25 years for € 350 million?

(c) What justification is there for the increased cost at a time when construction costs are generally falling?

(d) Will the Council conduct a cost benefit analysis for this project to take into account all costs? The proposed NDFA VFM certificate does not take into account all costs since it excludes monies spent by the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The points raised in this question relate closely to points raised in a Procurement Complaint to the European Commission in relation to the Poolbeg Incinerator. The Council has responded to the complaint, but it has not yet been closed by the Commission. Given that we are awaiting closure by the Commission on the matter we will not be making a statement on the points raised at this time.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

Waste Management Plan:

(a) To ask the Manager to confirm that Councillors did not adopt the Waste Management Plan. The current Waste Management Plan for the Dublin Region 2005-2010 was adopted by order of the Managers on 11th November 2005.

(b) To ask the Manager to confirm that Councillors have always voted against the incinerator at every opportunity since it was first proposed by management.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The adoption of the waste management plan 2005-2010 was an executive function. The plan contained a policy objective to develop a waste to energy facility at Poolbeg. In that context there has been no requirement to have a specific vote by the members on the issue.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager to carry out a full inspection of **(details supplied)**. The tenant reports serious dampness problems in the flat especially in the hall and bathroom, they have suffered from 2 leaks in the past year. There is a crack in their ceiling that is getting bigger. The family have lived here nearly 20 years and love it but their need is a 3 bed but there are no 3 beds in this complex. They pay €140 a week on rent. Could consideration be given to transferring this family to more suitable accommodation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer inspected this dwelling 17th February 2014. There is a leak from the roof gully into the bathroom and hall. Arrangements have been made for the necessary repair works to alleviate the current problem to commence 19th February. This work will take a number of days to complete.

The applicant **(details supplied)** is currently on the Transfer List in Band 2 since September 1998 with a position of 29 for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod,

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Inchicore) 49 for Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown) and 12 for Area N (Ranelagh, Rathmines). Currently there are also other applicants on the Waiting List but with a higher position who must be considered as suitable three bedroom properties arise.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

To ask the City Manager what is the management attitude to the traffic and parking consequences of concerts at Croke Park?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer inspected this dwelling 17th February 2014. There is a leak from the roof gully into the bathroom and hall. Arrangements have been made for the necessary repair works to alleviate the current problem to commence 19th February. This work will take a number of days to complete.

The applicant (**details supplied**) is currently on the Transfer List in Band 2 since September 1998 with a position of 29 for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore) 49 for Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown) and 12 for Area N (Ranelagh, Rathmines). Currently there are also other applicants on the Waiting List but with a higher position who must be considered as suitable three bedroom properties arise.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

To ask the City Manager what is the gate price per tonne of refuse for the putative incinerator at Poolbeg?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Commercial aspects of the contract are currently the subject of a procurement complaint with the European Commission. Correspondence with the Commission is ongoing on the matter. We will be happy to share these details as soon as the correspondence is closed.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR BILL TORMEY

To ask the City Manager was the incinerator site affected by recent storms?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The incinerator site was relatively unaffected in the recent storm. There was minor damage to a relatively small area of temporary fencing. This matter is being addressed.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager (**details supplied**);

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager to arrange to clean out all the shores in order to prevent flooding at (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Gullies on (**details supplied**) were cleaned between 04th and 17th February. All gullies cleaned were found to be in good working order.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if the City Managers Department would request a report from the RPA / LUAS Rail line Management regarding (**details supplied**).

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A letter has been sent to the RPA requesting their comments. Any reply received will be sent to the Councillor.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council would arrange to clean all shores at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Gullies on Saint **(details supplied)** were cleaned between 04th and 17th February. All gullies cleaned were found to be in good working order.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Manager please respond to the following **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL

To ask the Manager to arrange for the following works to be undertaken in **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

a. Parks and Landscape Services has inspected the roadside tree at the address referred to, which was found to be in satisfactory condition and is not currently considered to be in conflict with public lighting at the location.

b. A review of the traffic signal sequence at the junction of Tonleegge Road and **(details supplied)** Estate was carried out. The sequence makes generous provision for anyone looking to access **(details supplied)** Estate. The full green given to the main road permits left and right turns into the estate. In addition, the right turn arrow should come on at the same time as the pedestrian crossing, allowing right-turners to turn into the estate without having to yield to oncoming traffic.

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c. A 5 year Planning Permission was Granted (ref no. 3338/12) by DCC on the 30th November 2012 for:

- 1) partial demolition of single and two storey parts to the side and rear of an existing dwelling and a single storey garage,
- 2) erecting a new 2 storey extension to the side and rear and a single storey extension to the rear of the existing dwelling to provide a residential care home in the community for people with special needs to live in permanently as their primary residence. It will accommodate 6 no. service users and staff.
- 3) Associated site development works to include widening of the existing access and driveway to provide off street parking for two cars and hard and soft landscaping to the front and rear.

No Commencement Notice has been received in respect of this proposed development to date.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he can have the drainage currently overflowing in the vicinity of **(details supplied)** checked and repaired as a matter of urgency.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that there is a choke on the balcony outside this dwelling. This will be cleared within the next few days.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if there are any plans to implement the regulations regarding the designated area for flower sellers at **(details supplied)** in order to ensure adequate access to the other shops and businesses on the street.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Casual Trading Unit hasn't received any recent complaints in relation to the two designated pitches in question. Casual Trading Inspectors inspect the area regularly and attend to any issues that arise. Complaints in relation to casual trading pitches can be referred to the Casual Trading Unit for investigation - casualtrading@dublincity.ie or 2222165.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager the number of properties that have been inspected to ensure that they meet the new conditions for letting of flats/apartments/houses; the number of those inspected that have met the required standards; the action that has been taken against those who do not meet the specified standards; the number of City Council staff available to carry out this work.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are currently two teams of Environmental Health Officers assigned to Housing & Residential Services. The Environmental Health (EH) team respond to complaints, undertaking proactive inspections and inspect all properties for RAS. The Intensified Inspection Programme (IIP) proactively inspects all rented houses on a particular street.

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2012	EH	IIP	TOTAL
Number of Houses Inspected	1,701	1,499	3,200
Number of Inspections	2,831	2,223	5,054
Improvement Notices / Letters served	867	1,544	2,411
Prohibition Notices Served	15	0	15
Legal Actions initiated	36	0	36

2013	EH	IIP	TOTAL
Number of Houses Inspected	1,725	2,664	4,389
Number of Inspections	2,789	4,826	7,615
Improvement Notices / Letters served	1,325	3,039	4,364
Prohibition Notices Served	38	126	164
Legal Actions initiated	9	73	82

Q.24 COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager if he will arrange to have the ramps on a road reinstated to make them safe; **(details supplied)**. The road has a number of ramps that are urgently in need of upgrading. These ramps are a potential danger to motorists and in particular to cyclists.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance carried out a survey of the 6 Imprinted Asphalt Ramps **(details supplied)**. The 6 Ramps require repairs/replacement and they have been put on a list for replacement. Road Maintenance will carry out temporary repairs until the ramps are replaced by contract. It is anticipated that the ramps will be replaced within the next 2/3 months.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON

To ask the City Manager if any sanctions apply to house owners who leave black or green bins in their front gardens; if there is any limit on the numbers of bins that may be left on view in a front garden; if any special conditions apply to areas of special conservation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

In accordance with the Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste –

Section 4 (e):- Waste containers shall be stored within the curtilage of a building.

Section 4 (f):- Waste containers must not be stored on a roadway, footway or footpath or in any other public place unless expressly otherwise authorised in writing by an appointed person.

Whilst there is no limit to the number of waste containers that can be stored within the curtilage of a building, waste containers should be stored in such a manner, so as not to create litter, harm the environment or create a nuisance through odours or litter pollution.

A person who contravenes any of the above shall be subject to a fine of €75.00.

It is not an offence under the 1997 Litter Pollution Act to store a wheeled bin in a front garden so long as the bin is not stored in such a way that might lead to litter (for instance, an overloaded bin or a bin with an open or missing lid filled with material that might be pulled out by birds, cats etc).

S5(f) of the 2013 Waste Management Bye Laws sets out the types of bins that are to be used if space is restricted. If there is restricted space for wheeled bins, priority must be given to the Brown Bin firstly, then the Black Bin and finally the Green Bin.

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Q.26 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the area Manager how many Dublin City Council voids are in Ceannt Fort and to detail each one of them, the time they have been void, and their expected allocation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There are currently two 2/bedroom houses vacant in Ceannt Fort:

- 128 Ceannt Fort is vacant since 26.5.13. This property has been refurbished. It is ready to let and is currently on offer.
- 74 Ceannt Fort is vacant since 31.1.10. This property requires major refurbishment and has been offered to one of the Housing Associations for consideration.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the City Manager (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the Manager for an update on earlier commitments given on the reinstatement of a cycling officer within the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Roads and Traffic Department now has a dedicated Sustainable and Active Transport Section with eight Engineers and Technicians working on a variety of cycle schemes throughout the city and the Senior Engineer in charge of this section Eoghan Madden has the overall responsibility for Cycling provision in the City. The roles and responsibilities of a Cycling Officer are now discharged through this section.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the City Manager for an update on the footpath by the community garden on Reuben Street. This work was meant to be completed in January.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has programmed in the construction of the footpath outside the community garden for early May 2014. We are concerned that as temperatures remain low it would take the concrete longer to cure and would be more prone to vandalism.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will ensure that the issues relating to the disruption caused to business at Burgh Quay be addressed directly with the shop owner specified in the email attached.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Graham Projects Limited is the contractor carrying out the work on the Rosie Hackett Bridge and its associated roadworks. Dublin City Council is indemnified by Graham Projects Limited's insurers against any claims arising out of the contractor's work. On the 5th February 2014 Dublin City Council received an estimate from Mr. Whelan for replacement of his shop windows and this was forwarded to the contractor for attention. The contractor's response to Mr. Whelan's claim is being monitored.

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Q.31 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)**;

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the City Manager to provide a report into **(details supplied)**;

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Manager if he will clarify the name of the street as requested in the email **(details supplied)** submitted with this question.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to clarify this applicants time on the housing list; **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Having carried out a search of our Housing Files there is no record of the applicant (details supplied) registered on the Housing Waiting List from 1996. The applicant applied for housing in November 2011 and is currently in Band 3 with a position of 1128 for Area B (Artane, Donaghmede, Coolock, Kilbarrack, Darndale, Priorswood) 449 for Area D (Ballymun) and 862 for Area H (Ballybough, East Wall, North Strand, Summerhill). Unfortunately due to the large number of other applicants also on the Waiting List but with a higher position it may be some time yet before he is reached with an offer of accommodation.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager to request that the Drainage Department can do something with the area where the water is seeping onto the pavement at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The access indicated in the photographs supplied with the question is an unofficial access to this open space. Because of the differences in level between the general level of the open space and level of the public footpath at this point, the location is not the position which a formal access point in accordance with universal access principles should be placed. It is considered that any access at the location should be from the rear of the pavilion site to the open space, Parks and Landscape Services will keep this in mind in any future work programmes.

The surface water at this location which is contributed to by surface water from the open space will be assessed over the coming weeks to determine whether drainage intervention is required.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager to request that the Road Signage Department mark the parking bays outside **(details supplied)**.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Officer for investigation and appropriate action. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager to request that the Road Maintenance Department reinstate a new sign on **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A nameplate will be ordered for **(details supplied)** at the junction of Clontarf Road. This has been scheduled for installation in the coming 12-14 weeks.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS

To ask the Manager to request that the Cleansing Department clean the street at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Under the Litter Management Plan residential areas such as **(details supplied)** are cleaned on a twelve week cycle. The next scheduled cleaning of **(details supplied)** will take place during weekending the 7th March 2014. We will ensure that any remaining leaves are removed during the course of this cleaning.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the Manager for a further progress report on the removal of unsightly and unused public telephone booths across the city, as they are being used as advertising hoardings, and are attracting anti-social and illegal behaviour.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has been engaging with the providers of these installations on an intermitant basis in the past year. The company has informed us that they are about to lodge planning applications in relation to the future use of the sites and for this reason we are waiting sight of these applications. We will make contact again to progress the matter as I accept the matter needs to be finalised.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please respond to the following request **(details supplied)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please respond to the following request **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager to detail or find out the costs incurred so far for renting the Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) at Poplar Row and East Wall Road (junction of Alfie Byrne Road) used to inform traffic of the HGV restriction on East Wall Road and for general information purposes. Also to detail the cost of purchasing this equipment, and to further request the Manager to request the National Roads Authority or the appropriate body, to immediately supply, install on a permanent basis Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) at these two locations.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Two temporary Variable Message Signs (VMS) were put in place at Poplar Row and East Wall Road in September 2013. The cost of these temporary signs is €277.55 per sign per week including VAT. Dublin City Council received approval from the NRA at the end of 2013 for the funding necessary to install two permanent VMS at these locations in the total cost of €46,000 including VAT. Dublin City Council does not currently have a framework contract in place which would facilitate the immediate purchase and installation of these signs. The procurement options for purchasing these are currently being addressed and we would hope to be in a position to progress their purchase and installation in the near future.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager for a further breakdown of the €4,337,723 spent under the heading "Public Relations (includes office overhead and staffing)" on the Poolbeg waste to energy project to 31st December 2013, specifying the exact amount spent on "Public Relations" and detailing the exact public relations carried out.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Public Involvement aspect of the Client Representative services Contract. Including provision of press, media and public affairs advice and expertise from 2001 to 2014. Provision of a full time Communications Co-Coordinator for stakeholder engagement from 2001 to 2012, including preparation of all relevant documents for publication, management of open days etc.	€2,645,240
DCC Costs of Public awareness (including advertising, seminars/conferences, venue management, web hosting etc)	€368,333
Costs associated with external experts to inform the public in relation to air quality, thermal treatment technology etc. AWN Consulting Ltd, Lancaster University, Loman Cusack Design, Ove Arup & Partners etc.	€329,428
Cost of Public Awareness office in Ringsend. (These are the costs of running the office in Ringsend for members of the public to come in and find out about the project.)	€994,722
Total	€4,337,723

Q.44 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the City Manager for a further breakdown of the €3,966,463 spent under the heading "Site Management, security and monitoring Costs" on the Poolbeg waste to energy project to 31st December 2013, specifying the exact amount spent under each sub heading above and indicating the current monthly spend under each.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The cost referred to relate to environmental monitoring, site management, site security, site insurance costs and utilities since 2008. Additionally the site management costs included the cost associated with site preparation works that are the responsibility of the Authority under the Dublin Waste to Energy Project Agreement.

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<u>Breakdown of Site Management, Security and Monitoring Costs</u>	
Environmental Monitoring	1,081,970
Site Management	1,170,937
Security	1,471,247
Insurance	183,601
Utilities	58,710
	3,966,463

Estimated monthly cost for 2014:

Site Security	€20,000.00
Site Monitoring	€24,000.00
Site Insurance	€5,000.00
Total	€49,000.00

Q.45 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Manager to confirm that as soon as the recently commissioned independent consultant's report on the Waste to energy project is completed and forwarded to the audit Committee for consideration, the report will be immediately circulated to all city councillors so that we will all have an opportunity to input into the deliberations thereon. Also to ask the Manager to confirm that the report will be forwarded to the audit committee separately and independently by the consultants without any prior consultation, discussions or input into the findings by DCC management.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A report entitled '*Project Governance Review in Respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Propose Facility*', prepared by Capita Business Services Ltd, was received by the Council on 23 January 2014. As is normal practice with audit reports a management response to the various recommendations was prepared and submitted to Capita on 29 January 2014 for incorporation into their final report. No changes were proposed by the Council executive to the report, other than the incorporation of a management response to the recommendations.

A final draft of the Capita report incorporating the management response to the recommendations was received by the Council on 4 February 2014. It was circulated by courier to members of the Audit Committee on 4 February 2014. The Audit Committee subsequently met on 14 February 2014 to consider the report.

The circulation of the Capita report to all members of the City Council is a matter for the Audit Committee.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Manager to respond to this housing request **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.48 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager as a matter of urgency to inspect the following dwellings **(details supplied)**. Residents are not happy that they are being told it is condensation and some residents were actually informed by a council official that the work cannot be carried out as the Council do not have the budget for maintenance. I have attached photos of the awful condition of the walls. These dwellings are only 8 years old. There is fungus growing on the walls, walls riddled with dampness and black with mould. Residents have been raising their concerns with the Council for years now but being told it's just condensation. One resident has been diagnosed with COPD since moving in, another resident has had one of her 10 week old twins rushed to hospital with a suspect viral infection, a disabled tenant with poor mobility states that the floor in her hall is so wet from the dampness that she cannot walk on it for fear of falling. I ask that the Manager or the Assistant City Manager with responsibility for maintenance/housing visit these dwellings to see for himself the conditions. I ask for a full report on each dwelling.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1) **(details supplied)**

An engineer from Housing Maintenance visited the property on 27th February. Condensation was found on the window of the bedroom, the two window vents were closed. There was evidence of clothes drying in this area. The maintenance depot will install a wall vent in the room to aid the ventilation and help reduce condensation but the condensation will require management from the tenant.

2) **(details supplied)**

An engineer from Housing Maintenance visited the property on 27th February. Evidence of condensation were found in the room. The maintenance depot will install a wall vent in the room to aid the ventilation and help reduce condensation but the condensation will require management from the tenant.

3) **(details supplied)**

The maintenance office have carried out repairs to the leak in the roof and have also replaced the handles on the windows in this property.

4, 5 & 6) **(details supplied)**

An engineer from Housing Maintenance visited these three properties on 27th February. The entrances to these dwellings are under the external stairs leading to the dwellings above. There has been a failure of the seal in the joint between the stairs and the landing, leading to the ingress of water. The joints will be resealed and the interiors made good.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁILIGH

To ask the City Manager with regard to **(details supplied)** could he report on the following;

1. Why there is no fire escape for those living up stairs
2. When the drains were last cleared and if they could be cleaned soon as they are blocked
3. Why it is taking so long to fix the broken drain near the bin station - a disabled tenant had a nasty fall because of this.
4. When will the green area near the play ground be tidied up and maintained. Residents state that it was to be done some time ago.
5. Can the tree stumps be removed from around the playground?
6. The railings have not been painted since the complex was built.
7. Does the CCTV work and have some camera's been removed?

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8. There used to be 2 caretaker for this complex and the neighbouring complex which totals about 500 dwellings. Are there plans to replace the other caretaker?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1. There are means of escape in the event of fire for tenants of these units by way of exit from front door to an external stairs to ground floor level.
2. The Area Maintenance Officer is not aware of any overall issue with the drains in this complex. Blockages are cleared as reported. If the Councillor is aware of a specific dwelling where there is a blocked drain, arrangements will be made to have this cleared.
3. The drain near the bin station is being cleared and checked.
4. This area is being dealt with as a matter of priority.
5. The tree stumps will be checked during the general clean up of the green area. No commitment can be given to removing them at this stage.
6. The railings are not in need of painting.
7. There is one caretaker assigned to this complex only, and this has always been the case.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the City Manager provide a report detailing all contractual arrangements between Dublin City Council and the company that operates the bottle banks and bring centres on Dublin City Council land. This report to include all financial arrangements, environmental impact statements, and planning applications for the installation of the bottle banks. Also a list of all of the Bottle banks and bring centers within the Dublin City Council Administrative area and their location.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

We are compiling the information on bottle banks and bring centres and a reply will issue directly to Councillor Flynn.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Manager provide a full report of all of DCC's staff who have been seconded to external boards and companies in the past 5 years who are in receipt of extra monies on top of their DCC salaries. This report to include how much if anything has been paid to each individual. A schedule of the work that this money is paid for. And the positions that the individuals hold within the companies. (Irish Water, Ballymun Rejuvenation, Dublin Docklands Dev. Authority etc)

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Set out below is a breakdown of the 59 Dublin City Council employees who are currently on secondment to other organisations.

ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF STAFF ON SECONDMENT
Donegal County Council	1
Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA)	1 (part-time)
Dublin City Enterprise Board	2
Dublin Regional Authority	1
CORU	1
Housing Agency	7
Irish Water	9

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Irish Water Programme	6
Kildare County Council	1
Limerick City Council	2
National Transport Authority	2
DPER Procurement Office	1
PeoplePoint, DPER	5
Private Residential Tenancies Board	2
Project Management Office (PMO)	4
Railway Procurement Agency (RPA)	1
Temple Bar Cultural Trust (TBCT)	1 (part-time)
UCD School of Medicine	1
TOTAL	48

There are two Council employees who have taken on the role of Chief Executive Officer in the Temple Bar Cultural Trust and Dublin Docklands Development Authority in addition to their Council duties. Both are in receipt of an additional payment for the duties associated with the Chief Executive Officer post of the organisations concerned.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Manager issue a report as to exactly how much money Dublin City Council has paid for heating and hot water supply at the York Street Apartments to date. This report also to include as to whether there are any other apartment blocks within the city where Dublin City Council are paying utility bills.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The city council has paid €137,000 over a period of five years for the supply of gas at the above location. There are no other apartment blocks where Dublin City Council are paying such bills.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Manager issue a report outlining what measures are being taken to create a development office for Dublin's Georgian core. Feasibility studies and assessments have been ongoing over the past number of years regarding the continuing downturn and vacant spaces in and around the Merrion Square Georgian mile area. This decline is emerging as a form of neglect for this unique infrastructural heritage and urban cultural asset. Recently there was a one day seminar to address these issues where many failings were identified along with many positive possibilities. It is now essential that a dedicated project team be advanced to meet this most serious of challenges for the centre of Dublin City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Having regard to the perceived level of vacancy and the adverse impact vacancy would have on the architectural integrity of this heritage area, the Planning Department set up a small in-house working group to examine the area. The study, which was headed by Patricia Hyde, Senior Planner and Paul Kearns, Senior Executive Planner, from the City Council's Planning, Conservation Unit was all embracing and examined the full range of sectoral policy issues; i.e. land use planning, conservation and building regulations. The report made a number of recommendations with regard to addressing the core issue; one was a reduced level of development levies pertaining to works carried out on Protected Structures. The revised Financial Contributions Scheme introduced in 2013 reflected this objective. Secondly, the report also indicated that an architectural services template to give guidance as regard how these buildings could be adapted for future residential or

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mixed use approach be commissioned. Architects Gráinne Shaffrey and Associates have recently been appointed to carry out this important work. As part of the ongoing examination into the Georgian Area a joint seminar between the City Council and the Chartered Surveyors of Ireland in relation to examining the property dynamics pertaining to this heritage area was held. When the architectural/building services template are completed it would be the intention to make proposals as to how best to move forward with policy implementation and bring to the SPC and City Council a report that will examine amongst other things the necessity or otherwise a dedicated team to implement policies and objective pertaining to the South Georgian Quarter.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In relation to the current Irish Water program of installing water meters can the Manager answer the following questions?

- a) How many incidents of damaged water infrastructure have been reported to Dublin City Council since Irish Water began the project?
- b) How many of the reported incidents did DCC have to repair?
- c) What percentage of the workload of DCC water repairs has this additional work accounted for?
- d) What extra resources have been allocated to DCC water repairs to cover this additional work?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A total of 304 water leaks were reported to Dublin City Council by the domestic metering contractor up to February 2014. All repairs carried out by Dublin City Council were completed at the request of Irish Water. In all cases Dublin City Council crews carried out the repairs very shortly after the notifications were made to the Water Division to ensure that all services were maintained and leaks repaired as quickly as possible. The bulk of these reported leaks were minor in nature and for the main part were not unprecedented due to pre-existing leaks and other latent issues due to the age or condition of the water pipes. All of the leaks were repaired by Dublin City Council crews and represented approximately 20% of the repair work carried out. No additional resources were deployed to carry out the repairs.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In relation to the new Waste Management Bye Laws litter blitz in the North Inner City and the South Inner City can the Manager confirm the following?

- a) The number of staff allocated to the carrying out the blitz?
- b) How many of these staff are exclusively assigned to this work?
- c) Given that this work is particularly labour intensive, what extra resources have been allocated to the blitz?
- d) How do the DCC intend to address any personal safety concerns staff may have while operating the blitz?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Waste Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation & Collection of Household & Commercial Waste (Waste Bye-Laws) came in to effect on the 1st July 2013.

The Bye-Laws contain a specific provision which requires holders of waste (households and commercial premises) to have either a contract in place with an approved waste collector or to have their waste disposed of at an approved facility. The holder is also required to be able to provide documentary evidence of the arrangements that are in place.

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Following the introduction of the Bye-Laws, there were extensive information sessions for staff which also covered relevant Health & Safety considerations. Over the last number of months, there have been in excess of 2,000 specific visits to households and commercial premises investigating waste collection arrangements. In addition the City Council is routinely utilising its powers under the Bye-Laws on a daily basis as part of routine responses.

The visits to households are being carried out by Litter Wardens, Public Domain Officers, Environmental Liaison Officers and Inspectors depending on the particular resources available within the Area Offices. This work is also being carried out in addition to the other duties that are assigned to these staff.

The information gathered from these initial visits is currently being collated and reviewed in order to determine the required actions which will range from return visits to the actual issuing of fines or commencement of direct prosecutions. The general consensus is that, whilst time consuming and labour intensive, this measure could benefit the City Council considerably in the coming months and years in dealing with the issue of illegally dumped waste.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Manager provide me with a copy of the affidavit submitted by the Deputy City Planning Officer to the High Court Judicial Review of the Dublin City Council/Oisin Quinn and the Standards in Public Office case?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This affidavit is a document of public record and can be made available to Cllr Perry. A copy of affidavit will be sent out to the councillor in the coming week.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Manager provide a breakdown by section of the number of staff availing of the current Voluntary Redundancy Scheme?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Set out below is the breakdown across Departments of the 127 City Council employees who have availed of the Voluntary Redundancy Scheme.

Department		Numbers
Central Area		2
City Managers		1
Corporate Services		2
Culture Recreation & Amenity		26
Customer Service Agent		2
Development		1
Environment & Engineering		20
Finance		7
Fire Brigade		2
Housing & Residential Services		22
Human Resources		2
Information Systems		3
Law		1
Motor Taxation Office		4

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North Central Area		2
North West Area		2
Planning		3
Roads & Traffic		14
South Central Area		8
South East Area		3
Total @ 28/02/2014		127

Q.58 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager whether there are any proposals in place to cut funding for IEN (Innovation Enterprise Network) and if there are, why and when are those proposals going ahead?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Innovation Enterprise Network (IEN) is a Dublin-based initiative of the Dublin Regional Authority who provides funding for the networks. Dublin City Council makes a financial contribution to the Dublin Regional Authority.

This question should therefore be referred to the Dublin Regional Authority who has responsibility for funding this initiative.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to have the kerb at the side of McSorley's Public House, Ranelagh, replaced.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The defect in question is a temporary reinstatement of a water meter. It has been returned to Road Maintenance Division for permanent reinstatement and will be completed within four weeks.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange to have the roads on Anna Villa swept on a more regular basis.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Under the Litter Management Plan residential areas such as Anna Villa are cleaned on a twelve week cycle. This is the standard cleaning schedule for residential areas citywide. We also provide litter pickers and bags to residents who carry out additional cleanings on their roads and remove the bags of litter for them.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the City Manager whether the address attached requires planning permission if the owner wishes to introduce off street parking.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Off street parking is defined as development and usually involves the creation of both a hard standing area and vehicular entrance.

The planning regulation permit as exempt development the provision of a hard surface area to the front of the building line of a house subject to the size being limited, that is, provided the hard surface area is less than 25 square metres or less than 50% of the garden area, whichever is the smaller or if it is greater than 25 square metres or comprises more than 50% of the front garden area, subject to the

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proviso that it is constructed using permeable materials or otherwise allows for rainwater to soak into the ground.

The creation of a vehicular entrance in the boundary wall by widening the existing pedestrian entrance, however, is not exempt development and, therefore, the submission of a planning application is required.

In most cases, the introduction of off-street parking requires planning permission because it involves the widening of the existing front boundary access.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please reply to the following request **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR GERRY BREEN

Can the Manager please reply to the following question **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager for a full report on Dublin City Council 2014 plans for Elm Mount Estate please. This report should include reference to footpath and road repair, green areas, public stand-alone bins, drains, cleaning of laneways, graffiti removal and traffic calming.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out resurfacing works at the ramps at Elm Mount Avenue, Celtic Park Road, Elm Mount Park and Beaumont Road in 2014 as part of our ramp maintenance works.

Parks and Landscape Services does not have any plans at the current time for modification or additional facilities installation on public open space at Elm Mount Estate. This Service proposes to continue the maintenance of the residential public open space and roadside tree maintenance in the charge of Dublin City Council in this estate as heretofore.

There are no plans to install any additional litter bins in this residential estate in 2014. The laneways in this estate are monitored and cleaned when necessary.

Road Maintenance Services has completed extensive footpath and carriageway localised repairs in Elm Mount in the previous 2 years. A number of minor snags are outstanding following these works. There are no major works planned for this location in 2014.

Any reports of graffiti received will be inspected and removed if appropriate and as resources permit.

Traffic Calming has been extensively provided in Elm Mount Estate, including 11 ramps on Elm Mount Road, 9 ramps plus 3 junction tables on Elm Mount Ave. Elm Mount Park has 3 ramps and 3 junction tables. Elm Mount Rise has 4 ramps and a junction table. No further calming works are proposed for 2014 and there are currently no outstanding requests for calming at any of these locations with TAG.

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Elm Mount Estate has just exceeded the 12 month period, but still within our 12-18 month period for gully cleaning as our remit, since it was last cleaned and whilst we are not yet back in the North Side I will endeavour to have this estate cleaned over the coming weeks.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager for a full report on Dublin City Council 2014 plans for Whitethorn Estate please. This report should include reference to footpath and road repair, green areas, public stand-alone bins, drains, junk collection, graffiti removal and traffic calming.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has completed extensive footpath and carriageway localised repairs in Whitethorn in 2011. There are no major works planned for this location in 2014.

Parks and Landscape Services does not have any plans at the current time for modification or additional facilities installation on public open space at Whitethorn Estate. This Service proposes to continue the maintenance of the residential public open space and roadside tree maintenance in the charge of Dublin City Council in this estate as heretofore.

There are no plans to install any additional litter bins in this residential estate in 2014. A junk collection was carried out in this estate in August 2012 and there will be no junk collection in this estate in 2014.

Any reports of graffiti received will be inspected and removed if appropriate and as resources permit.

Traffic Calming has been provided in Whitethorn Estate including 5 ramps on Whitethorn Rise and 3 ramps on Whitethorn Avenue. Calming was not recommended on Whitethorn Road due to the warrant not having been met during the last speed check. There are no further calming works proposed in 2014 and no current requests for traffic calming at these locations in TAG.

Whitethorn Estate has just exceeded the 12 month period, but still within our 12-18 month period for gully cleaning as our remit, since it was last cleaned and whilst we are not yet back in the North Side I will endeavour to have this estate cleaned over the coming weeks.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the City Manager to maintain the patio/garden at **(details supplied)** and not have it taken up. This patio/garden was laid at considerable cost in order that someone with a disability could enjoy independent living. There are relatively few opportunities for people with a disability to live independently and I believe it would be shameful to destroy an existing facility which could be used in the future. I would strongly request that Dublin City Council use their resources to secure and if necessary improve this facility instead of using resources to dismantle this independent living aid for people with a disability.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This dwelling is a house with an enclosed back garden. The tenant arranged and paid for the garden area to be paved. This tenant died recently and the family have given notice that they will be returning the dwelling within the next few weeks. The Foreman in Charge for this area has inspected the paved/patio area and deemed it to be in

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good condition. There are no plans to remove this paving prior to re-letting this dwelling.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To remove the shrubbery in the large green area, directly adjacent to **(details supplied)**. The householder has been advised by the Gardaí that this shrubbery is being used as cover for burglars/anti-social behaviour which is naturally causing much distress to the householder. This householder in particular contributes a lot of her time maintaining Griffith Court and I would be very obliged if Dublin City Council could look after this matter for her please.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is a single shrub (*Cotoneaster spp*), growing on the public open space close to the boundary of **(details supplied)**. Parks and Landscape Services proposes to examine this shrub with a view to pruning to minimise the potential for the location to be used as cover for any antisocial activity, to take place before the commencement of the growing season. The Gardaí have not to date informed this service of any specific concerns with regard to this plant material.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR PADRAIG MCLOUGHLIN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR PADRAIG MCLOUGHLIN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR PADRAIG MCLOUGHLIN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR PADRAIG MCLOUGHLIN

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the City Manager if he will rule out the use of the 'Gateway' scheme by Dublin City Council given its grossly unfair and inequitable nature.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Gateway Labour Activation Scheme is a government initiative to reduce unemployment. Work placement is seen as a valuable route for participants to gain or update experience of the work place, learn new skills and to return to the routine of work.

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Dublin City Council undertook initially to employ 50 participants under this scheme and the Human Resources Department, in partnership with the Community, Recreation and Amenity Department identified a number of small projects that would be suitable for the first intake of participants. The Department of Social Protection provided the Council with a first list of qualifying persons who were invited for interview. Following this process, these candidates will shortly be commencing their Gateway contract with the Council, subject to a satisfactory Garda vetting process. Recently an agreement has been reached at a national level by the City & County Managers Association (CCMA) that a total of 3,000 participants would be recruited under this scheme by local authorities and a target of 295 participants was set for Dublin City Council. Given this revised target the Council is now in the process of examining a wide range of possible projects that would allow the recruitment of participants on a rolling basis with a view to achieving the target set over the next twelve months.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the City Manger if he will report on **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the City Manager **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the City Manager **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the City Manager please indicate the full income the Local Property Tax generated in the Dublin City Council Area & the amount plus percentage given from the Department over to Dublin City Council & what services if any additionally will be provided to our citizens from this new form of taxation?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The funding model to replace the general purpose grant allocation has not been finalised and therefore the allocation for 2014 of €2.67M continues for 2014. The allocation is reduced on previous allocations reflecting the transfer of services to Irish Water and the cost of SLA services being funded directly by Irish Water.

The Government has indicated an intention to move to 80% retention of all LPT receipts within the local authority area where the tax is raised and this new funding system will be operative in 2015. Based on the latest statistics (LPT February 2014), the 2013 Dublin City yield for a half year LPT was €39.8M which would indicate that a full year cash receipts would be circa €80M of which 80% retention by the Local Authority would yield €64M. The new funding model will examine the current allocation of both general purpose and non general purpose grants. The value of non general purpose grants is €80M.

The City Council will be notified as part of the preparation process for the 2015 budget as to the financial funding model of the new arrangements and will review the provision of services and service levels when the financial impact is available.

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Q.77 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can Dublin City Council please confirm the full cost of reconstruction of the Canon Troy House on Chapelizod Hill Ballyfermot Dublin 10 to include how these works that where needed were not detected during the first job of reconstruction & now that the project is nearing completion that full mixed community use be made available for the 1st floor. Having spent a considerable amount of public funds to bring the house back to life there is a moral obligation to ensure the local community gain reasonable usage of the building.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Work on the extensive refurbishment of Canon Troy House is now nearing completion. The estimated final cost of the work is €359,000 exclusive of V.A.T. The first phase of the remedial works to the building was undertaken with a then limited budget and with constraints with regard to the amount of "opening up works" which could be done as the building is listed for conservation. Regard had to be taken to protecting the integrity of the structure. The work which was undertaken in this phase was to deal with the dry rot problem within the building and treatment was applied to deal with the fungus and causes of water ingress.

It was decided to monitor the premises during the first year of re-occupation as it is often not possible to know whether remedial works have been fully effective until a period of time has elapsed.

These inspections revealed defects not apparent previously and necessitated that the building be vacated for health and safety reasons. To deal comprehensively with these problems a second phase of reconstruction had to be undertaken utilising specialist consultants and historical material experts as well as the expertise within the City Architects Department. These new works included further extensive opening up works to ascertain the full extent of defective materials and construction practices used in the original Victorian construction. In addition dormant fungus emerged in new locations in the building. These revelations resulted in the removal of original internal partitions and ceilings, re-building of internal walls, replacement of ceilings and re-roofing of the building etc.

On the advice of consultants and the City Council's Conservation Architect, a programme of regular quarterly inspections will be undertaken each year to maintain a watching brief and to deal with any further problems that might arise. This is not an unusual exercise and is considered good practice to correctly monitor and maintain historic protected structures such as Canon Troy House.

Currently Pieta House has a lease on part of the property. The organisation has recently applied to be granted the use of the entire building. In support of its application it cites the increased demand for its services and need for more accommodation to meet this. No local community organisation has expressed any interest in using the building and the community development team is unaware of any such group. Taking all relevant factors into account including the isolated location of Canon Troy House and the need for security and a continued presence on site to prevent break-ins and the lack of another organisation seeking the use of the premises it is considered that the best option would be to lease the entire building to Pieta House. The matter will be the subject of a report to the Area Committee in due course.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the City Council please give me a full report on all the City Council owned sites in the Cherry Orchard Area, plans for the same sites, timeframes for same & what

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level of maintenance do we give to keeping these sites in reasonable condition in addition can I have an update on the Cherry Orchard Hospital Lands acquired by Dublin City Council which are now proving a hotbed on anti-social behaviour for residents & hospital patients.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The City Council currently has 4 vacant sites in the Cherry Orchard Area;

1. 25 acre site (former Rickaton Site). DCC proposed entering into a PPP with Rickaton in the mid 2000's however due to the downturn in the economy the company withdrew from the process. Invitations for expressions of interest for a temporary use of this site were sought in 2011 however no submissions were received. This site is partially fenced and inspected regularly by the Area Office and Development Department inspectorate. All reasonable efforts are in place to insure against illegal trespass e.g. any breaches of boundary fencing reported or noticed during regular inspections are repaired as soon as possible.
2. 17 acres (approx) adjacent to the Cherry Orchard Hospital, this site was acquired for the Housing Department in 2007 for affordable housing. The site has not been developed however discussions are currently ongoing regarding possible future uses for it. This site is well fenced/secured and inspected regularly.
3. 4.2 acre site adjacent to the Equine Centre.
4. 1.5 acre site adjacent to Parkwest Avenue opposite the Railway Station on Parkwest Avenue/Barnville Estate. This site is zoned for mixed use development and there are no immediate plans for its development.

The Staff from the Area Office and Development Department Property Management Section regularly inspect these sites in Cherry Orchard, and where fencing or gates are damaged repairs are carried out without delay to prevent unauthorised occupation.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can Dublin City Council please bring forward a proper sustainable retail strategy for the villages of Dublin City Council administrative areas to end the shambolic over proliferation of Bookmakers, chemists, take-away etc. which is destroying our communities. The back seat approach planners have taken over the past 30 years has resulted in the destruction of many areas where the retail mix is gone & so are the customers. People need mixed retail not more of the same. A case in point is the serious issue of Bookmaker shops in Ballyfermot 8 after the opening of another prior to Christmas & now another proposed for Ballyfermot all for a community with a population of 21,500.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The retail strategy as set out in appendix 4 of the City Development Plan 2011-2017 defines the hierarchy of retail centre and the projected floorspace need to 2017. Within the retail hierarchy, Ballyfermot is designated as one of the eight Key District Centres in the City. It is the policy to promote a vibrant centre with a range of both commercial and community facilities and services. Ballyfermot, like other centres in the City, have been affected by the economic downturn.

For individual retail proposals, the City Development Plan 2011-2017 specifically acknowledges the need to avoid the over proliferation of takeaways and betting offices. Section 17.26 and 17.28 of the Plan states that the provision of takeaways

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and bettering offices respectively will be strictly controlled having regard to a number of issues including (amongst others):

- The need to safeguard the vitality and viability of shopping areas in the city and to maintain a suitable mix of retail uses.
- The number/frequency of such facilities in the area.
- The effect on the amenities of the area by reason of noise, hours of operation and litter.

When a planning application is made, the above criteria are used in the assessment of the proposal in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the City Manager **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NI DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Manager to outline a time frame for, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the City Manager have a Street light (Number 4) repaired at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The light at **(details supplied)** was repaired on the 25th February 2014.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the City Manager have a general clean up done on the Council owned land opposite **(details supplied)**? This area is subjected to a lot of dumping.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A clean up at **(details supplied)** has been carried out.

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Q.87 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the City Manager have someone call to **(details supplied)**? A leak in the roof was to be repaired after the house was insulated.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the repairs to this roof are included on his list of scheduled works. It is estimated that they will be carried out within the next few weeks weather permitting.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the City Manager tell me were **(details supplied)** is on the housing list. Will she be housed any time soon?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** is currently on the Transfer List in Band 3 since June 2005 with a position of 106 for Area B (Artane, Coolock, Donaghmede, Kilbarrack, Darndale) and 123 for Area E (Cabra, Finglas, Santry, Whitehall). Currently there are other applicants also on the Waiting List but with a higher position.

Therefore it may be some time yet before she is reached with an offer of accommodation.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Could the Manager respond to the following request, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that a call was made to this dwelling. The windows are timber and are in good condition. These windows were sealed previously and draught excluders fitted to doors. There are no outstanding repairs required to the windows. The tenant reported there were no other maintenance repair requests outstanding.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

The Residents Association in Saint Martin's Drive were very disappointed to learn that due to constituency boundary changes that their traditional polling station will be changed and they will have to travel further and cross a very busy junction in future elections and referenda. Many of the residents of this area are elderly and this will prove a considerable inconvenience for them. Could the Manager make representations to allow them to vote where they always have done?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Saint Martin's Drive is located in the Dublin city polling district of Kimmage D. The polling station assigned to this address is St Agnes Primary School, Armagh Road, Dublin 12. This has been the case for a number of years and there are no plans to re-locate this polling station.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Could the Manager respond to the following request, **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** was housed through the Rental Accommodation Scheme in May 2013 into her current accommodation. She was at the time residing in the accommodation with the assistance of rent supplement and the landlord expressed an interest in joining the Scheme. As the applicant was in receipt of rent supplement for a period of 18 months it was possible for the City Council to house her through the RAS Scheme in this accommodation. The applicant was then removed

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from the Housing Waiting List. The applicant would now have to satisfy the two year tenancy rule as set down in the Allocations Scheme before being eligible for a transfer from her current accommodation.

The applicant has not contacted the Housing Allocations Section regarding any issues with her tenancy and I would advise her to contact the office on 2222201 to discuss her case. Alternatively the City Council provides an Advisory Service to the public Monday to Friday 10.00 to 3.30 in the Housing Allocations Section, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 to assist applicants with any queries they may have.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the Manager for a full report on the transfer of assets and responsibilities from the DDDA to Dublin City Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

On foot of decisions taken in May 2012 and July 2013, the Government decided that the DDDA should be wound up and that the future regeneration of the Docklands Area should be led through Dublin City Council as successor to the Authority.

In the intervening period the Authority has been working with the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to put the final transition arrangements in place, with a view to the Authority being wound up in mid-2014. Legislation is required to underpin the dissolution of the Authority and I understand that the Department is at an advanced stage in preparing proposals in this regard for consideration and approval by Government, and ultimately for consideration by the Oireachtas. I understand that the formal transfer of remaining assets and responsibilities will be effected through the legislation, which it is hoped will be passed by the Oireachtas before the summer recess.

In the interim, and in preparation for the wind-up of the Authority, the City Council have agreed to provide administrative services to the DDDA and take on the management of certain parts of the public infrastructure on behalf of the Authority up to dissolution. The assets and functions of the Authority will continue to be the responsibility of the DDDA until the legislation is enacted. The services being provided by the City Council since February 2014 are in addition to the assignment of an Executive Manager on a part-time secondment basis as A/CEO and the provision of professional planning services which have been provided since April 2013.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR LUCY MCROBERTS

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR LUCY MCROBERTS

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR LUCY MCROBERTS

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.96 COUNCILLOR LUCY MCROBERTS
To ask the Manager, (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL
To ask the Manager to arrange for the following works to be carried out in (**details supplied**).

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

1.Waste Management services cleaned (**details supplied**), from top end at train station along the school side on the 25th February 2014.

2.Discussions are ongoing regarding the appointment of a contractor to carry out the weed spraying programme for 2014.

3.4. & 5.The requests for double yellow lines on (**details supplied 3**), a 'Children Crossing' sign at the entrance to (**details supplied 4**) and traffic calming measures opposite No. 32 (**details supplied 5**) have been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCDOWELL
To ask the Manager to explore the possibility of providing grants to people to purchase flood protection devices for their homes and businesses.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has made a submission to the DECLG and the OPW regarding the setting up of a National Fund to provide grant aid towards the provision of flood protection devices to home owners whose dwellings have been flooded twice or more in the last ten years.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL
Would the Manager please repair the pot holes that have appeared on Templeogue Road at the first gate entrance to Rathdowne, this road was recently resurfaced. Furthermore this pot hole was recently repaired. The other pot hole is on Rathmines Road at Saint Mary's College, here again this road was recently resurfaced. It is very dangerous for cyclists.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance carried out an inspection of the carriageway on Templeogue Road at the first gate entrance to Rathdown. This is an incorrect location as there are no potholes located there or on the surrounding carriageway inbound and outbound.

The pothole on Rathmines Road at St Mary's College was temporarily filled last week and has been made safe. The Road Maintenance Division is investigating its cause with a view to a permanent reinstatement being carried out as soon as possible.

Q100 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY
To ask the Manager to refer to address system as per (**details supplied**) which is a matter of concern to my constituent who feels the system is causing confusion and postal insecurity and explain why the system is the way it is and why DCC (and other utilities) use both addresses i.e. road sign uses one name and polling card uses another for the same house; Can the Manager explain;

- what logic is behind it

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- plans to clarify matters as they stand
- make a general statement on the matter

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

"Collins Avenue" is divided into 3 distinct and separate sections as per the Statutory Roads Register which is maintained by the Roads Maintenance Section. Collins Avenue East is a separate road, details as below:

Collins Avenue East:

'Collins Avenue East' (975.00m) is a distinct and separate road which extends from its junction with Howth Road to Malahide Road.

Collins Avenue, which is divided into 3 sections as follows:

'Collins Avenue' extends from Malahide Road to the Swords Road (1940.00m).

'Collins Avenue West' (397.00m) is an extension of Collins Avenue on the western side of the Swords Road, from Swords Road to Falcarragh Road /Larkhill Road.

Collin Avenue Extension (1122.00m) is a further new extension from Collins Avenue West to its junction with Ballymun Road which was built as part of the Ballymun area development during 1960's.

The Roads Maintenance Section has confirmed that in this case (**details supplied**) is the correct address. It noted also that Dublin City Council has no responsibility for the addresses used by outside utilities.

In relation to the polling card address for (**details supplied**), the matter has been referred to the Franchise Section for attention and adjustment of the address as necessary.

Q101 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to tree outside house as per (**details supplied**) and say if he can arrange to examine same from a safety point of view as resident is very nervous that the tree is going to fall down on top of her property and/or seriously injure a pedestrian.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The tree at this location has been inspected by Parks & Landscape Services. The tree is a semi-mature specimen of Birch (*Betula spp*) which at present is considered to be in satisfactory condition and does not show any indication of being unsafe.

Q102 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manger please refer to my previous email re concerns of residents regarding the condition of and need to remove/replace trees at locations as per (**details supplied**) and say if he will arrange to carry out detailed examinations of same and remove/replace those trees as appropriate and give a timetable for work to be done; and also please explain the reason there is a need to leave a stump after removing a tree.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services has examined the locations detailed above. Any dead trees that are considered to be a hazard will be removed. As a number of these trees are in concrete surfaces some decaying of root system is necessary before stump removal is possible. Their removal will be arranged as soon as it is considered that such stump removal does not damage adjacent hard surfaces. Necessary

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replacement tree planting will be carried out at location described in paragraph no. 3 above, during the current planting season.

Assessment of the roadside trees at the location in paragraph No 4 above has been carried out and any necessary replacement arranged including a replacement for the tree that recently fell. There are two trees at Nos 57 and No. 66 which are currently in poor condition and which will be monitored during the growing season by this service.

Q103 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Manager to refer to waterworks personnel who were scheduled to carry out work at location as per **(details supplied)** for 2 months but who have now been at this location for approximately 8 or 9 months now and;

- Give full details of exact work being done and completion date/period for same
- Say if the work at this site is complete
- Say if containers are being used by operatives as a canteen

- Say when the containers will be removed from the green
- Explain the extended presence of DCC operatives
- Comment on the fact that residents say DCC personnel seem to be working at this location for a day or two at a time, then disappear for a few days for, what residents believe is to go to another job, only to reappear a few days later to continue the work at details attached or to use the steel container(s) positioned on the green as a canteen
- say why there are two steel containers on the green
- say when residents can expect that DCC operatives etc will vacate the area
- and if he can make a general statement on the matter

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

DUBLIN REGION WATERMAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

To conserve water by the identification and rehabilitation of those areas of the watermain infrastructure yielding

- Q. Give full details of exact work being done and completion date/period for same
- A. DCC Water Services works at **(details supplied)** are undertaken as part of the DRWRP (Dublin Region Watermain Rehabilitation Project). The aim of the DRWRP is to conserve water by the identification and rehabilitation of ageing watermain infrastructure. Once complete the provision of this water infrastructure will result in a better level of service to consumers in this area. Works at **(details supplied)** are scheduled to be complete circa the end of March 2014.
- Q. Say if the work at this site is complete
- A. Works at **(details supplied)** are ongoing and are scheduled to be completed as above.
- Q. Say if containers are being used by operatives as a canteen
- A. There are 2 No. units onsite. One is used for the safe storage of fittings and equipment used for the installation of watermain. The other unit is a welfare unit which is provided in accordance with Part 14 (Construction Site Welfare Facilities) of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013.
- Q. Say when the containers will be removed from the green
- A. Due to the restricted working area at **(details supplied)**, works container and welfare hut were positioned on edge of green area; this was thought to be the safest area

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available for operatives and road users. These units will be removed on completion of works and area will be reinstated if required.

Q. Explain the extended presence of DCC operatives

A. These works started on September 2013 and due to the reasons given below and the successful take-up of connections from residents in the area, the time frame for the works had to be extended.

- Additional works have been added to the original scope of works. This has resulted in a greater timeframe.
- The presence of services in the area: ESB, Gas, Fibre optic cables, Eircom & Drainage necessitates hand digging near services to reduce the incidence of damage to underground services, and in doing so to minimise risk to DCC personnel who are involved in carrying out this work.
- Dublin Region Watermain Rehabilitation Projects currently ongoing in the city area has frequently required work crews to carry out specialised watermain connection works at these locations.
- The confined work location and one way system has meant that traffic management plans to control traffic have to be put in place for all works.

Q. Comment on the fact that residents say DCC personnel seem to be working at this location for a day or two at a time, then disappear for a few days for, what residents believe is to go to another job, only to reappear a few days later to continue the work at details attached or to use the steel container(s) positioned on the green as a canteen

A. DCC operatives are from time to time called to deal with emergencies such as watermain breaks and water supply issues. These emergencies take precedence over other scheduled works. Other Dublin Region Watermain Rehabilitation Projects are undertaken in the city area and crews are tasked with carrying out specialised works at these locations. The date, time, location and duration of these works varies, resulting in what may seem like a confusing time pattern at The Demesne on these occasions.

Q. say why there are two steel containers on the green

A. There are 2 No. units onsite. One is used for the safe storage of fittings and equipment used for the installation of watermain. The other unit is a welfare unit which is provided in accordance with Part 14 (Construction Site Welfare Facilities) of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013. This area will be top soiled and re-seeded when the works are complete.

Q. say when residents can expect that DCC operatives etc will vacate the area

A. Works at **(details supplied)** are ongoing and are scheduled to be complete by circa March 2014 all things being well.

Q. and if he can make a general statement on the matter

A. DCC Water Services appreciates the cooperation provided by the residents during this process and apologises for any inconvenience which residents may suffer while works are being carried out, representatives from the city council have been available for the duration of the works. The provision of the water infrastructure will result in a better level of service, vastly superior fire cover and provide a much needed pressure boost to the supply to consumers in this area.

Q104 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q105 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to complete a full review of **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q106 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q107 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the City Manager to arrange for **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q108 COUNCILLOR HUGH MCGARR

To ask the City Manager what progress has been made in removing foods high in fat and sugar content sold through vending machines in Dublin City Council gyms and sports facilities.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

There is an ongoing drive to promote healthy foods available through vending machines in our gyms and other sports facilities. We will arrange to carry out an audit of our centres in the coming weeks to ascertain the full level of progress made on this issue. We will issue the result of this audit to the councillor.

Q109 COUNCILLOR HUGH MCGARR

Can the Manager provide a progress report on the implementation of new Dublin City Council bye-laws aimed at reducing fly-tipping and illegal dumping across the city; if he can provide a detailed progress reported for the North West area; and in particular if he can state if the new bye law requiring residents to provide evidence of their waste collection provider has been fully implemented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Waste Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation & Collection of Household & Commercial Waste (Waste Bye-Laws) came in to effect on the 1st July 2013.

The Bye-Laws contain a specific provision which requires holders of waste (households and commercial premises) to have either a contract in place with an approved waste collector or to have their waste disposed of at an approved facility. The holder is also required to be able to provide documentary evidence of the arrangements that are in place.

Following the introduction of the Bye-Laws, there were extensive information sessions for staff which also covered relevant Health & Safety considerations. Over the last number of months, there have been in excess of 2,000 specific visits to households and commercial premises investigating waste collection arrangements. In

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addition the City Council is routinely utilising its powers under the Bye-Laws on a daily basis as part of routine responses.

The visits to households are being carried out by Litter Wardens, Public Domain Officers, Environmental Liaison Officers and Inspectors depending on the particular resources available within the Area Offices. This work is also being carried out in addition to the other duties that are assigned to these staff.

The information gathered from these initial visits is currently being collated and reviewed in order to determine the required actions which will range from return visits to the actual issuing of fines or commencement of direct prosecutions. The general consensus is that, whilst time consuming and labour intensive, this measure could benefit the City Council considerably in the coming months and years in dealing with the issue of illegally dumped waste.

Q110 COUNCILLOR HUGH MCGARR

To ask the Manager if he will provide further information on Dublin City Council's plans for implementing the new Gateways scheme later in the year; if he can clarify if the 295 workers assigned to Dublin City Council will be equally assigned to each area committee; and if the Manager can detail the planned roles and tasks for these complementary workers under the scheme.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Gateway Labour Activation Scheme is a government initiative to reduce unemployment. Work placement is seen as a valuable route for participants to gain or update experience of the work place, learn new skills and to return to the routine of work.

Dublin City Council undertook initially to employ 50 participants under this scheme and the Human Resources Department, in partnership with the Community, Recreation and Amenity Department identified a number of small projects that would be suitable for the first intake of participants. The Department of Social Protection provided the Council with a first list of qualifying persons who were invited for interview. Following this process, these candidates will shortly be commencing their Gateway contract with the Council, subject to a satisfactory Garda vetting process. Recently an agreement has been reached at a national level by the City & County Managers Association (CCMA) that a total of 3,000 participants would be recruited under this scheme by local authorities and a target of 295 participants was set for Dublin City Council. Given this revised target the Council is now in the process of examining a wide range of possible projects that would allow the recruitment of participants on a rolling basis with a view to achieving the target set over the next twelve months.

Q111 COUNCILLOR HUGH MCGARR

To ask the Manager if he will provide me with a report regarding previous plans at a location (**details supplied**) to install driveways for residents; if he can clarify why these works were not carried out originally when this happened in other parts of the estate; and if he will outline a plan so these works to driveways can be carried out.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

As part of the Finglas South Action Plan Dublin City Council carried out major precinct improvements and some infill housing on open spaces in the Finglas South area.

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Work on this project started in 2001 and following extensive consultation with residents the following works were carried out in the Cloonlara , Hazelcroft, Fairlawn area:

- 58 Affordable Houses constructed many of them allocated to local residents
- Closing of area known as Long Walk
- Closure of 9 laneways in the estate
- Front gardens extended in
- Hazelcroft Gardens 32 front gardens extended
- Hazelcroft Park 30 front gardens extended
- Cloonlara Road 38 front gardens extended
- Cloonlara Drive 44 Front gardens extended
- Cloonlara Crescent 40 Front gardens extended

The cost of extending these driveways was just over 4 million euro and this was funded by Dublin City Council. The owners of the properties made no contribution to the project.

The next phase of the driveway extension program was to be Fairlawn Road, Fairlawn Park and Hazelcroft Road.

The total number of driveways left to be extended is 167 at a cost of approximately €25,000 per driveway.

In the current economic climate it is not anticipated that provision for the expenditure required in respect of a further “Driveway Extension” programme, will be made in our budget in the near future.

Q112 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the City Manager the following question **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the City Manager the following question **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the City Manager the following question **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the City Manager the following question **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the City Manager to inspect the footpaths at the following **(details supplied)** and give an indication as to when works will be carried out.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance inspected the footpaths on **(details supplied)**. There are several tree pits along **(details supplied)**, The tree pits will be referred to the Parks Department for their attention. There is a Waterworks opening and a broken kerb on **(details supplied)**. The footpath on **(details supplied)** Carna Road is in relatively good condition except for 4 tree pits. The tree pits will be referred to the Parks Department. I will reply directly to the Councillor with a time frame as to when the works on the Waterworks opening and the broken kerb on **(details supplied)** will be carried out.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the City Manager to inspect the carriage way at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance carried out an Inspection of the carriageway outside/and in the surrounding area of **(details supplied)**. The carriageway is in good condition at this location.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the City Manager to please install a yellow box at **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The request for a yellow box outside **(details supplied)** has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR SHEILA HOWES

To ask the City Manager to provide information on the following:

- The likely resumption date of works on the Heuston Square South construction project.
- The relevant data on the different elements of the scheme (i.e. as between residential, business and other elements)
- If the plan has provision for a hotel
- If the City Manager can provide archaeological reports on the site works?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Works on a landscaping scheme on the western part of the site is likely to commence in spring 2014 with the intended completion in autumn 2014. Recently, temporary planning permission was granted (8 years) for an interim landscaping strategy to mitigate the visual impact of unfinished building works (2724/13) on a site area of c.1.47 hectares. The developer indicated in this planning application that within the 8 year period to 2021, it is anticipated that planning permission will have been secured and implemented for the completion of development in accordance with the Master Plan principles as established under the original permission.

The original planning permission (2656/03) was for fifteen buildings ranging in height from two to nine stories, for a mix use development with a gross floor area of 97,577 sq m, approximately, (over a basement of 33,950 sq m for the parking of 725 no. cars and including cycle parking), consisting of the following uses: offices, including science and technology-based industry (57,441 sq m); residential (30,038 sq m), including live/work units (4,352 sq m); museum/art gallery (4,215 sq m); retail (3,038 sq m); hotel (11,309 sq m); restaurants (1,159 sq m) (together with provision for a café pavilion (temporary moveable structure) to be located in the public square);

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childcare facilities (1,402 sq m); and telephone exchange (284 sq m) and ancillary telecommunication transmission equipment. The total site area is 3.9 hectares.

To date, 13 blocks have been constructed (Blocks 3, 4, 7a, 7b, 8, 9a to h, and 10), along the eastern section of the site. It is estimate that 57,000sqm of floor space has been constructed which represents some 58% of the approved development, all on a site of 3.9ha. While there is some vacancy, the main elements of the completed development are offices, retail (c.3,000sqm), crèche and apartments. There are some 340 apartments (comprised of 103 one bed, 200 two bed and 37 three bed units) completed of which some 245 units are occupied (72%).

There has always been provision for a hotel. In 2007, planning permission was granted for a hotel in block 2 which would front onto St. John's Road. Block 2 would be 14 storeys high over two levels of basement. The construction of block 2 did not commence, although the planning permission (1055/07) does not expire until 2017. Condition 13 of planning permission Reg. Ref. 2656/03 required the submission of archaeological details to DCC during the ground works associated with the development. These details were submitted on 06/02/2006 and subsequently approved on 15/02/2007.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Manager ask, our Maintenance Manager to undertake the necessary work to insulate the following flat (**details supplied**). The tenant reports dampness. This is an end of block flat with the outside wall exposed to the weather. The dampness is along this gable end wall and particularly affects the hallway and staircase. Can the Area Manager ask for this flat to be properly insulated? Our maintenance Section has recently agreed to insulate a similar flat in this complex that has similar problems.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that this dwelling will be inspected in relation to the report received within the next two weeks. Any necessary repairs will be carried out.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Manager investigate the derelict space at the end of (**details supplied**). Can the Manager report on the ownership of this space and can he request that the Public Domain Section arrange for the removal of rubbish from this location and agree to regularly maintain it.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Initial investigation indicates this site is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. The Law Department have been requested to investigate ownership of the site. This process may take several weeks to complete. The Public Domain Unit cannot undertake to provide ongoing cleaning and maintenance of private, not in charge sites. Details of ownership will be passed on when this information becomes available.

This site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section within two weeks and a report will be sent to the Councillor.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Manager report on the work of the task group dealing with our voids. How much finance is been made available from Government for this purpose and will this be sufficient to ensure our stock of voids are made available for allocation in 2014.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A task force has been set up with representatives from Maintenance, Allocations, City Architects and the Areas with the following immediate targets:

- Identify houses for the Void Houses Programme and flats under the normal voids programme for prioritisation and turnaround following confirmation of the Framework contractors
- Identify bedsits from the current schedule of voids that are in high demand areas and prioritise for immediate turnaround by both framework and direct labour
- Identify other bedsits for the two into one programme and prepare programme for design, funding and turnaround
- Identify any transfers into the units identified to facilitate pre-transfer inspections
- Identify prospective new tenants for units not targeted for transfers so that offers can be made as the units become available
- Arrange for multiple shows to lettable units to reduce void time as a result of refusals.
- Ensure higher levels of co-ordination, especially with regards to dates units become void/available/let and prioritisation/allocations
- Reduce "moving time" for transfer tenants from two weeks to one week.
- The further promotion of the decorating allowance will be considered and the use of other allowances to speed up the letting process will be examined by the group. The current standards will also be examined under this heading

The number of voids per area is never static; it is in a constant state of flux with units being necessarily vacant, for a period, between lettings. There will therefore always be a number of voids in the system, currently the percentage of voids as a measure of total lettable units is currently at 2.02%. 900 voids were made available for allocation in 2013, it is anticipated that a similar number will be made available in 2014.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Manager request that our Maintenance Section now carry out the necessary work to bring **(details supplied)** up to the standard that it should have been when this tenancy commenced in 2004. Our tenant has regularly requested that this work be done over the years since her tenancy began.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

This tenancy is subject to court proceedings. Housing Maintenance are awaiting the outcome before any inspection can be carried out.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the manager let me know when **(details supplied)** will get her home insulated?

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Our Energy Liaison Officer reports that this house has been surveyed and is suitable for inclusion in our retrofitting programme for 2014. It is estimated to be the latter part of the year before we are in a position to commence insulation in this area.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager examine the case for erecting a statue to Luke Kelly on Grafton Street in honour of his great rendition of Raglan Road? Luke Kelly was one of Dublin's greatest ever singers and is still widely loved 30 years after his death.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The park at Spencer Dock in the Docklands is to be named the Luke Kelly Park, as agreed by both the DDDA and the Central Area Committee. An official naming ceremony and appropriate commemorative plaque are currently being planned with the Kelly family with a view to holding an event later in the year.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

When will **(details supplied)** get his windows replaced? Will he get his house insulated? He is 88 years old.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the windows in this dwelling have been replaced. There is some plastering around the frames outstanding. This work will be carried out within the next few weeks.

Our Energy Liaison Officer reports that this house has been surveyed and is suitable for inclusion in our retrofitting programme for 2014. It is estimated to be the latter part of the year before we are in a position to commence insulation in this area.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Council install a gate at the entrance to the house occupied by **(details supplied)**.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Foreman in Charge for this area confirms that there is a gate to the entrance of this dwelling. The tenant is requesting an additional gate. This will not be provided.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Manager arrange for the laneway behind **(details supplied)** to be cleared of rubbish and litter.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services cleaned the above mentioned laneway on the 25th February 2014.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Manager arrange for the rear garden of **(details supplied)** to be examined as it adjoins a public park and there is a consistent problem with rats despite thorough measure taken by residents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services has examined the area in the neighbourhood park at rear of the above address, Dublin 11. No evidence was found of the presence of rats at this location during this inspection. Staff of this service will continue to observe the location and will take the appropriate action should the presence of these animals be noted.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Following a request from **(details supplied)**, can the Manager arrange for the ramps in Hillcrest Park to be repaired and replaced.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance have been requested to inspect **(details supplied)**. A further report will issue directly to the Councillor within the next 2 weeks.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Would the Manager deal with the potholes that have appeared on **(details supplied)**. These were filled in recently but have appeared again. For background information apparently the potholes are so bad that two tires of a car punctured as a result of crossing this hole.

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Following an inspection of the area in question this pothole has been repaired.

Contact: *Phil Dunne, Area Engineer, Road Maintenance Division*
Tel: *222 2560*

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AT MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2014

COUNCILLORS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COUNCILLORS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lord Mayor Oisín Quinn				X	Cllr Paddy McCartan	X			
Cllr Gerry Ashe	X				Cllr Brian McDowell	X			
Cllr Kieran Binchy	X				Cllr Hugh McGarr				X
Cllr Paddy Bourke		X			Cllr Ruairi McGinley	X			
Cllr Tom Brabazon				X	Cllr Séamas McGrattan	X			
Cllr Gerry Breen	X				Cllr Pádraig McLoughlin	X			
Cllr Christy Burke	X				Cllr Lucy McRoberts				X
Cllr Clare Byrne				X	Cllr Sean Paul Mahon		X		
Cllr Aine Clancy	X				Cllr Louise Minihan		X		
Cllr Anthony Connaghan	X				Cllr Andrew Montague	X			
Cllr Pat Crimmins	X				Cllr Rebecca Moynihan	X			
Cllr Pat Dunne		X			Cllr Críona Ní Dhálaigh	X			
Cllr Mary Fitzpatrick		X			Cllr Jim O'Callaghan		X		
Cllr Declan Flanagan	X				Cllr Damian O'Farrell		X		
Cllr Mannix Flynn				X	Cllr Naoise Ó Muíri	X			
Cllr Mary Freehill	X				Cllr Mary O'Shea	X			
Cllr John Gallagher			X		Cllr Michael O'Sullivan	X			
Cllr Deirdre Heney		X			Cllr Larry O'Toole	X			
Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones				X	Cllr Maria Parodi				X
Cllr Sheila Howes	X				Cllr Cieran Perry		X		
Cllr Vincent Jackson		X			Cllr John Redmond	x			
Cllr Dermot Lacey	X				Cllr Nial Ring	x			
Cllr Mel MacGiobúin		x			Cllr Brid Smith	x			
Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha	X				Cllr Bill Tormey		x		
Cllr Ray McAdam	X				Cllr Henry Upton	x			
Cllr Paul McAuliffe		X			Cllr Edie Wynne				x

FOR : 29

AGAINST : 13

ABSTAIN : 1

ABSENT : 9

