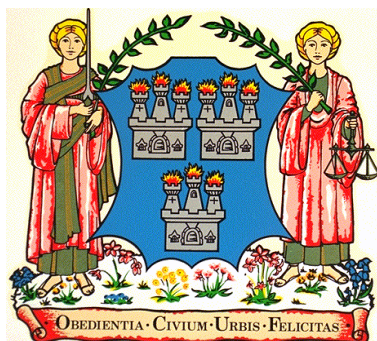


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 8 Eanáir 2018 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.15 i.n., i láthair an tArdmheara Mícheál MacDonncha sa chathaoir

**Comhairleoir:**

Chris Andrews  
Tom Brabazon  
Cathleen Carney Boud  
Anthony Connaghan  
Ciaran Cuffe  
Daithi Doolan  
Declan Flanagan  
Gary Gannon  
Deirdre Heney  
Andrew Keegan  
Frank Kennedy  
Ardmhéara Micheal Mac Donncha  
Paul McAuliffe  
Ray McHugh  
Rebecca Moynihan  
Criona Ni Dhalaigh  
Claire O'Connor  
Larry O'Toole  
Nial Ring  
Paddy Smyth

**Comhairleoir:**

Paddy Bourke  
Christy Burke  
Brendan Carr  
David Costello  
Hazel De Nortuin  
Pat Dunne  
Mannix Flynn  
Alison Gilliland  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Teresa Keegan  
Dermot Lacey  
Sean Paul Mahon  
Ruairi McGinley  
Andrew Montague  
Michael Mullooly  
Naoise O'Muirí  
Damian O'Farrell  
Cieran Perry  
Eilis Ryan  
Sonya Stapleton

**Comhairleoir:**

Janice Boylan  
Claire Byrne  
Aine Clancy  
Patrick Costello  
Daithi De Roiste  
Anne Feeney  
Mary Freehill  
Paul Hand  
Vincent Jackson  
Greg Kelly  
John Lyons  
Ray McAdam  
Seamas McGrattan  
Edel Moran  
Emma Murphy  
Michael O'Brien  
Ciaran O'Moore  
Noeleen Reilly  
Norma Sammon

**Oifigigh**

Oonagh Casey  
Michael Gallagher  
Brendan Kenny  
Eileen Quinlivan  
Richard Shakespeare

John Flanagan  
Margaret Hayes  
Gerard O'Connell  
Kathy Quinn

Mainard Gallagher  
Owen P. Keegan  
Terence O'Keeffe  
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by expressing condolence to the families and friends of the following who died recently:-

- Anne Fagan, Mother of Councillor Gaye Fagan who died 21st December 2017.
- Enriqueta MacVeigh, Mother of Councillor Tina MacVeigh who died 6th January 2018.
- Doreen Ryan mother of Mary Taylor, Senior Executive Officer, Ballymun Area Office

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The Lord Mayor then congratulated Councillor Kieran Binchy & his wife on the arrival of their baby son. He then went on to inform the Members that he had met with An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD that afternoon at Government Buildings. He said that during the meeting, he raised the concerns of the City Council in relation to Housing. Members had received a copy of a letter which he handed to An Taoiseach at that meeting.

The Lord Mayor then informed Members that he would soon re-establish Coiste Gaeilge in light of 2018 being Bliain na Gaeilge. He also mentioned that work on the Parenting room in City Hall will commence in mid- January and that forms for Donation Statements and Ethics Returns had been circulated to Members and hard copy was available from staff of the Chief Executive's Office. He also referred member to arrangements circulated to them regarding Senior Counsel opinion on the Sutton to City Centre Part 8 Process. Observation from members had to be with the Law Agent by 26th of January.

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It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 104 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A attached**.

3 Letter dated 14th December 2017 from Clare County Council - Calling on the Minister for Agriculture to put a plan in place to help Clare farmers through an imminent fodder crisis next year

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

4 Letter dated 12th December 2017 from Galway City Council - Calling on the Department of the Environment re request for the preparation of legislation for the disposal of paint under the Producer Responsibility Initiative

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

5 To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting 4th December and the 13th December 2017

The minutes of the Meetings of the City Council held on the 4th December and the 13th December 2017, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor with the following addition. Councillor Damian O'Farrell requested that an undertaking given by Mr Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive, at the meeting on the 4th December 2017 to bring a one year review of the Housing Strategy to a future meeting of the City Council in accordance with provisions of the Development Plan 2017 – 2022 be added to the Minutes. The City Council agreed to this and the minutes were adopted accordingly.

6 Report No. 6/2018 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement and Reports as Submitted Under the EU/IMF Framework

It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 6/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 355/2017 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Proposal to Modify the Flood Defence Sea Wall on James Larkin Road, D3 between Mount Prospect Avenue D3, and Watermill Road, D5

It was moved by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council hereby approves all the works set out in Report No 355/2017 and agrees that they proceed subject to the requirements of various City Council Departments as set out in the report". The motion was put and carried.

- 8 To fill vacancies on the following committees and outside bodies:

- (a) Planning & Property Development Committee - following the resignation of Councillor Éilis Ryan -(1 vacancy)

It was proposed by Councillor J Lyons and seconded by Councillor E Ryan "That Councillor Hazel De Nortuin be appointed as a member to the Planning & Property Development Strategic Policy Committee" The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Finglas/ Cabra Local Drugs Task Force - following the resignation of Councillor Teresa Keegan (1 vacancy)

The City Council agreed that a nomination for this vacancy be sought from the North West Area Committee and submitted for ratification by the City Council in due course.

- 9 Report No. 18/2018 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report

It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 18/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 23/2018 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Dublin City Council Housing Supply Report January 2018

It was moved by Councillor D Doolan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 23/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 10/2018 of the Audit Committee (B. Foster) - Audit Committee Charter and Work Programme 2018

It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 10/2018 and hereby approves the Audit Committee Charter and adopts the Work Programme 2018 as set out therein ". The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 4/2018 of the Assistant Chief Executive (D. Wallace) - Arts Funding for 2018 (Arts Act 2003)

It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 4/2018 and hereby approves the Arts Funding for 2018 as set out therein with the exception of a grant of €3,000, Reference No 2018/014". The motion was put and carried. The Chief Executive will revert to the Council on this matter.

- 13 Report No. 24/2018 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Revision No 7 of Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2014 - 2019

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 24/2018 and hereby approves the Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2014 – 2019 as set out therein". The motion was put and carried. Councillor R Moynihan requested that her opposition to this motion be recorded.

It was then proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor B Carr "That Councillor Tom Brabazon be appointed as a member to fill one of the newly created vacancies on the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee" The motion was put and carried.

It was further proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Councillor Ruairi McGinley be appointed as a member to fill one of the newly created vacancies on the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee" The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 16/2018 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2018

It was moved by Councillor D Doolan and seconded by Councillor C Carney Boud "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 16/2018 and hereby approves the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2018 as set out therein". The motion was put and carried. Following discussion on various aspects of the plan with particular reference to the staff required to deliver the plan, the Chief Executive undertook to bring a report on the staffing issue to a future meeting of the City Council.

- 15 Report No. 17/2018 of the Executive Manager (D.Dinnigan) - With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway at 34-44 Maryfield Crescent & 76-84 Ardlea Road, Artane, Dublin 5

It was moved by Councillor N O Muiri and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over laneway at 34-44 Maryfield Crescent & 76-84 Ardlea Road, Artane, Dublin 5, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 36814, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993" The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 12/2018 of the Executive Manager (A. Flynn) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 10 premises.

It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 12/2018 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 2/2018 of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 22nd November 2017 - Councillor Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 2/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 5/2018 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 23rd November 2017 - Councillor Daithí Doolan, Chairperson

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 5/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 20/2018 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 14th December 2017 - Councillor Daithí Doolan, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 20/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 13/2018 of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 29th November 2017 - Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 13/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 21/2018 of the Planning and Property Development Special Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of Meeting held on 19 October 2017 - Councillor Andrew Montague, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 21/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 7/2018 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate for the month of December 2017 - Councillor Paddy McCartan, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 7/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 15/2018 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of December 2017 - Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 15/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Report No. 19/2018 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of December 2017 - Councillor Ciaran O'Moore, Chairperson

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 19/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 9/2018 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate for the month of December 2017 - Councillor Noeleen Reilly, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 9/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 26 Report No. 22/2018 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of December 2017 - Councillor Greg Kelly, Chairperson

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 22/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 27 Report No. 11/2018 of the South East Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee - Breviate for the meeting held on 14th December 2017 - Councillor Mannix Flynn, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 11/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 28 Report No. 8/2018 of the North West Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee - Breviate for the meeting held on 11th December 2017 - Councillor Seamas McGrattan, Chairperson

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 8/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 29 Report No. 14/2018 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 30th November 2017 - Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was moved by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor C O'Moore "That Dublin City Council hereby approves Report No 14/2018". The motion was put and carried.

- 30 The City Council suspended Standing Orders to take the following emergency motions:

- a) Dublin City Council is deeply concerned at the reappointment of Conor Skehan as Chair of the Housing Agency. We believe his recent comments on homelessness & the downplaying of the housing crisis make him wholly unsuitable for the job and are in direct conflict with the reality being faced by Dublin City Council. We call on An Ardmhéara, as a matter of urgency, to write to Housing Minister Eoghan Murphy to immediately appointment a new chair of the Housing Agency.

**Submitted by Councillors D Doolan, N Reilly, E Moran, J Boylan, G. Kelly, L O'Toole, C. O'Moore, and R. McHugh. The motion was put and carried.**

- b) In light of An Bord Pleanála's decision to cancel the public hearing on Dublin City Council's application/plans for the College Street Plaza (due to errors in newspaper notices published by DCC on the instructions of An Bord Pleanála), the members of this Council request the Chief Executive to refrain from implementing any additional traffic management arrangements in College Green until the Bord Pleanála hearing has been rescheduled, completed and its report is issued. This is being requested by the members to ensure that DCC cannot be accused of pre-empting a decision or overriding the authority and/or the independence of An Bord Pleanála in its deliberations on the application.

**Submitted by Councillors N. Ring and T.Brabazon. Councillor Tom Brabazon later withdrew his name from this motion. The motion was put and defeated.**

- c) In the light of An Bord Pleanála's decision to defer the Oral Hearing for the College Green Plaza this Council calls on the Chief Executive and his staff to manage city centre traffic in the interim in a manner that safely supports the transport needs of residents, workers, retailers and visitors to the city in a sustainable manner.

**Submitted by Councillor C. Cuffe. The motion was put and carried.**

- d) Recognizing the failure of the former Minister for Housing Simon Coveney's objective of moving all homeless families out of temporary hotel accommodation by July 1st 2017 with some 670 people still living in such accommodation in Dublin alone as of November 2017; acknowledging also the inadequacy of the proposed alternative - namely the institutional "family hub" accommodation - which many homeless individuals, couples and families are fearful of and reluctant to move into; and conscious of the imminent eviction of 14 homeless families from The Gresham Hotel in Dublin City centre, this city council calls on management to ensure that these homeless families avoid being made homeless for a second time and are offered appropriate long-term Dublin City Council accommodation as a matter of urgency.

**Submitted by Councillors J. Lyons and H. De Nortúin. The motion was put and carried.**

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all other items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 5th February 2018.

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**





### **QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

#### **Q.1 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm an approximate cost of repairing the green areas and general damage caused by bonfires in the Dublin City area during the Halloween period.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The cost of repairing green areas damaged by Bonfires during Halloween 2017 would be approximately €50 per square metre by 2000 square metres giving an estimated total of €100,000. This is in addition to the costs of removing bonfire material before bonfires take place and the removal and clean-up process after Halloween which cost in the region of €100,000 in 2017.

#### **Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINGLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for urgent repair (**details supplied**)

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### **Q.3 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report outlining all senior citizen accommodation currently being built or planned in each of the five areas of the city and to include expected completion dates.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following Schemes of senior citizen accommodation are currently being built or planned:

- The Council approved a Part 8 at the November 2017 meeting which provides for 61 units of accommodation at Cornamona, Ballyfermot, (South Central Area) of which 29 x 1 beds have been identified for senior citizen housing. The expected completion of this development is the Summer of 2020.
- A Feasibility Study for St. Finbar's Court, Dublin 7 (North West Area) is currently being finalised following a presentation to the Area Committee in March, 2017. This will provide for the re-development of this facility to provide an estimated 46 one and two bed apartments for senior citizen accommodation. As this scheme is at a preliminary design stage, it is estimated that works will be completed by the end of 2020.
- A planning application will be lodged by Circle Housing Association and ALONE Housing Association for the development of 52 units of accommodation for older persons at St. Michael's Estate (South Central Area) in 2018. This project is a collaborative, cross sectoral and cross departmental project which requires housing, social and care supports to come together within a single scheme. This development, subject to planning permission, will be completed in early 2021.

The following additional accommodation for older persons will also be delivered by Approved Housing Bodies:

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Area	Location	Number	Completion Date
South East	Beechhill, Dublin 4 (RHDVH)	19	Q3 2018
South Central	Raleigh Square (Tuath)	33	Q4 2018
South Central	Dolphin Park (FOLD)	43	Q2 2019
South Central	Jamestown Court (ALONE)	8	Q2 2019
South Central	Armagh Road (FOLD)	97	Q1 2019
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>181</b>	

It is anticipated that further additional units of accommodation for older persons will be developed by Approved Housing Bodies over the period to 2020. Details of these proposals, as they are confirmed, will be included in the reports submitted to the City Council, Area Committee and Housing SPC meetings.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**  
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for pedestrian lights to be installed at the intersection (**details supplied**) as this is a very dangerous junction for pedestrians.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**  
To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of using the Crumlin area office as a one stop shop for Hap and the possibility of an assessment officer visit once a week to the area office. This I believe would save people from the area from travelling into town and free up pressure of the staff in head office.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A total of 1,030 HAP tenancies have been set up since the introduction of HAP on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. 79 of these tenancies (7.7%) are in respect of properties in the Crumlin/Kimmage area. As the HAP Scheme continues to expand the requirement for offices in areas other than the Civic Offices will be examined.

The Allocations Section is currently assessing the possibility of rolling out the Housing Assessment function to a number of local area offices, including the Crumlin Area Office. A number of factors are under review, including staff training requirements and we hope to be in a position to implement this initiative over the next

few months. Under this proposal it will be possible for eligible persons to obtain information and advice on the HAP Scheme and to receive HAP Application Forms from their local office.

If a person has difficulty or is unable to attend the Civic Offices for any reason they should be advised to contact the relevant section and alternative arrangements can be made as necessary.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the Graffiti to be removed from the bin and lamppost outside the church on St Marys Road, Crumlin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the graffiti removed from the litter bin outside the church on St. Mary's Road on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The poles on Saint Mary's Road are ESB Network poles and the painting of these poles is a matter for ESB Networks.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the following matter and what if anything can be done to address this. If it requires a change in legislation could he please forward the matter to the relevant SPC to progress **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to report the following **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of extending the red light time at **(details supplied)** before the perpendicular green light comes on; this would allow regular commuters and School Walkers time to cross safely. I have requested a pedestrian light at this junction extending the red light time would help in the meantime.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The 'All Red' time between each traffic phase (set of traffic movements under signal control) is currently 2 seconds at this intersection. In addition to a standard amber time of 3 seconds, the 'All Red' time following a particular traffic phase, is determined based on the length of time it takes vehicles to safely clear a particular intersection before the subsequent phase commences. This consistent approach to calculating timings is important in order to ensure the safety of all road users and in particular pedestrians. Increasing the 'All Red' time at the junction of **(details supplied)** may give pedestrians a false expectation of similar, longer, 'All Red' times elsewhere thereby compromising their safety. Furthermore, it is well understood by practitioners that increasing 'All Red' timings beyond these values may further encourage red light running as some vehicle drivers adapt and understand that they have more available time to do so.

The only feasible solution to ensure the safe passage of pedestrians crossing any arm of this intersection is the installation of a signal controlled 'wrap around' pedestrian crossing. We understand from our conversations with the Area Engineers that preliminary designs have been developed for such a scheme at this junction. However, this scheme is not scheduled in the current programme of works.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the listing process (i.e. process for the addition of buildings to record of protected structures) for the five buildings within the Moore Street Battlefield (i.e the five properties included in my motion passed at the City Council in June 2015 - the O'Brien's Mineral Water Building, Henry Place, the White House, Henry Place, No 10 Moore Street, the bottling stores at the rear of 10 Moore Street and Moore Lane and Hanlons premises at 20 - 21 Moore Street) is proceeding following the unanimous vote in favour of this action at last Month's City Council meeting and to further confirm that the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, all prescribed bodies and Hammersons have been duly notified.

Will the Chief Executive further confirm that the buildings in question have already been subject to external and internal assessment through The Shaffrey Report for Dublin City Council, The Myles Battlefield Report for Chartered Land and in the partially completed Kelly Report commissioned by Dublin City Council itself, the latter report having been commissioned on foot of the motion adopted by the City Council in June 2015.

The findings of these reports were also further acknowledged and backed up, of course, by the High Court Judgement of Mr. Justice Max Barrett who found that all 1916 buildings in and around Moore Street are worthy of National Monument status and protection on account of their historic importance.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following last month's City Council meeting, the Chief Executive has written to the new owners of the Moore Street site, advising them of the Councils expressed intent to resume the process of carrying out the assessments required under Sections 55-58 of the Planning Act 2000 (as amended), with a view to adding them to the RPS. In order to assess the "Special Interest" of the structures, the owners have been requested to facilitate access to the relevant buildings, and to give a commitment in the interim that the buildings in question will not be demolished. A response is awaited from the owners.

A clearly documented assessment of "special interest" is essential in order to provide the "particulars of the proposed addition" as part of the statutory notification, including the sending of those particulars to the owners, occupiers, Minister and prescribed bodies, making those particulars available for inspection and requesting submissions or observations on them from the public in general.

The opinion of the Law Agent of the 18th December provides:

"In my view the decision whether to commence the process to add a property to the list is an executive function. The decision to add a property to the list is a reserved function.

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The legislation is quite specific as to what is required when commencing the process. A Planning Authority “shall”...inter alia, “send particulars of the proposed addition or deletion to the Minister...”

In my opinion those particulars should be the basis for the decision to commence the process, in other words, there must be demonstrated a sound reason for believing that the property is worthy of addition to the list. In order to arrive at this conclusion it is necessary to conduct a survey of the property to assess whether it meets the criteria set out in the legislation for addition to the list”.

Essentially, the executive of the Planning Authority is required to make a case in writing, based on evidence that may be already published, documented and/or available by expert opinion, together with facts obtained by expert examination of the structure both externally and internally, in order that the Planning Authority’s opinion of the special interest of the structure is described to an extent that the Minister and other parties can reasonably make submissions or observations in relation to same.

In order to provide for a reasonably clear and robust assessment of the special interest of each of the five candidate structures for proposed addition to the RPS, as provided in the motion agreed by the City Council of the 8th June 2015, it is essential that access is gained for expert conservation assessment of the interior of each of the five structures and of their rear yard/site area, where relevant.

Neither the Shaffrey/Myles report for Chartered Land, nor the incomplete draft report by Kelly and Cogan contain sufficient material to identify the “special interest” required under Section 55-58 of the Planning Act 2000, to enable the structures to be identified as proposed protected structures. The Kelly and Cogan report is incomplete as no internal inspections were carried out, nor was a final assessment as to the “special interest” of the buildings provided.

It is noted that the High Court judgement of Mr. Justice Max Barratt is currently the subject of legal proceedings in the Court of Appeal.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive for further information on the answers provided to my various questions (going back to October 2012) in relation to Crosbie's yard. Later answers included a statement that "the developer has recently informed the City Council that the site at Castleforbes Road was not developed and has been sold" and that "further negotiations will now be necessary between the City Council and the developer to agree Part V compliance at Ossory Road". Can the Chief Executive give me an update on the latest negotiations and confirm whether, or not, in his view, DCC will ever be properly reimbursed/compensated for this failure to deliver on this Part V obligation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The developer of "Crosbie's Yard" has ceased trading and the City Council is investigating the current status of ownership of this development. The City Council will take the appropriate action to fulfil the Part V requirement for "Crosbie's Yard".

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail how many unfulfilled agreements/arrangements, similar to that in place for the Crosbie Yard Part V are in place which, to date, have not been delivered on and to further detail the number of social housing units are involved?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A recent review was carried out on all Part V obligations to date. All agreements made in relation to delivery of social housing units have been met or are in progress, with exception of one development where a financial contribution is outstanding. This matter is with Planning Enforcement for investigation.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to objective CHC030 of the Development Plan, which reads as follows:

CHCO30: To seek to provide a 'revolutionary' or 'green' trail in the city, linking sites such as Boland's Mills, GPO, Moore Street, Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Jail and Richmond Barracks, Mount Street Bridge, the Mendicity Institute, Arbour Hill, The Four Courts, Annesley Bridge and North King Street similar to that in Boston, which can be a significant tourist attraction.

- a. What research/work has been done to date on this objective?
- b. When and how will this trail be implemented?
- c. How much will it cost to implement and maintain?

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- d. Have any discussions been held with other bodies, such as Failte Ireland, Government Departments etc. in relation to this objective and its implementation?
- e. Have discussions taken place with local history groups in relation to this project? If so, which ones have been contacted?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Objective CHCO30 is one of the objectives of the Dublin City Development Plan to be delivered over the plan period of 2016-2022.

Comprehensive research on 10 known and lesser known locations has been undertaken since the Summer of 2016 and throughout 2017 as part of "The Archaeology of the 1916 Easter Rebellion – An archaeology of urban conflict and its legacy in Dublin City". This is collaborative research project by the Archaeology, Conservation and Heritage Section of Dublin City Council, the School of Archaeology UCD and the Heritage Council, which has examined the landscape of the Rising throughout the contemporary city.

The project has been undertaken on the basis that the archaeological investigation of these sites has the potential to add to the received narrative of the Rising and to provide a more considered account of the conflict and its aftermath in the contemporary urban environment, beyond the central events at the GPO and the Moore Street area.

The research document is expected to be published in Mid-2018. However, a significant level of the research, documentation, seminar details have been provided throughout the project via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thearchaeologyof1916project> Twitter and on the project Blog at <https://thearchaeologyof1916.wordpress.com/>

The City Council developed and funded Richmond Barracks with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, a new exhibition centre in Inchicore set in the remaining historic barracks buildings and providing an interactive, multimedia attraction tracing the story of the site.

The City Council funded and developed "The City & The Rising: Dublin City Council's interactive guide to the 1916 Rising", featuring a day-by-day timeline, interactive map and 3D virtual environments, containing incidents and events of Easter Week with specific locations across the city <http://www.dublincityrising.com/>

There are a number of other virtual tours/trails and websites on the subject of 1916 already provided by a range of organisations, including:

- Explore 1916 with its interactive map of locations across the city <https://1916.rte.ie/>
- DublinRising with Google - an interactive tour of 22 locations in Dublin City <https://dublinrising.withgoogle.com/welcome/>

These virtual 'revolutionary tours' or 'green trails' and interactive guides are available for use with handheld devices. However, it is also recognised that there is a need to draw the available research and information together and to consider a trail or guide in a more physical form.

Once the research document has been published later this year, initial consultations will be undertaken with Fáilte Ireland, the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and other key stakeholders. These consultations will focus on identifying funding sources, evaluating feasibility, drafting a project brief/development strategy, and determining the need for consultancy services to support both the development and implementation of a project under Objective CHCO30 of the Dublin City Development Plan.

The consultations will also consider the questions raised at (b) and (c) above. They will include Fáilte Ireland, the Department and other relevant key stakeholders, as referred to in (d) above. In relation to (e), it is intended that the draft project brief and strategy will consider and address the question of wider consultation once the feasibility of the project has been established and funding clearly identified.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive what initiatives Dublin City Council has/will put in place to mark/participate in Bliain na Gaeilge (2018) and to specifically ask if the Chief Executive will consider running more internal Irish speaking courses for staff and Councillors in 2018.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council will be promoting and highlighting its support for Bliain na Gaeilge by advertising this national celebration of the 125 years of Athbheochan na Teanga. The Council will be providing a highly visible advertising programme in support of Bliain na Gaeilge 2018 which will include large scale banners being placed on the Civic Offices at Wood Quay and also on No. 3 Palace Street/Dame Street.

The Ardmhéara Mícheál Mac Donncha is working with Conradh na Gaeilge to mark Bliain na Gaeilge (2018) and currently has two potential events booked into his diary. One will be held on 22nd January in the Mansion House and one in a yet to be confirmed venue on 9th May.

Bliain na Gaeilge 2018 is included in the Dublin City – Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018 – 2022, currently being drafted, and planning has commenced to develop events and opportunities for fluent and less fluent speakers to use the Irish language. Dublin City Creative Ireland team is liaising with Conradh na Gaeilge on preparations for their parade in Dublin city centre in March, entitled '**Beo Gaelach agus Brodúil**' which plans to follow a route from Parnell Square to St. Stephen's Green, with after-parade events at St. Stephen's Green.

Events are planned for the following

- St Patrick's Festival
- Seachtain na Gaeilge in March
- Bealtaine in May
- Heritage Week in August
- Culture Nights in Pearse Street and Rathmines Libraries on Culture Night and some during the year
- Childrens' Book Festival
- Dublin Book Festival
- Dublin Festival of History /Historians area-based programmes
- Dublin City Commemorations programme 2018



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- The Dublin UNESO City of literature programme 2018 will include an Irish language component in association with other UNESCO Cities of Literature.

There will also be a specific focus on the libraries engaging with Gaelscoileanna; Meas Media (Promoters of Irish Language Titles) and with Foras na Gaeilge.

### Irish Language training courses for Staff and Councillors:

To date The Irish Development Unit have organised and delivered 7 FETAC Level Course in Teastas sa Ghaeilge Ghairmiúil / Certificate in Professional Irish to staff since 2015.

The aim of these courses is to raise the level of competency of staff and councillors to deal with queries and conduct business through Irish.

73 staff members have achieved awards (at FETAC Level 3, 4 and 5). In addition to this training, the Irish Development Officer has provided 10 Language Awareness training sessions during 2017 to new Clerical Officers, Library Assistants and Customer Service Agents. It is intended that these successful Irish Language training courses will continue to be provided to Council staff during 2018. These courses are open to councillors or alternatively they can use their training allowance on other suitable Irish Language courses that may be run at more convenient times or locations.

#### **Q.21 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### **Q.22 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive whether any steps are being taken by DCC or in conjunction with Gardaí to ensure that footpaths are available for use by pedestrians rather than turning into cycleways at various points which is a danger to pedestrians and contrary to rules of the road.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council meet quarterly with An Garda Síochána at the Walking and Cycling sub-committee where matters such as this are raised. The RSA are also in attendance at these meetings to communicate important safety issues as well as other stakeholders. There are also regular interactions at a senior level between Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána on road safety.

#### **Q.23 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**)

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### **Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

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To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the Moore Street - Dublin Central development:

- To explain in detail how the decision to grant a seven year extension to Chartered Land's Dublin Central planning permission in June 2016 was reached;
- If consideration was given during this decision-making process to the motion passed by the City Council's Elected representatives in June 2015 which proposed adding Nos. 10, 20 and 21 Moore Street, as well as O'Brien's Bottling Stores (Rear of No 10/11 Moore St), the 'White House' and O'Brien's Mineral Water Factory on Henry Place to the Record of Protected Structures List;
- To explain how the decision to grant a seven year extension to a planning permission which seeks to demolish buildings subject to a Dublin City Council-initiated RPS assessment, for which Kelly and Coogan Architects were appointed by the City Council on June 17th 2016, is valid and to refer to the legislation upon which the decision to grant the extension was based.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has been the subject of previous question from Councillor Lyons.

On 5th May 2016, an application for extension of duration of planning permission was sought for a site consisting of the majority of a city block bounded by Parnell Street, Moore Lane, O'Rahilly Parade, Moore Street, Henry Street, Henry Place and O'Connell Street Upper (Plan No. 2479/08). The developer sought an extension of duration on the basis that: that there were considerations of a commercial, economic or technical nature beyond the control of the applicant which militated against the commencement of development or the carrying out of substantial works pursuant to the planning permission. The application was assessed in accordance with Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 (as amended) which required assessment under 4 main criteria. In conclusion, it determined the following:

1. there were considerations of a commercial, economic or technical nature beyond the control of the applicant which substantially militated against the commencement of development,
2. there had been no significant changes in the development objectives in the development plan or in regional development objectives in the regional planning guidelines for the area of the planning authority since the date of the permission such that the development would no longer be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,
3. the development would not be inconsistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to any guidelines issued by the Minister under section 28, notwithstanding that they were so issued after the date of the grant of permission in relation to which an application is made under this section,
4. an environmental impact assessment was carried out before the permission was granted, that no appropriate assessment issues arose.

The Planning Authority was also satisfied that the application was made in accordance with article 43 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and made prior to 23 March 2017.

The judgement made by the High Court on 18th March 2016 following the lodgement of three related sets of proceedings in respect of this site was also noted, as was the appeal lodged by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to the Supreme Court relating to the judgement in this matter.

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While the Planning Authority gave due consideration to the judgement of the High Court, it was also cognisant of the relevant statutory provisions for assessing an application to extend the 'appropriate period' of a particular planning permission i.e. Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 as amended and to relevant case law in this matter.

The Planning Authority also had regard to:

The nature of the jurisdiction of the planning authority to extend the duration of a permission was considered by the High Court in McDowell v. Roscommon C.C.. While in that case Finnegan J. was considering the original section 42, as opposed to the modified version of section 42 (substituted by Section 28 of the 2010 Planning and Development (Amendment) Act), one observation of the High Court in McDowell is particularly noteworthy:

"The wording of section 42 is clear. It provides that if the Planning Authority are satisfied on certain matters the Planning Authority must grant an extension. It is clear on the authorities that to take into account any other matter, fact or circumstance is ultra vires."

In relation to motions passed by the City Councils elected members, proposing to add further building to the Record of Protected Structures, Section 58 of the Planning Act 2000 states that such provisions do not apply to development in respect of which permission has been appointed. The Kelly and Coogan Architects report is an incomplete draft document and does not provide evidence of the "Special interest of the structures, including particles sufficient to inform the public and owners, as required under Section 55 of the 2000 Act.

Thus as the application satisfied all the material considerations for the Planning Authority as set out in section 42(1)(a)(ii) and section 42(b), (c) and (d), the application for extension of duration of the planning permission was granted for a further 5 years.

### **Q.25 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive why it is taking so long for the Council to repair the front door of our tenant (**details supplied**) she states that it was only hung 3 years ago but it is warped and she is losing heat. Although numerous Council Officials have been it to inspect the door but no one has repaired it yet. Can he also report the numbers waiting for door repairs/replacement and how many carpenters do we have to deal with this.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A new timber hall door was fitted in this dwelling in 2015. The tenant requested a PVC door. Housing Maintenance does not install PVC doors. Further inspections of this door were carried out in April and October of that year as requested by the tenant. No repairs were required on these occasions. A further request for repairs due to the door warping was made in December 2017. An inspection of this door has again been carried out. There are no repairs required. The door is not warped and is in good condition.

Housing Maintenance inspected all houses on the Joinery Workshop backlog list of replacement door/window orders in 2017. We also inspected several other dwellings reported by Tenants, Depot Staff etc. Windows in a number of these dwellings were in poor condition due to wear and tear over time. Advance contract work was immediately started to replace windows and doors in these cases. Windows and

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doors are currently being replaced in 53 houses city wide under this category. The remainder of the backlog is being dealt with through the framework. Work is scheduled to start in January 2018. In summary the backlog should be cleared by mid 2018.

Housing Maintenance have a dedicated team of 23 carpenters in our Joinery Workshop who manufacture replacement timber windows/doors for City Council dwellings where deemed required. Repairs to windows/doors are carried out by area maintenance staff on an ongoing basis as they are requested.

### **Q.26 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that a road reinstatement take place next, as this road has been cancelled for works this year (**details supplied**). Also, the fact that a number of residents are wheelchair bound can the Chief Executive assure this Councillor, that works will take place.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance services did not have resurfacing planned for (**details supplied**) in 2017. No works were cancelled. There are no plans to complete resurfacing at this location in 2018. An inspection will be completed to identify any potholes. Any necessary repairs will be scheduled when a crew is next available in the area.

### **Q.27 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will give this Councillor a date as to when the wet room be installed at (**details supplied**)

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection of this dwelling will be carried out in relation to the report of dampness. If evidence is found, required remedial works will be carried out.

### **Q.28 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.29 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will outline to this Councillor, the number of housing units purchased by DCC this year 2017, and also what size units they are 1 beds, 2 beds, 3 beds, 4 beds and if the units are now occupied by families across the housing lists.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council acquired 164 properties under the Housing Acquisitions Programme in 2017. This comprised of the following:

<b>No Of units</b>	<b>No of bedrooms</b>
16	1 Bed
51	2 Bed
87	3 Bed
10	4 Bed

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The Housing Department's Allocation Section ensures that all units are let as soon as is practical, following completion of any necessary remedial works by the Housing Maintenance Unit.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with Waterways Ireland and continue the lighting project up along the Royal Canal. Lighting was recently upgraded from Eastwall to Phibsborough. With the new Luas terminal opening at Broombridge we need to ensure safe passage further along the canal to the Ashtown area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Phase 4 of the Royal Canal Greenway runs between Phibsborough and Ashtown. We are currently drafting tender documentation for the procurement of detailed design services, with a view to commencing in Q1 of 2018. Public lighting will be looked at as part of the detailed design.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**  
To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**  
To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**  
To ask the Chief Executive if a more lasting solution to the joyriding problem in the green space that lies between Clonshaugh Avenue, Moatview and Belcamp Gardens can be found as it appears that the boulders designed to prevent vehicle entry are not working.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
Given the nature of the open space involved, it is nearly impossible to secure it to the extent which would prevent joyriding. Parks Service would be happy to participate in a meeting involving DCC, concerned residents & City Councillors in an attempt to identify potential alternative solutions to this problem.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**  
To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council would consider acquiring 33 Apollo Way in Coolock which is vacant and being let go to ruin by its absent owner or failing that an appropriate intervention from the Council to prevail upon the owner to deal with the rodent (mouse) infestation within the house and the overgrowth in the front and back garden.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
The Derelict Sites Section will arrange an inspection of the site to determine whether the application of the Derelict Sites legislation is warranted.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**  
To ask the Chief Executive what is the difference between the Townhouse B&B now that it has been re-branded as a family hub, compared to how it was before? Have the Garda clearance requirements changed, the staff qualifications and other supports for families.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
The Dublin Region Homeless Executive entered into a lease with the owners of the Townhouse for a period of three years, during which time homeless families will be accommodated until such time as they secure more permanent housing, either through Housing Assistance Payment or by qualifying for a social tenancy. Having secured this lease, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive carried out works to the building to enhance the existing facilities. The enhancements to the Townhouse include:

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- Upgraded internal facilities, including communal areas and kitchens
- Upgraded external play area
- Toddler Play Room
- Laundry facilities room for families
- Storage area for buggies and bicycles
- Room for visiting supports i.e. medical supports, Focus, etc.

There is no change to the requirement that all staff working in the provision of homeless accommodation must be Garda vetted.

### **Q.42 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if it has been drawn to his attention that the transfer of casual trading licenced pitches from Sir John Rogerson's Quay West (facing Lime St) to Sir John Rogerson's Quay East (facing Cardiff lane) has created a situation that the now-redundant pitch on the campshire west of the Samuel Beckett Bridge is provided with mains electricity while the in-use pitch east of that bridge is not so provided and if the Chief Executive will arrange for access to (paid for) mains electricity for casual licence-holding traders on the campshire on Sir John Rogerson's Quay East.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Docklands Office is aware that a casual trader operating in the Docklands has been seeking a mains electricity supply at their current pitch. The licensee has been advised that the Council does not provide electricity to designated trading pitches and that we supply only a specific area for someone to trade from. Dublin City Council Casual Trading Bye Laws advise as to the use of generators if power is required. As per the Chief Fire Officer, only diesel generators or batteries are permitted to supply power at casual trading pitches.

It is stated in each of the Casual Trading Agreements that have been issued in the Docklands that "The Licensee at its own expense shall be responsible for the provision of electrical power to the licensed area and shall pay for all electricity consumed at the licence area."

Docklands Office does not install power connections (electrical or diesel) at casual trading pitches and it is not obliged to provide same as part of the licensing agreement. It is my understanding that the casual trader who is the subject of this question was previously able to source power while operating beside the warehouses on Sir John Rogerson's Quay (West of the Samuel Beckett Bridge) via an agreement between that trader and the owner / operator of that building. This supply was not facilitated in any way by Dublin City Council or its predecessor with responsibility for the area; the Dublin Docklands Development Authority.

Due to flood defence works on the South Campshires the casual trading pitch which is the subject of this Council question was relocated after consultation and agreement with the licensee and at no point was it agreed to install a permanent power supply as part of this relocation.

Dublin City Council cannot agree to install a power supply at this location as to do so would create a precedent for the supply of mains power at other sites throughout the city. A Casual Trading Licence is temporary by its nature and is subject to renewal and possible relocation as deemed necessary by Dublin City Council. While a further

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relocation is not being considered at present it may be necessary at some point in the future to move this license to another location in the area and this is a further reason why permanent mains power is not installed for casual trading pitches. ESB Networks have advised that the estimated cost of a new supply at this location is circa €20,000 plus VAT.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**detail supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**detail supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the update on (**detail supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

To ask the Chief Executive to state the number of posts that have disappeared over the past 5 years. May I have the answer by grade and department please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The numbers employed in December 2012 and November 2017 are set out below, by category.

<b>Category</b>	<b>December 2012</b>	<b>November 2017</b>
Managerial	40	34
Clerical/Administrative	1935	1808



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Professional/Technical	407	458
Outdoor	2735	2295
Fulltime Firefighters	876	920
Incentive Career Break Scheme	6	0
Supernumeraries	0	0
Contract Posts	80	203
Seasonal	23	24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,102</b>	<b>5742</b>

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of figures per Department due to structural changes in this period.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

To ask the Chief Executive to state the number of extra staff recruited or moved to HR Dept over the past year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The number of staff in the HR Department has risen from 65 at end of 2016 to 70 at the end of 2017. This reflects an increased demand in services including National Vetting Project and the introduction of a national HR system.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive is Dublin City Council management aware, that Valley Park a private estate as set out by DCC in 1970 when it required original purchasers to have their deposits ready and lodged to take out their DCC provided mortgages by DCC for a private purchase estate, with no lay Planning Permission issues with the

planning permission approval meaning the green spaces were not for the Council development without the estate approval.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Assuming that this is the site on Woodbank Drive, the land will be developed for Housing under the Rapid Build housing programme for 2018.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the adjacent residents in Parkvale have been consulted in a proper manner if not, why not as there is no support for the development as it is a loss of estate amenity. The Woodbank green space is used for access by private resident's whose houses back onto the green area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This land will be developed for social housing under the Rapid Build Housing Programme. The necessary permission for this development was obtained by way of Section 179 (6) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The City Council will consult with residents as the development progresses.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive under what legal terms does the management of DCC understand the right of ownership of the plot of land to allow DCC to consider development on Parkvale estate.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The photograph supplied by the Councillor would indicate that the parcel of land to which the Councillor is referring to would be the Woodbank Drive site in Finglas, Dublin 11. Dublin City Council is the registered owner of land as per Registry Folio No. DN 350. This land will be developed for Housing under the Rapid Build housing programme for 2018 providing for emergency accommodation for the homeless. The necessary permission for this development was obtained by way of Section 179 (6) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the pear trees in the cabbage patch park removed as the Gardai and Residents have requested them to be removed following assaults on vulnerable adults by young people with the fruit from the trees.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Park's Division have been requested to remove the pear trees in the Cabbage Patch and perhaps replaced with smaller non-fruit bearing trees and I will let you know when I have a response.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to say who owns the vacant small plot of land at entrance to New Street Gardens and will the manager put plans in place for a new community centre given the lack of available community facilities in the area and the fact that this site has been idle and vacant for many years despite attempts to put housing on it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Peter McVerry Trust has received approval in principle from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under the Capital Assistance Scheme to develop six units of accommodation at a site located on New Street South on the corner with New Street Gardens. This is a small infill site which had previously being derelict and vacant and it is expected that residential provision can be made for single adults, couples and single parent families. An invitation to tender for design team services has been advertised following which a design team will be appointed and a planning application lodged by the Peter McVerry Trust.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive how much has the hotel site on Kevin Street paid in levy's to DCC to date and can these levies be allocated to the cabbage patch which is one of the most neglected parks in Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An Bord Pleanala granted planning permission for a hotel development at the junction of Kevin Street and New Street (PL29S.245162) with a condition that a development contribution in the amount of €315,676.35 is payable to the Planning Authority. The developer has entered into a phasing agreement and to date has paid the sum of €147,315 to Dublin City Council.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to put in place a strategy/plan for upgrading the cabbage patch.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A meeting was held in early December between reps. of the Iveagh Trust, local residents, An Garda Síochána, the South East Area Office and Councillors to discuss anti-social issues near the Cabbage Patch in Dublin 8. One specific item that the residents mentioned that night was to have the pear trees removed and perhaps replaced with smaller non fruit bearing trees. The residents also requested an onsite meeting with the Parks Division and the Gardai. I have been in contact with the Parks Division to request that the pear trees be removed and also to request a date for the meeting and I will let Councillors know when this meeting has been arranged. In addition, Waste Management cleaned the area beside the Cabbage Patch on Tuesday 19th December and they have been asked to monitor the area going forward.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please have the footpaths at Martins Row Chapelized Dublin 20 looked at with a view to repairing / replacing the physical structure of the path is crumbling away with heavy traffic etc, in addition ongoing flooding is happening along here with the outlet from the surface water emptying into the life. However, when large amounts of water is coming down the liffey these pipes are submerged resulting in back up of surface water thus allowing flooding.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter will be investigated in due course and a response will be issued to the Councillor thereafter. The surface water river outlets and road gullies will be inspected and cleaned within the next 4 weeks.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive can he arrange to have replaced as a matter of urgency one of the old ramps along St Laurence's Road Chapelizod Dublin 20 as it was recently left when others were replaced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This ramp has been repaired as part of the 2017 Ramps Resurfacing Contract.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive can Dublin City Council please ensure trees needing replacing at Le Fanu Road Ballyfermot from Grange Cross to Rossmore Drive Ballyfermot Dublin 10 are replaced with stronger specimens & protective wire be surround them in addition can the graffiti be removed from the walls along this side of the Road graffiti attracts more graffiti.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

New trees are scheduled for planting here during our current planting season (before March 2018). Tree guards will be used on this stretch of road for added protection. The graffiti removal request has been forwarded to the contractor. The Public Domain Officer will inspect on completion.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive can Dublin City Council please ensure that when retail units in the Ballyfermot Area come up for planning / developments that no further sub division be allowed as once large shops are been broken up all the time & conditions be imposed which ensure decent streetscape if shutters being left up during the day etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Ballyfermot is one of the key shopping districts within the City area with lands Zoned for Z4 use to allow for a mix of services, including retail uses. It is the aim of the City Council to strive to enhance the vitality and viability of such key retail districts. In assessing planning applications for new or existing retail developments, the City Council takes into consideration Zoning objectives for the site and the particular site circumstances. In addition, all submissions received within the statutory period are taken into consideration. Each planning application is also considered relative to specific needs of the area which will include the need to enhance the vitality and viability of key retail districts such as Ballyfermot to ensure its long term sustainability. Where appropriate, conditions are imposed to regulate shop front design.

A meeting of the Area Councillors is scheduled for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the Ballyfermot Civic Centre to discuss planning issues, the subject of this question with Planning Department and Area officers.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

To ask the Chief Executive (detail supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**detail supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**detail supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'CONNOR**  
To ask the Chief Executive can he confirm how much it costs to cut the grass, or pays to a contractor to cut the grass, at Our Lady's Grotto on Mount Drummond Avenue.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
This area is maintained by contract as part of a larger contract lot and the estimated cost is approximately €750.00 per year which includes grass cutting, weed and litter control.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'CONNOR**  
To ask the Chief Executive can the double yellow lines outside (**details supplied**) put down on November 28th be removed promptly in circumstances where the reasoning underpinning the placing of double yellow lines is at issue in circumstances where the TAG report states that the recommendation was made at the South East Area Committee on 13th June 2015 but the record shows this matter was adjourned.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
An appeal on the Traffic Advisory Group's recommendation in relation to this matter has been referred to the Engineering Technical Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**  
To ask the Chief Executive to provide information regarding the 613 social housing units "Completed to date" in 2017, the 720 Voids restored in 2017, the 56 Part V units in 2017, and the 1223 HAP tenancies: what are the addresses of the first three of these categories, how were they funded, and how were allocated, and with regard to the HAP tenancies, what are the locations of these tenancies.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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In relation to void refurbishments, details are given in the table below for 808 voids which were refurbished by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017:

### Refurbished at 6th December 2017

Property Type	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
House	27	47	69	85	16	244
Apartment	46	13	44	107	90	300
Senior Citizens	36	57	67	56	48	264
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>808</b>

These properties are funded by a combination of Dublin City Council funds and funding made available by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government through programmes including Returning Vacant Properties to Productive Use.

### Part V Units

<b>Address</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
Shelbourne Plaza, Charlotte Quay, Dublin 4	53
Alexander Walk, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 8	2
Hamilton Walk, Dublin 15	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>

These Part V acquisitions were funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

### Completions 2017

Schemes completed to 31/12/17 total 772, which are funded through the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government various funding programmes as set out below

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Funding Programme</b>	<b>No of Units</b>
DCC	General Acquisitions	LA housing	162
DCC	Buttercup, Darndale, Dublin 17	LA housing	26
DCC	Buy and Renew Scheme	B&R	3
DCC	Charlemont, Dublin 2 (Block 3)	PPP	79
DCC	St. Helena's, Finglas.	Rapid Build	39
DCC	Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermot	Rapid Build	24

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DCC	Belcamp	Rapid Build	38
DCC	Mourne Road	Rapid Build	29
AHB	An Riasc, Dublin 11 (Tuath)	CALF	27
AHB	Prior Hall, Bow Lane, Dublin 8 (Tuath)	AHB Leasing	19
AHB	384 South Circular Road, Dublin 8 (Focus)	AHB Leasing	10
AHB	Phase 9 Thornwood, Dublin 9 (Tuath)	CALF	8
AHB	Harolds Cross, Dublin 6 (Focus)	CALF	10
AHB	Saul Road, Crumlin, D12 (Peter McVerry Trust)	AHB Leasing	1
AHB	Merville Avenue, Fairview, Dublin 3 (Co-operative Housing Ireland)	CALF	5
AHB	The Steelworks, Dublin 1 (Cluid)	CALF	5
AHB	CaraghCt/Bolton Ct/Mountjoy Sq/Ivy Ct/Kingsmill - Project Abigail(Focus)	CALF	5
AHB	38 & 46 Gloucester Square (Clúid)	CALF	2
AHB	Annamore Court (Canon Troy) D10 (The Iveagh Trust)	CALF	70
AHB	3 Willie Bermingham Place (ALONE)	CALF	1
AHB	11/13 Crumlin Village, Dublin 1 (Cluid)	CALF	5
AHB	17 Kirwan Street Cottages, Dublin 7 (Peter McVerry Trust)	AHB Leasing	1
AHB	Prospect Avenue, Dublin 9 (Peter McVerry Trust)	AHB Leasing	6
AHB	St. Pauls Court, Ard na Gréine, Dublin 13 (CHI)	CALF	11
AHB	Griffith Road, Dublin 11 (Tuath)	CALF	2
AHB	Johnstown Gardens/Kildonan Rd./Abbotstown Rd./ Collins Green/Wellmount Court/ Rathvilly Drive (NOVAS)	CALF	6
AHB	Chanel Manor (Respond)	CALF	16
AHB	HA Bundle 1 (Tuath)	CALF	5
<b>Provider</b>	<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Funding Programme</b>	<b>No of Units</b>
AHB	395 South Circular Road (Focus)	AHB Leasing	4
AHB	10 Alone Walk (Alone)	AHB Leasing	1
AHB	Millrose Cottage, Bluebell (Clúid)	CALF	8
AHB	Clancy Court, Finglas (Tuath)	CALF	5
AHB	Broome Lodge (Dunmanus) D. 7 (Cluid) * (2014 Calls for Proposals)	CALF	33

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AHB	Broome Lodge (Dunmanus) D. 7 (Cluid) * (2014 Calls for Proposals)	CAS	10
AHB	Patrick Street (Dublin Simon)	CAS	1
AHB	St. Agathas Court (Peter McVerry Trust)	CAS	11
AHB	Doolin House, Clare Village, Dn 17 (Circle)	CAS	1
AHB	Spencer Dock, Dublin 1 (Tuath)	CAS	12
AHB	Priorswood Lodge, Dublin 17 (Circle)	CAS	2
AHB	Premier Square, Dublin 11 (Circle)	CAS	1
AHB	Cabra Road, Dublin 7 (Peter McVerry Trust)	CAS	60
AHB	Brookfield Court, Rialto, Dn 8 (Peter McVerry Trust)	CAS	3
	<b>Total Completions to 31/12/17</b>		<b>767</b>

The Properties are allocated to applicants currently on City Councils Housing Allocations list.

HAP Tenancies :

Balbriggan	104
Ballinteer/ Ballyogan	4
Ballybrack/ Shankill	2
Ballyfermot	94
Ballymun	23
Beaumont/ Donaghmede	179
Blackrock	14
Blackrock/ Stillorgan	9
Bray	1
Cabra/ Finglas	242
Castleknock	88
Clondalkin	96
Clontarf	37
Crumlin/ Kimmage	87



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Dalkey Upper	3
Dalkey/ Dun Laoghaire	79
Dundrum	14
Glencullen/ Sandyford	26
Greystones	2
Howth / Malahide	42
Killiney	14
Kilmainham/ Inchicore	117
Lucan	66
Mulhuddart	116
North Inner City	280
Pembroke	13
Rathfarnham	27
Rathgar	67
Stillorgan	18
Swords	102
Tallaght Central	106
Tallaght South	124
Templeogue/ Terenure	13
Total	2209

The figure includes the Dublin region from 2015 to 2017 (Homeless HAP)

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following please (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full comprehensive report:

- (a) Including the release of all emails regarding the negotiations between Mr Bob Geldof and the Chief Executive of DCC, Mr Owen Keegan on the matter of Mr Geldof's handing back of his honorary Freedom of the City.

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- (b) What protocols were in place prior to this with regards any individual wishing to hand their Freedom of the City award.
- (c) What subsequent protocols have been put in place since Mr Geldof handed his back?
- (d) Also, was the protocol committee ever informed by the Executive of the lack of procedures around these events?
- (e) Did the Chief Executive inform the Lord Mayor that he should be present on occasions such as these.
- (f) And who chose the venue for the handover of Mr Geldof's Freedom of the City?
- (g) Did Mr Geldof indicate or explain to DCC verbally or otherwise the reasons for his handing back of his Honorary Freedom of the City?
- (h) Did Mr Geldof convey to you, or any of your staff, that once Aung San Suu Kyi was removed from the record of Honorary Freedom of the City, that Mr Geldof would appreciate the return of his own honorary freedom of the City
- (i) that this was the principals on which it was accepted by City Management.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- (a) There were no e-mails between Mr Geldof and the Chief Executive.
- (b) There were no protocols in place, as it was not a situation that was expected to occur.
- (c) Protocols may be drawn up if the Protocol Committee indicates the desire for such protocols.
- (d) The Protocol Committee was not informed. There was no expectation that the need for such protocols would arise.
- (e) No. He simply advised the Ard Mhéara of his conversation with Mr Geldof.
- (f) Mr Geldof
- (g) Yes, verbally
- (h) Mr Geldof stated to Ms Oonagh Casey that he would be happy to have the Freedom of the City returned to him if Aung San Suu Kyi's name was removed from the record of honorary freedom of the city.
- (i) No – it was returned and accepted unconditionally at Mr Geldof's request.

### **Q.77 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a feasibility study on the possibility of the rates office at Castle Street, being used for Dublin City Councillors for workspace. At present the City Hall and its rooms are overcrowded and there is very little workspace for Councillors. The Rates Office is a substantial building close to City Hall and is an ideal location for a complimentary space for Councillors. The numbers of Councillors has increased and our working spaces within City Hall have decreased.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The former Newcoman Bank building on Cork Hill/Castle Street currently houses the City Council's Rates Office. Consideration is being given to relocating the Rates Office to more suitable accommodation and to restoring the building to accommodate a more appropriate public use in keeping with its status as one Dublin's finest 18-century buildings. As part of this project the option of providing additional working spaces for Councillors on the upper floors of the building will be considered.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate the procedures for the setting up of a Dublin City Council Acquisitions committee/process in which Councillors have a say and oversight. At present Dublin City Council does not have a say or a policy while we do have a say in disposals it is inconsistent that we don't have a say in acquisitions. Dublin City Council is acquisitioning large property portfolios to deal with the housing crisis and shortage as well as other issues. It is now time that City Councillors had oversight and say on these matters.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The disposal of land/property requires the consent of the elected members in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The acquisition of land/property however is an executive function.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report on what remaining assets and estates the City Council still holds which are awaiting to be transferred to the Irish Water Company.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In accordance with Section 12 of the Water Services (No 2) Act 2013, properties of a Water Services Authority (in this case Dublin City Council) required for the delivery of water and wastewater services may be designated for transfer to Irish Water by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

A number of properties, formerly owned by DCC, have already been transferred to the ownership of Irish Water under this legislation.

A number of water and wastewater services properties remain the property of Dublin City Council and will transfer to Irish Water once the necessary documentation is in place covering title, registration etc. These are listed below.

WWPS refers to a Wastewater Pumping Station

WTP refers to a Water Treatment Plant

<b>Asset Name</b>	<b>Asset Type</b>
Kilbarrack	WWPS
Island Bridge	WWPS
Raheny	Valve House
East Road	WWPS
Poplar Row	WWPS
Beaumont	WWPS
Pelletstown	WWPS
Finglas Bridge	WWPS
Ailesbury	WWPS
Shrewsbury	WWPS
Leeson Street	Valve House
Blackhorse Bridge	Valve House

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M1 GrandCanalTunnel	Valve House
Whitebanks-South Bull Wall	Valve House
Donnybrook	Valve House
Tara Lawns	WWPS
Ballyboden	WTP & Service Reservoir/Tank
Swords Rd (Whitehall)	Booster Station
Sutton	WW Pumping Station
Callow Hill Tank	service reservoir/tank
Varty/Roundwood	Water Treatment Plant
Varty/Roundwood	Upper Reservoir
Varty/Roundwood	Lower Reservoir
Vartry/Roundwood Catchment Stream	service reservoir/tank
Balscadden Tower	Valve House
Phoenix Park	Valve House
Mayor Street	WWPS
Liffey Terrace	WWPS
Clontarf	storm tank
Kilcrouney Tank	service reservoir/tank
R&P Syphon Houses	Syphon House Londonbridge Rd
Bohernabreena	Upper Reservoir
Bohernabreena	Lower Reservoir
Main Lift (Ringsend)	Pump St Pigeon Hse Rd
Grange (Parks)	Storm Tank
Clontarf	WWPS
Vernon Avenue	WWPS
Kilmurray Tank	service reservoir/tank
Cara Park	WWPS
Mellows Park	WWPS
R&P Chamber Cambridge A	Valve House/overground
Ballymun Rd	Booster Station
Hartwell	Valve House
Bawnogue	Valve House
Ratoath	WWPS
Silloogue HL	Service Reservoir
Silloogue LL	tank
Saggart	Booster Disinfection
Saggart	service reservoir/tank
Naas Road	Valve House
Ballyboggan	WWPS
Bluebell	WWPS
Poulaphouca Reservoir	Surface water abstraction facility
Grange	WWPS

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

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To ask the Chief Executive in relation to a question I asked at the DCC meeting in October 2015, (Q.22) and received this response (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.81 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the DCC meeting in October 2017, I asked the attached question (Q.56) and received the attached response (**details supplied**).

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Derelict Sites Section is liaising with the owner of this site and an undertaking was given by the owner in October, 2017 that remedial works would be carried out to this site commencing in January, 2018 with completion in May, 2018. The Owner has been notified that if these works are not undertaken as agreed then formal action will be taken under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 which result in the site being entered on the Derelict Sites Register and will incur a levy of 3% per annum of the market value of the site and possible acquisition under Section 14 of the Act.

### **Q.82 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to improve the street lighting on the southern side of Elmwood Avenue Lower, Ranelagh as it is inadequate and it needs to be improved by the erection of additional lighting at suitable location(s). To ask the Chief Executive to further conduct an assessment of the adequacy of street lighting on the northern side of Elmwood Avenue Lower, and, if necessary, to implement necessary improvements on that side also.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We will examine the lighting on the northern and southern side of Elmwood Avenue Lower and any improvements that may be considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future lighting improvements programme subject to available finances. Please note that there is no improvements programme for 2018.

### **Q.83 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive (a) who is responsible for the dog waste container on the Canal at Portobello, (b) what is the cleaning rota for same, and (c) to ensure that it is cleaned frequently. Since its erection it has over flown and there are bags of dog waste lying all around the environs of the bin such that the situation is now disgraceful. Please see photo attached.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the dog waste container installed on the canal at Portobello. Arrangements have been made to ensure that this bin will be emptied on a daily basis.

### **Q.84 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**  
To ask the Chief Executive to please provide me with an update on the Gracepark/Drumcondra area development plan and say what progress has been made over the last 12 months and specifically say when the road widening on Gracepark Rd at its junction with Griffith Ave is scheduled to take place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
This matter will be looked at and a response will be provided to the Councillor within 7 days.

The Grace Park Road Area: Implementing the Development Plan document was prepared to ensure that any planning applications for the various institutional lands in the area take on board development plan policy in relation to matters such as school provision, conservation, permeability networks, and open space provision in an integrated manner. It is also envisaged that the 'Implementing the Development Plan' document shall guide the preparation of masterplans under the Z15 zoning objective as appropriate. There has been no further update on this plan to date.

Regarding the road widening on Gracepark Rd at its junction with Griffith Ave which was required under reg. Ref. 4105/15 (ABP Ref. PL29N.246430), DCC Environment and Transportation Department have had discussions with the developer and are waiting for design details to be submitted with regards to implementing the road widening and works to the junction as required under the planning condition.

This matter will be looked at and a response will be provided within 7 days.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**  
To ask the Chief Executive to update me on the pre-application discussions taking place in relation to the development of

- a) Clonliffe college grounds
- b) spare lands at St. Vincent's Hospital Fairview

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
The purpose of Section 247 pre-application consultations is to assist potential planning applicants to gain a greater understanding of the planning application process, any relevant regulations and any relevant objectives of the development plan that may impact on the planning authorities' decision in relation to applications

for the site in question. Dublin City Council keeps a record of consultations held under Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. When an application for planning permission is subsequently lodged, details of any consultations which were held become part of the planning file and so become publically available at that stage.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please outline the tree pruning programme for this winter season in the Clontarf Ward and report on progress on leaf collection programme and say if all the regular problematic areas have been dealt with.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Leaf Removal Programme for 2017 involving the issuing of blue bags to the public for the purpose of collecting leaves from their roads and estates has been completed.

Waste Management Services operate a leaves removal programme during the autumn and winter months. The Clontarf Ward has been included as often as possible during this time, with specific emphasis on the problematic areas there. Any remaining leaves in the Clontarf Ward will be removed in the coming weeks.

Tree works are carried out on an 'As Required' basis but streets listed for attention in Clontarf for the 2018/19 Tree Care Programme are Haddon Road and Vernon Gardens, both Carpinus and crown raising/reduction listed. Also trees on the enclosed open space behind Kincora Grove are listed for height reduction. Leaf collection comes under Public Domain Officer/Environmental Liaison Officer remit.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he is aware of the dangerous situation that pertains there with blind bends and lack of any footpath for pedestrians and say if he can take necessary action to make the roads and footpaths safe for pedestrians and motorists alike

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Engineer will look into the issue raised and report back to the Councillor in due course.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the disappointing reply to Q.104 December 2017 City Council meeting, can the Chief Executive identify the section of the current Litter Management Plan which allows a lesser schedule of street cleaning compared to the previous Litter Management Plan (2008-2012)? I have included a section of the current plan which appears to be contrary to the reply to my question. "The current cleaning strategy in place for Dublin's Central Business District was put in place during the lifetime of the previous Litter Management Plan for the City. The focus of the 2016 - 2018 Litter Management Plan is to ensure that our neighbourhoods are cleaned to the same high standard as the City Centre. It is recognised that areas outside of the Central Business District, mainly suburban villages, require increased cleaning and bin servicing, particularly during the evenings and at weekends. Dublin City Council aims to develop an effective cleaning strategy for these areas that will see an increase in the frequency of street cleaning



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in accordance with the requirements for the area.” Can the Chief Executive also estimate the extra manpower required to adhere to the street cleaning schedule contained in the 2008-2011 Litter Management Plan?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

There is no section of the current Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2018 which specifies a lesser cleaning schedule than under the previous 2008 – 2011 plan. The new cleaning regime as outlined in reply to Q104 relies not on scheduled cleaning weeks or dates but instead on frequent regular inspections of the area by the local Inspector who determines what resources should be allocated on an ongoing basis in order to maintain the area to the required standard, however at a very minimum this will be in line with the previous scheduled cleaning plan. Currently the cleaning schedule in this area sees all bins emptied once a day and all shop fronts swept once a day. In addition we also have a staff member based in the New Cabra Road area who sweeps the general area at least once a week. This is far in excess of what the cleaning schedule was under the old plan when general suburban streets were cleaned once every twelve weeks. The current cleaning schedule will be kept under constant review and if necessary increased or decreased according to the needs of the area and available resources.

This area was last inspected on Tuesday 02/01/2018 by the area Inspector Mr. Martin Stewart who reported that he was satisfied with the standard of cleanliness in the area and that he intends to maintain the current schedule for the foreseeable future.

No additional manpower would be required to adhere to the cleaning schedule previously in place under the 2008 – 2011 Litter Management Plan as that cleaning schedule was less than the current cleaning schedule being maintained at present.

### **Q.92 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the reply to Q.107 December 2017 City Council meeting. Can you confirm there were two leaks on the property over the relevant period? DCC are claiming that the leak in August was repaired under the Irish Water ‘First Fix Free’ scheme for repairs on private property. Can you please explain how the second leak in November was repaired given that Irish Water only provide a first fix free scheme and don’t fix a second leak on private property for free? Are you, as Chief Executive, satisfied that DCC didn’t contribute to the four week delay in repairing the leak in August and the three week delay in repairing the leak in November?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

I can confirm there were no leaks on public property following our visit to site in August and again following our visit to site in November. Dublin City Council did not waste any time on either occasion in investigating the matter and informing the Customer of the outcome.

Dublin City Council passed the matter on to Irish Water in order to ensure the best outcome for the Customer in this case. Further details of any issues that pertained to the private side and to Irish Water’s Contractors involvement will be available by contacting Irish Water.

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### **Q.93 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the methodology for calculating the rateable value of a commercial property. Can he provide a breakdown of the number of businesses and the various commercial rate bands being paid, by cost and percentage of the overall figure for payable rates?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All property is valued by the Valuation Office. I have set out below the number of rateable properties at 1/1/17 and the relevant bands.

CHARGE 2017	No Of Accounts	Cumulative total	% per band	Cumulative Total	Total debit per band	% of Debit	Cumulative Total
€1 - €999	2112	2112	10.31%	10.31%	€ 1,300,024.60	0.41%	0.41%
€1,000 - €3,000	5959	8071	29.10%	39.42%	€ 11,576,030.45	3.62%	4.03%
€3,000 - €5,000	3722	11793	18.18%	57.59%	€ 14,496,501.42	4.45%	8.47%
€5,000 - €10,000	3910	15703	19.10%	76.69%	€ 27,520,561.48	8.48%	16.96%
€10,000 - €25,000	2742	18445	13.39%	90.08%	€ 42,210,545.77	13.22%	30.18%
€25,000 - €50,000	1062	19507	5.19%	95.27%	€ 37,124,192.83	11.36%	41.54%
€50,000 - €75,000	370	19877	1.81%	97.07%	€ 22,185,196.37	6.68%	48.22%
€75,000 - €100,000	173	20050	0.84%	97.92%	€ 14,895,967.21	4.66%	52.88%
€100,000 - €500,000	371	20421	1.81%	99.73%	€ 72,208,413.57	22.56%	75.44%
€500,000 -	55	20476	0.27%	100.00%	€ 77,963,929.69	24.56%	100.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20476</b>		<b>100.00%</b>		€ <b>321,481,363.39</b>	100.00%	

### **Q.94 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive that he provides a report on the cost of accommodating homeless families in 2017 giving a breakdown of accommodation type, number of families and costings.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The total adopted revised budget for 2017 for the Dublin Region Homeless Executive is €132 million and includes the following:

Grants to charitable organisations for the provision of accommodation, day services, visiting supports, etc.	€53,561,536
Dublin Region Homeless Executive Homeless Accommodation	€ 1,268,771
Accommodation leased from private operators	€13,920,029
Hotels and B&B's	€51,711,802

The latest figures from November 2017 show that the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin region is 1,188 families.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide and publish a copy of all emergency planning orders from 2015-2017 and consider displaying all such orders on a site notice in future.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Due to the unavailability of suitable accommodation in the Dublin area a total of 10 emergency planning orders were made from 2015 to 2017 in order to provide temporary accommodation for those experiencing homelessness. Section 179 (6) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, provides inter-alia that the requirements set out in and arising from Section 179 shall not apply to development which "is necessary for dealing urgently with any situation which the manager considers is an emergency calling for immediate action". Copies of the orders will be forwarded to the Councillor and consideration is being given to the publishing of any such future orders.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to work with the relevant bodies to provide a whole day childcare facility for Finglas South area given the close vote during the Scribblestown Part 8 .

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is my understanding that the provision of childcare facilities is not a function undertaken by Dublin City Council at this time.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFF**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown (by coin, parking app, text etc.) of the total revenue obtained from on street parking in the last year for which figures are available and state what the revenue was used for.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the year 2017 to week ending 17/12/2017 parking revenue breakdown is as follows:

- Coin: €14,906,838
- Card: €432,373
- Parking Tag €11,956,838

Apart from costs associated with operation of the parking service, e.g. coin collection costs, card processing fees, parking meter lease and maintenance fees and Parking Tag System costs parking revenue is ring fenced for funding of various traffic projects and elements of the Traffic Works Programme, e.g. traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossing facilities, cycle facilities, etc.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFF**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on the processing of my

1) Reps for Pedestrian Crossing on Ratoath Road, Dublin 7, outside Coláiste Mhuire – Ref: 21250.

2) Reps for Lay-By on Ratoath Road, Dublin 7, beside the entrance to Coláiste Mhuire – Ref: 28236.

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made on 3rd November, 2015 and indicate when I might expect a detailed response.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. A final reply issued to the Councillor on 16th May, 2017, as follows: 'The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 28th March, 2017, reported that this location was previously examined and deemed to not require a pedestrian crossing due to the low amount of pedestrians crossing. In addition to this, pedestrian counts were taken on 2nd March, 2017, and on 7th March, 2017, at peak times and an average of only 14.75% of pedestrians had to wait 10-30 seconds to cross the road. The remaining pedestrians were able to cross the road in less than 10 seconds. The Traffic Advisory Group reported, therefore, that a pedestrian crossing is not warranted at this current time.'
2. A final reply issued to the Councillor on 16th May, 2017, as follows: The Area Traffic Engineer reported that 'from a site visit it was noted that there was no adverse parking problems. There are parking spaces on the southbound side of the road across from the school for cars. No traffic congestion was observed during peak times.'

### **Q.99 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFF**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on his plans for the following Dublin City Council owned properties that are on the Vacant Sites Register (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.100 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.101 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the remarking of (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.102 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFF**

To ask the Chief Executive to request from the Chief Fire Officer a list of all serious and fatal fires that have taken place in No.'s 1-187 North Circular Road, Dublin 7 that he has on record over the last twenty-five years and can he give a breakdown by address, date, cause and number of injuries.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Since 2005 each time Dublin Fire Brigade attends an incident, details of that incident are uploaded to the brigades computer aided dispatch and business management system. Previously, incident data was recorded manually and it is not possible to extract information prior to 2005.

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Dublin Fire Brigade is in a position to provide headline figures on incidents attended and fire-related fatalities data from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 to December 2017 for all Domestic Fires / Domestic Fires Persons Reported for North Circular Road (NCR). Between January 2005 and December 2017 there have been 99 fire related incidents generated for North Circular Road. There has been two fire related fatalities recorded by DFB for premises on the NCR, these occurred on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2006 and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could issue a full report on the issues pertaining to the laying of footpaths in possible contravention of the various statutory requirements as detailed in the correspondence issued with this Question. **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive can I have a **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

