

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 1st JULY 2019

Q.1 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to conduct a parking survey of Rialto Street and Rialto cottages with a view to improving safety for pedestrians and drivers in the area. Some cars are parked 2/3 deep and visibility from people exiting the avenue is very poor (photos to follow).

Q.2 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what steps have been taken by Dublin City Council to assess flood risk along Emmet Road in Inchicore? Please provide a copy of any report or assessment of this.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider placing fencing by the water in Grattan Square Park. Please make a statement on the matter.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in tabular form the duration for accessing emergency accommodation for families accommodated at the end of April and at the end of May. Please provide same information for those families in 'own door' accommodation.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CIARÀN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive if you are aware that the contractor in charge of the removal of locks from the pedestrian bridges in the city centre appears to be failing to remove significant numbers of locks from the Ha'Penny Bridge, and can he modify the contract or ensure that all locks are removed on a fortnightly basis.

In addition can you ensure that the contractor or our cleansing staff remove the graffiti and stickers from the Millennium Bridge fortnightly and ensure that the copper handrail is polished and cleaned? It currently has a poor quality appearance that detracts from the appearance of the bridge and its surroundings.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CIARÀN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to place 10-13 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8 on the Derelict Sites Register? It appears to have been vacant/derelict for over forty years, is 800 sq. m. in area; is under the ownership of CIE; and stands opposite the main entrance to the Phoenix Park. Ironically the site is next to the Dublin Region Homeless Executive Central Placement Service at 6-9 Conyngham Road and appears to epitomise the State's neglect of inner city property. In your reply could the Chief Executive provide me with a copy of any correspondence that the Council has sent to or received from C.I.É. Group Property Management who apparently control the site.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CIARÀN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on what progress, if any has been made to render the following sites non-derelict:

- Large industrial premises, Ratoath Road, D11 HY83
- Office of Public Works site bounded by Hammond lane and Church Street, Dublin 7
- Dublin City Council owned site at junction of Marshal Lane and Bridgefoot Street, Dublin 8
- Law Society of Ireland site, Benburb Street, Dublin 7

- Q.8 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**
To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update (including time-lines) on the refurbishment of the Iveagh Market.
- Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**
To ask the Chief Executive to outline to this Cllr as to when the works at **(details supplied)** will be reinstated given that a number of residents are wheelchair users. Also that low Maintenance plants be planted on the left hand side off entry. When will the main gates will be painted?
- Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**
To ask the Chief Executive how many 2 bedrooms homes would be developed for €7 million on a ready to go site?
- Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**
To ask the Chief Executive how many homeless individuals reported to the Homeless Department in May and June 2019?
- Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**
To ask the Chief Executive when **(details supplied)** may be housed, given the family are number 3 on the list.
- Q.13 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive how many applications for 3 bed housing are currently on our housing application lists for Area L.
- Q.14 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive how many applications for 4 bed housing, are currently on our housing application lists for Areas K & L and whether there are any plans to acquire 4 bed units in Areas K or L.
- Q.15 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection to the road at the bus stop 1587 on Cardiffsbridge Road and for a re-instatement to be carried out. The road looks like it wasn't allowed settle before vehicles drove on it creating indentations. A lot of people cross here to either catch the bus or when getting off the bus. There has been a number of elderly people who have tripped because of this.
- Q.16 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpaths at **(details supplied)** to be reinstated as they are in a bad state of disrepair.
- Q.17 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the window at **(details supplied)** to be replaced with smaller windows, as promised to the tenant many times in the past.
- Q.18 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the laneway between **(details supplied)** to be blocked off.
- Q.19 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange signage at either end of South Cumberland Street to denote the presence of a school. Many people who come to the school have great difficulty in finding the Westland Row CBS School in Dublin 2. I think two of the

brown street signs would be of great help and I think the wording CBS Secondary School would be best as a lot of people no longer understand the CBS title.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the following regarding **(details supplied)**.

- a) To address the serious rat run that has got worse in the complex. Cars are cutting through the complex in order to avoid traffic congestion outside the complex. They exit/enter at the children's playground neat blocks R,S,T. This is a serious safety hazard for children who play here, which is of the few safe places to play there. Residents did try stop the traffic but AGS cautioned them not to.
- b) The bins have no lids- this is creating a big litter problem in the complex as it flies everywhere and seagulls are dragging food from them everywhere. Can this be investigated with a view to either putting lids on them or something else?
- c) Is there an official residents group for the complex?

Q.21 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following works carried out, repairs to broken path and shore on the public path outside **(details supplied)**.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive when the windows of **(details supplied)** be replaced under the window refurbishment scheme.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing maintenance matter, to have the gutters at the back of the house at **(details supplied)** replaced/repaired.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to make a full and clear statement to the public regards to the ongoing issue of releasing of sewage into the Dublin Bay area and the contamination of public beaches that has been caused by Irish waters mismanagement of the waste water treatment plant facility at Ringsend. This situation is a grave public health issue, as well as having a very serious impact on the environment of this world protected site.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to call on the homeless executive and the four local authorities in the Dublin region to make available the policy document and maps indicate areas where social housing will not be permitted to be built.

Statements have been made recently by officials that certain areas whether social housing Estates will not be considered for further social housing build.

This issue needs coherence and clarity with a clear policy document it simply does not make sense in the present housing shortage and crisis, that land that's available in certain areas would not be considered for public-housing build.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to make efforts to restore full pay restoration to the many waste management workers who clean our streets and manage our waste. Wages and earnings of these council workers where savagely cut during the years of austerity this group of employees have not received any pay rise in many years nor have their pay that was cut been restored. This Irish economy is restored again, it is now time to restore the proper wage that these workers are entitled to and are rightfully due.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regard to how many tenants have been evicted from approved housing bodies and emergency accommodation facilities. This report to include also how many warning notices for rent arrears, breach of contract and tenancy agreement that have been served on tenants.

This report should cover the last three years and all approved housing bodies and housing association that Dublin city council has agreements with, within the remit of the Dublin regional homeless executive.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that the damaged section of footpath outside **(details supplied)** be repaired. The resident in question **(details supplied)** is terrified to repair the footpath for fear of an insurance claim. Please check this out I would be very grateful.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that all the large trees along Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot Dublin 10, get serious pruning in the coming months. There is now a serious tree growth all along the trunks of the trees impeding residents walking & driving along here.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that the following be looked into; Dublin City Council working for Irish water appeared outside **(details supplied)** in early April to repair a leaking water service pipe and replace a manhole cover on the public footpath. However when the works were carried out damage was done to the pier & gates of the residents boundary resulting in the gates / pier been dislodged & no longer close properly.

It is obvious that the damage was caused when the works were carried out. I feel DCC must do one of two things repair the pier & gates or pay for the works to be done. I am happy to meet on site with the resident to discuss same.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the new allotments at the site of the Old ABC Centre, Bluebell Ave, Dublin 12 has sufficient quality top soil to sustain the growth of vegetables, fruits etc. Some residents have stated a lot of spoil was deposited here from other works the ESB were doing to bring the new Electricity Main up to the Amazon facility on the Belgard Road, Tallaght Dublin 24. Who will be responsible for maintenance around the Pylon at the entrance to the gated allotments?

Q.32 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive arrange for the pathway to be repaired at **(details supplied)**.

Q.33 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a review of the Road Maintenance work carried out on the pathways at **(details supplied)**.

Q.34 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a removal of illegal dumping at **(details supplied)**. There is a mattress, a burnt out motor bike and a number of black bags.

- Q.35 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE**
To ask the Chief Executive arrange for the pathway to be repaired at **(details supplied)**
- Q.36 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**
To ask the Chief Executive please state the number of overtime hours worked by Litter Wardens in each of the Local Area Committee areas on 23rd April and also on 21st May last.
- Q.37 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN**
To ask the Chief Executive what type of provisions and safe guards are undertaken by council bodies and contractors during road works and maintenance to ensure that cyclists and pedestrians are not denied access to route ways during operations and that where disruption does occur, it follows best practice of street hierarchy design. Giving pedestrians priority, then cyclists and finally other vehicles.
- Q.38 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN**
To ask the Chief Executive what is the current standard practice from DCC in making information accessible to persons with disabilities. Does it include the following: ISL at public meetings, subtitles on all webcasts, online information that is fully compatible with reader technologies (i.e. no use of PDFs etc.), accessible venues for all public meetings, easy read versions of documents, Braille versions of documents on request and Text phone.
- Q.39 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN**
To ask the Chief Executive to outline when the orcas and other cycling protections in front of the Customs House will be reinstated following the recent road works undertaken there.
- Q.40 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on any plans to upgrade and expand cycling routes during the current year.
- Q.41 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive if local waste depots sites will continue to provide local community recycling facilities after the move of operations to Super Depots.
- Q.42 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**
To ask the Chief Executive for a full list of the ingredients of the herbicides, applied by spraying or otherwise, by Dublin City Council on roads and streets, green spaces and parks in use, in Dublin City.
- Q.43 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**
To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the dishing in footpaths at entrance to **(details supplied)**. Dishing's are facing out onto the main road causing a problem for my constituent, a senior lady who uses a wheelie travel frame and who has to go out onto the main road in order to get across the minor road at **(details supplied)**.
- Q.44 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**
To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the large tree outside **(details supplied)** Please say if you will examine same with the view to removing this very large tree on health and safety grounds. The residents feel it is unsafe due to its height and in danger of being blown down and in the case of two other similar trees in the estate both of which blew down during most recent stormy weather conditions.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to the bin that was removed from location as per **(details supplied)**.

Explain why the bin was removed, say when a replacement big belly bin will be installed, say when additional required bins will be installed at **(details supplied)**

Explain why 7 bins have been removed from general area of **(details supplied)** over the last few years and when same will be replaced.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to removal, during road resurfacing works, of traffic calming ramps from location at **(details supplied)** and say when ramps will be replaced.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what action is being taken to address the leak in the kitchen at **(details supplied)**. This has been a problem for years now but has never been properly resolved. The tenant is at the end of her tether as her kitchen units are again destroyed and warped. The bathroom is riddled with dampness as well. Can the source of this leak please be found and addressed once and for all. The kitchen ceiling also needs to be fixed.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive the total number of bins removed from parks in the city in 2018 and the total number of bins installed in parks in the city in 2018.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive when repairs to Merrion Road cycle path will be undertaken.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can I be supplied with the latest vacant site register for Dublin City please?

Q.51 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the agreed heights for new buildings on the quays and docklands. What planning permissions have been granted in the past 12 months and for what heights have the permissions being given?

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive Has the council plans to start proactively building again rather than relying on the private sector for this.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive what plans for retrofitting has DCC for the next 12 months, how many dwellings do they expect to retrofit? How much will the cost be per dwelling and who will carry this out.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive given the ongoing problems with chronic traffic problems on Pidgeon House Road can the Council look to undertake a study similar to Mount Pleasant Ave Lower, Rathmines. Please put in a pilot scheme to see if it works for residents as the current situation is not sustainable.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the large roundabout at the end of Sean Moore road painted and planted as it very unkempt and ugly looking,

Q.56 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have an electronic speed sign erected for traffic going in both directions at on R131 Approach to East Link/Tom Clarke Bridge across from Poolbeg Quay as traffic is travelling very fast at night in particular and early morning and the road surface is very bad and the heavy containers make a lot of noise and the number of HGV's is continually increasing.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to make all necessary arrangements for the gutters at the rear and to the front of **(details supplied)** to be cleaned. Please update me on the actions undertaken to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a commitment to remove the monument structure at **(details supplied)** directly opposite homes at the top of the square as the area acts as a magnet for public drinking, drug taking and urination; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of an application submitted by **(details supplied)** seeking to have her bath replaced with a walk-in shower; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he would consider communal bin storage for City Centre businesses to minimise the use of bags on the streets, to reduce litter and to introduce more efficiencies in bin collections.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if to date there have been any further discussions between Dublin City Council and the NTA with regards to the Metro development, the impact that this will have on the Markievick Leisure Centre and the residents of College Gate Apartments. What plans are in place to rehouse the residents, and for how long he thinks this will sterilise development on surrounding lands, in particular the Council owned site at Luke Street. Can you also outline whether alternative locations have been considered to avoid the demolition of Markievick and College Gate.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what is being done to re-home the residents of Hatch Hall who are facing imminent eviction due a hotel development that is proposed for this building. Can you provide a report and a statement on this?

Q.63 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the plans to pedestrianise the following streets and areas:

- College Green (and to include an update on the trial period and associated events)
- Drury Street
- South William Street
- Dame Lane

Can you provide a projected timeline for the delivery of these pedestrianisation projects.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to conclude and sign off on the weed spraying programme for Dublin North West as soon as possible.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of additional public waste bins at **(details supplied)**. 7 new retail outlets have opened here since 2017 yet not one additional bin has been installed.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of installing an electric vehicular gate at **(details supplied)**. The residents are concerned about how open the senior citizen complex is and how cars that aren't residents are parking there.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of Cycle Lanes in **(details supplied)**.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the area as highlighted in the correspondence below **(details supplied)** is in charge with Dublin City Council?

Q.69 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to follow up with those with management responsibility in relation to the installation of barrier-free tolling technology on the East-Link bridge – there is regular congestion here on account of the use of barriers as raised in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to please detail the rationale for the mid-night cut-off for the new parking restrictions on Charlemont Road, Dublin 3. I would have expected normal residential hours to apply i.e. finish at 7pm and for Monday-Friday only. See **(details supplied)**

Q.71 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the rationale for closing the children's playground in St Annes Park for the entirety of the recent concert weekend. While the concerts were broadly welcomed, the restrictions to park access implemented before/during the weekend appeared excessive. Can you provide a report outlining the rationale for these restrictions? See **(details supplied)**.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could request that the operators of the Poolbeg Incinerator, in addition to publishing real-time furnace temperatures, also publish real-time emissions data instead of previous day half hourly data to bring the incinerator in line with other European countries and increase transparency.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could detail whether the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership as part of its mandate maintain a database of all soccer, GAA or rugby playing fields within the Dublin City Council area; if he could detail whether the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership have a role in identifying new sites for soccer, GAA or rugby playing fields within the Dublin City Council area or whether this has been explored.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive further to question 82 on the 17th of June 2019 if he could detail for each of the years 2014 – 2018 inclusive the precise annual rate on valuation applied for each of the years in the annual budgets; if he could detail in tabular form for each of the years inclusive the total number of properties that paid commercial rates broken down by electoral area; if he could detail in tabular form broken down by electoral area the nominal euro amount for the total commercial rate collected for each year by reference to the following categories of properties where commercial rates were paid starting from the properties with the highest amounts collected, 1- 10, 1-50, 1-100, 1-1000, 1-10,000, 1-10,000+

Q.75 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive further to question 82 on the 17th of June 2019 if he could detail in tabular form broken down by electoral area the total amount of development levies collected for each year by Dublin City Council between June 2014 and June 2019.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding plans for capital investment in libraries for the city for this year and if he will provide a copy of the capital plan to this Councillor and make a statement on the matter.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the cost of cleaning footpaths and roads in the city over the past 3 years and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on new homes to be built in Dublin City this year and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of how much subvention is paid to the various community centres in the City and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this matter of illegal dumping of rubbish in **(details supplied)**. Despite the excellent efforts of the Parks Department to keep this section of the park clean – there is continues illegal dumping at the north western corner of the park. Please see attached map, can the gap at this point be closed off to, at least, make it more difficult for the perpetrators of this anti- social activity.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive when the much needed hand rails on the stairs will be installed for this elderly tenant.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the weeding of **(details supplied)** to take place by July 1st and to make a statement on the matter.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a program of implementing on-street public seating at strategic points around the City to facilitate older people and those with disabilities in particular and report back to the Council on this by October. This development would be consistent with our aim of developing and promoting an Age

Friendly City. Implementation costs could be deferred by offering sponsorship of seating to local and corporate businesses.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a feasibility study to implement a CRM type system in Dublin City Council for workflow management of queries, issues and projects which would provide for logging, tracking and managing performance. Such systems are used by other Councils and their models should be explored in terms of learning from their experience and the potential to implement a standard system at reasonable cost and within a reasonable timeframe. The current system operated by Dublin City Council is not fit for purpose.