

May Council Report

Update On Annual Service Plan - 02/06/2015

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Objective 1: Maintain a supportive business environment with job creation and retention at its heart

LECP High Level goals public consultation ongoing to 5th June. Two public meetings were held as well as a series of focus meetings on the main emerging themes. Enterprise Week took place from the 11th to 15th of May- wide range of well attended events. Evaluation meeting took place on the 26th May. Approved €91,000 at May Evaluation meeting on 26th May to 3 projects creating 10.5 jobs. The re-configured Local Enterprise Office was opened for the start of Enterprise Week, and hosted 6 of the Enterprise Week events. In total 22 events were held over Enterprise Week, which was organised by LEO and Libraries staff, from 11th May to 15th May, with events held in LEO, Branch Libraries, Partas & Synergy Centre. During a very successful week 477 people attended the events over the week.

Objective 2: Work with enterprise support agencies to increase foreign direct investment in South Dublin County

Promotional video for Grange Castle Business Park completed. Final draft version of brochure for GCBP complete. New website design approved, build and content writing ongoing, go live scheduled June. Part VIII proposal for new internal road in Grange Castle on Public display until 19th June. Envisaged that report will be brought to the July Council meeting for members consideration.

Objective 3: Manage the assets of South Dublin County Council in a way that supports economic development

Expressions of interest sought for a range of previously identified development sites. Assessment of future requirements of industrial land bank underway. Clondalkin Round Tower Interpretive Centre: Design Team appointed and at work on tender.

Objective 4: Maximise the contribution of arts, libraries, heritage and the Irish language to quality of life and our tourism experience

Business Week 11th – 14th May Building on the Business Focus Week which has taken place across SDL over recent years, this was the first collaboration between LEO and SDL for an Enterprise Week 13 events across our library branches. 146 attendees across the events A wide variety of topics covered Overall the events were very much enjoyed and actively participated in by those who attended; events with small numbers got a lot of individual attention from the facilitator. Facilitators included links with external agencies including speakers from IE Network on job-seeking skills, resilience in the current climate and effective use of social media; and a lecturer from ITT Dublin on Business Intelligence using MS Excel. Library Management System Training has been provided to staff on the new Sierra system. We are due to go live with acquisitions module on June 1st and with the circulations module on 16th June. Mobile Library The Libraries Department are in the process of ordering a new mobile library following a tender procedure Castletymon Roof A survey, appraisal and and proposal of the options for the repair of the roof is being prepared along with a tender proposal. Work should start around August / Sept. A temporary service will be available from Glenview Lodge during the building work Preparation towards the commissioning of Public Art under South Dublin County Council's Per Cent for Art Scheme has been initiated. Six Individual Artists Bursary Awards totalling €11,000 have been made, selected from forty one applicants. The Music Generation South Dublin website is live and can be accessed at www.musicgenerationsouthdublin.ie Eleven summer music education programmes catering for a range of children and young people are planned for Rathcoole and Collinstown Music Education Hubs. The current participation target for schools is to increase the number of schools in the programme from 7 to 22 in September. Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children's Music Festival opens on the 9th of June. 6000 children and their families expected to participate in the festival's 35 events.

Objective 5: Put in place a tourism strategy focussed on new product and brand development

Tourism implementation group met 28th May to consider programme for implementation of tourism Strategy. Pilot Wayfinding signage programme installed May 2015 Libraries and Arts staff attending video marketing workshop with Failte to expand marketing of Red Line Festival Review of all printed tourism related brochures and collateral ongoing. Negotiation on progression of Slade Heritage Trail ongoing.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

Objective 1: Improve the appearance of our county in the interest of economic development

Tree Management Strategy SPC Working Group meeting scheduled for early June to discuss the content of submissions received and amend the Draft Tree Management Strategy as required. Litter Management Plan Second meeting of Joint SPC Working Group took place on 29th Apr 2015 where draft LMP was discussed with Elected Members. Draft LMP was subsequently presented for discussion at May SPC and preparations for public consultation process are underway.

Objective 2: Incorporate environmental sustainability in all policy-making and implementation programmes

The OPW has approved the Draft Design Brief for the River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme. Tender documents for the appointment of a consultant being prepared. Tender documents for the appointment of a consultant for the detailed design of the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme will issue shortly, briefing session for Castlefield Residents Association will be arranged. Ryan Hanley appointed by IW to carry out detailed design for the Saggart to Leixlip Strategic Watermain Link. Route Selection Report received March 2015 and being examined. Approval in principle to the route through Casement Aerodrome received from the Department of Defence. Publication of the Water Supply Project Need Report <http://www.watersupplyproject.ie/> 8 week consultation process began 10 March 2015 and conclude on 05 May 2015, covering: The 'Need' for the Water Supply Project (Eastern / Midlands Region) and the proposed 'Roadmap' for the next steps in the WSP planning process which outlines how a preferred new supply option would be selected and the public consultation milestones involved in that process. Arthurstown Landfill Tenders for the provision of Environmental Consultancy Services for Environmental Monitoring of Noise Emissions, Dust Deposition, Monitoring of the Landfill Gas Utilisation Plants and Enclosed Flares, Quarterly Surface VOC Emissions, Odour Monitoring and Slope Stability Analysis at Arthurstown Landfill have been evaluated and notification has issued to the Successful Tender Designate. Climate Change: Review and assistance to the EPA is ongoing regarding; • www.climateireland.ie the National Climate Information Platform This website will be a one-stop shop for learning about Climate Change. It will be the main source of information and assistance to local authorities in creating Adaptation Strategies, and will host the guidelines and national reports from local authorities and other sectors. • Local Authority Adaptation Strategy Development Guideline This guideline will direct local authorities to use a six point plan to assist and guide in the creation of an adaptation strategy for their county concluding in a Programme of Measures for the future. An SDCC workshop on the Climate Change Adaptation Plan for internal stakeholders has been arranged with the EPA for Friday 29th May 2015 which will inform of the Climate Ireland website and it's Adaptation Tool for Local Authorities and to assess the SDCC baseline and to prioritise future risk.

Objective 3: Manage our regulatory, licensing and enforcement roles together with the Environmental Protection Agency

Continued active enforcement of the provisions of all environmental legislation and regulations with continued legal proceedings. Scheduled Inspections and Audits/Reviews being routinely undertaken on the permitted facilities. 1 new Waste Facility Permit (WFP) has been issued, 1 refused and 1 is being processed at the moment while 1 has been technically amended. 2 permit reviews and 1 surrender of permit are also being processed. EPA website updated in line with WFP/Certificates of Registration. Control of Animals legislation being actively enforced with regular inspections of horse pound and dog pound, ongoing monitoring of contractual performance and recoupment of monies. Contract for Provision and Operation of Horse Seizure Service and Horse Pound Facility has been extended for 2 year period. Meeting with Clondalkin Equine Club Committee Members and Elected Members took place on 8th May 2015 where logistical and operational elements of project were discussed, with a number of issues identified for Club to address. Eastern & Midlands Region Waste Management Plan & Regional Waste Office The RWMP was launched on the 14th May at the Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin 2. www.emwr.ie The Regional Waste Office has started to gear up and there are a number of tasks underway in respect of LAPN Programme, Waste Data 2013/2014, Waste

Facility Database, Regional Awareness Campaigns etc. Operational Plan being drafted for the remainder of 2015.

Objective 4: Maintain and improve our parks and recreation areas to enhance our quality of life

Agreement has been reached on the provision of a play space at Avonbeg. The agreement was reached at a meeting held on the 30th April 2015 which was attended by local residents, the Amplifying Voices group, elected members and council officials. Consultation in respect of the 2015 Play-space Programme is ongoing. Over 500 participants took part in the Dublin Mountains Challenge on the 24th May which started in Seán Walsh Park, Tallaght. Registration for the event took place in the Maldron Hotel. Over 2,200 participants from 51 schools took part in the Primary Schools Cross Country Finals held in Corkagh Park on 14th May. A draft 3 year Pavilion Programme will be presented to the June Council Meeting. Review of allotments and Community Gardens Strategy is ongoing.

Housing, Social & Community Development

Objective 1 : Put in place a three year programme to supply social housing in the context of the Social Housing Strategy 2020

65 Units at Tallaght Cross West secured and to be managed by Tuath AHB. Available from 3rd week in June. A tour of the facility/units to be arranged for Housing SPC elected members. Dromcarra 20 Unit Housing Proposal at Part 8 - Report on agenda for June Council Meeting. Part 8 for 48 Units at Leets Field Clondalkin on display. HAP Update - 157 tenancies to 25/5/15

Objective 2: Take a leadership role in social inclusion and interagency co-operation

In 2015 the first 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan for South Dublin County will be developed by a group of partners including South Dublin County Council, local economic and community development stakeholders and citizens of the County. The vision for this plan is To improve the economic, social and cultural life of all our citizens and our communities. Using this vision as a starting point the plan will set out objectives and actions that will support the development of our economy and our communities. 8 Consultation sessions held and consultation process to run to 5th June 2015. Discussions between SDCC, Fingal and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Councils completed on the new LEADER Programme and expression of interest submitted with Fingal Co Co as lead partner. SDCC will have 4/5 representatives on steering group. Bealtaine Festival successful with full attendance at many events. South Dublin Age Friendly County Alliance continues to support and lead in initiatives for the active aged in the county such as: Old Age Database - OPRAH Programme - 23 now registered Age Friendly Business Scheme - The Square Shopping Centre Tallaght BOI Banking facilities - age friendly

Objective 3: Promote health, wellbeing, recreation and activity to improve quality of life

Steering Group progressing work with the HSE on the South Dublin Healthy County initiative with an aim of achieving "Healthy City" status for Tallaght. South Dublin County Council supported by HSE Health Promotion and Improvement and in partnership with key agencies in the area are striving for World Health Organisation Healthy Community accreditation for areas within the County and Working to reduce health inequalities will be a key priority underpinning this work. The initial HANA results have been presented to the Steering Committee and completion of the analysis is almost finalised. The report with findings will be launched on 14th September 2015 at official opening of the SDCC Health and Wellbeing Week. New Sports Development Programme agreed with DDLETB and with DSP as partner. The programme will be known as SPORTIVATE South Dublin. Official launch of programme early June 2015. 30 places on the programme to be made available and will be based in Brookfield Youth and Family Centre. Work progressing on a new Catering programme.

Objective 4: Facilitate community leadership and development through community engagement and empowerment

Proposals on Endeavour Award presented to Social and Community SPC and agreed. to be formally launched in September 2015. The Endeavour Awards has the objective of recognising and rewarding particular categories of endeavour. The aim of the Endeavour Awards is to promote and support the Community of South Dublin and recognise community achievement. The Community Initiative Fund approved by the Council was formally launched by the Mayor on 2nd June 2015. The Initiative will allow Community Groups to bid for funding support which is not available from other resources. It is designed to fund/provide an opportunity for access to funds for significant community and Cultural/heritage enhancement or neighbourhood projects. The application form can also be

completed on line. SDCC formally signed the licence on 2nd June 2015 with Palmerstown Community Council for use of the former Health Board premises at Manor Road for community use and in partnership with Order of Malta. The ceremony was hosted by the Mayor. Agreed at the May Social and Community SPC that the Community Grants Scheme will be opened for applications twice yearly in March and September from 2016 onwards. For 2015 a revised plan was agreed as there are already a number of applications already made. In the interest of fairness these applications with the exception of Start up, summer projects (and one or two others deemed (by Senior Community Officer & Team) to be a priority will be processed and recommendations made to the Area Committees and the full Council. The advertisement of this grants scheme is to be done via the website, PPN, Community Team, social media. All groups seeking funding must be registered members of the PPN. This proposal for approval at June Council meeting.

Land Use Planning & Transportation

Objective 1: Implement an Annual Road Works Programme of maintenance and improvements

2015 Road/ Footpath Programme has commenced and the majority of projects are at tender Stage. Details of Public lighting Upgrade to LED Lanterns for 2015 issued and tender process underway.

Objective 2: Maintain a professional planning and development management structure and processes

County Development Plan –Draft Plan issued to Members on 11th May. Two briefing sessions held on 18th and 27th May. Deadline for submission for motions is Wednesday 3rd June. First Meeting to consider draft to be held on 18th June, with subsequent meetings scheduled for 25th and 29th June as necessary.

Objective 3: Promote all modes of transport including walking and cycling to improve the movement of people within and beyond the county

Cycle Lane Works Complete on N4 at Palmerstown. Works on going on Tallaght to Templeogue Cycle Scheme. Design Works progressing on cycle lanes on Tallaght to Ballyboden Route; Outer Ring Road from Willsbrook road to Woodies Junctions, and Newcastle road.

Objective 4 : Invest in Sustainable Communities and Quality of Life Initiatives

Village works programme ongoing. Detailed design complete for Rathcoole and tender documents being prepared.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

Objective 1: Support local democracy including the policy making and representation role of our Elected Members

Ireland 2016 Commemorations Team from the DAHG to hold county wide public consultation workshop in Tallaght Stadium on the 2nd June

Objective 2: Provide robust financial management, risk management, audit and corporate governance systems

Work on-going in relation to the audit plan. One final report and one draft report issued. The draft Procurement Plan has been presented to the Procurement Steering Group for review. Quarter 1 Revenue & Capital reporting delivered to the Council and to the DECLG on schedule. Capital Programme report provided to reflect activity in Quarter 1. Debt Management updates provided in accordance with scheduled reporting .

Objective 3: Exploit advances in information and communications technology (ICT) to become more efficient and to improve services for local people

Upgraded Historical Mapping Website Live. Electronic Submissions System in respect of the Local Economic & Community Plan consultation developed and made live. Tree Management – System to administer and manage the tree stock of the County has been specified and put out to tender. Internet redesign project beginning.

Objective 4: Develop and maintain appropriate communication channels that enable proactive citizen engagement

External Communications Plan agreed by Council for implementation; Public Notice of the Preparation of a Draft Irish Language Scheme for South Dublin County Council 2015 – 2018

Objective 5: Support staff and organisational development and performance through the implementation of best practice in Human Resource Management

Transfer of Payroll element to MyPay (HR, Payroll and Superannuation Shared Services Centre for local authorities); 4 Graduates started in SDCC on the national local authority graduate recruitment scheme; 180 Gateway Participants; Draft Outdoor Workforce Plan agreed with the trade unions for submitting to the Department