

June Council Report

Update On Annual Service Plan - 03/07/2015

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 finished 5th June. Meeting of LECP advisory group June 23rd. LCDC, SPC meetings to be held in early July. Work ongoing on drafting economic elements of LECP. LEO Evaluation & Approvals Committee meeting held on 30th June 2015.

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

- Promotional video for Grange Castle Business Park being revised (ending only) following consultation with IDA. (to be sent to IDA when completed for publication and use by them)
- Final draft version of brochure for GCBP complete.
- Website for GCBP at advanced stage, awaiting infographics and animation for site to complete. (Completion of pop-ups and other displays dependent on completion of above)
- All presentations revised to adhere to consistent branding and messaging.
- 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

- Contact ongoing with local business, programme of proposed projects identified.
- Clondalkin Round Tower Interpretive Centre: Design Team appointed and at work on tender.
- Interpretative spaces and research focus identified and meeting scheduled for early July to agree work plan to complete interpretation materials and media

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

Public Art - • Marker Tree Assessment of sculpture is ongoing. • South Dublin County Council Per Cent For Art Scheme Budget of €250,000 confirmed for commissioning under South Dublin County Council's Per Cent for Art Programme. Position paper completed and ready for SPC in September. Tender to be prepared for curatorial role in new programme Steering Group to be established • Design development of NTA Cycle Route 10B on Grange Road and NTA Cycle Route S05, and the corner of St Enda's Park / Pearse Museum, Rathfarnham Artists brief prepared for the design team at the request of the Council's Public Realm Designer. Music Generation - Website live and can be access at www.musicgenerationsouthdublin.ie • Shortlisting for tutor panels for Choral, Guitar, Piano, Violin / Fiddle, Tin Whistle and Bodhrán currently taking place. • So far this year worked has been created for 23 tutors in six schools in the county. Nine schools confirmed so far for next programmes commencing in the Autumn. • Running 11 Summer Programmes over 6th – 10th July in Rathcoole and Collinstown Hubs. • Hosting the John Lennon Bus in Tallaght from 21st – 23rd July. This is a free, state of the art recording facility for students. Two of the days will be for invited groups and the third will be open to the public. • In talks with two primary schools with the aim of creating a Community Orchestra / String Ensemble.

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. • Research ongoing to report back to Tourism implementation group in late July on festivals/events, tourism website and marketing strategy. • Pilot Wayfinding signage programme installed Tallaght May 2015, feedback being considered and to report to Implementation Group. Grow Dublin: • Launch of new Dublin brand through FI and Grow Dublin scheduled for July 6th. • Tourism staff attended social media workshop for Tourism in June. Tourism Strategy Flagship: • Dublin Mountains Flagship Steering Group established and MOA signed with Coillte • Tender for feasibility study and masterplan for flagship on etenders – closing date July 24th. Trails: • Heritage Group preparing Work Plan

for Tallaght Walks enhancements following site visits on June 16th • Negotiation on progression of Slade Heritage Trail ongoing. • Letters issued to other LAs inviting re-formation of Liffey Valley Advisory Cttee Marketing: • Review of all printed tourism related brochures and collateral ongoing, trial locations for stands identified. • Shoots to enhance tourism related image bank ongoing through summer. • Development of brief for marketing strategy ongoing

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

As part of the Annual Roads programme, Road resurfacing works were completed in Turf Bog Lane, Calliaghstown Lane, Lyons Rd, St John Crescent, Pinewood Estate, Boot Rd, St Johns Ave, Commons Rd, Brookview Avenue/Estate, Allenton, Cunard Upper (2 locations), Cushlawn Walk, Killinarden Heights, Killinarden Estate, Butterfield Crescent, Orwell Park Ave, Glen, Drive, Road, Willowbank Drive, Westpark Estate, Parkwood

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

The Draft County Development Plan, which has now been approved to go on Public Display, is currently being prepared. The Public Consultation Process will commence in Mid July and will be on display for 10 weeks.

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

The section of Cycleway in Palmerstown was officially opened on the 15th June. Works on the Tallaght to Templeogue Cycleway are on going. Design work on the N4 Celbridge to Palmerstown and the Liffey Valley to Tallaght schemes are on going. The Transportation and Planning SPC has established a Cycle Forum which has had two meetings to date, and will be involved in promoting cycling throughout the county.

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

Palmerstown Village Enhancement Works Complete and officially unveiled. Rathcoole Works at Tender Stage. Subject to Part 8 Approval, Lucan and Newcastle will move to detailed design and Tender Stage.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Consultation on Commemorations Programme for 2016 underway with a public meeting and facilitated workshop on June 2nd in Tallaght Stadium. Grant application forms for local groups went live. Findings of the review of the Members Reps system presented to the June CPG meeting and follow-up work ongoing. Council's Annual Meeting held 26th June with new Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Area Committees elected. Preparation of efforts to update the Register of Electors initiated.

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

Audit Committee meeting held 9th June. Delivery of Audit plan ongoing. 1 final report issued within period.

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

Upgrade of email and office desktop software underway which will modernise the way in which the Council communicates with and manages communications to the citizen, businesses, and others. Working with technology partners in terms of developing better facilities to administer and manage the Bonds & Contributions within planning. Work on upgrading the Council's intranet and internet sites have begun. Tree Management - Evaluation underway of the response to the request for proposals in respect of Tree Management administration system. Online facility delivered in respect of the Council's Business support grant.

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

Inaugural meeting of Corporate Communications Network held. Delivery of internal and external communications plans ongoing. Distribution of Annual Service Delivery Plan to every business, school and household in the county complete. Review of the Irish Language Scheme underway, including public consultation process completed.

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

Confined competitions for implementation Outdoor Work Force Plan underway. PMDS Mid-Year Reviews underway for all staff. Child Safeguarding workshop held with Tusla for all contact people under the policy. Transfer of Payroll to HR and initiation of Business Process Improvement following joining the national shared service.

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 has now full occupancy with families moving in on 30th June and 7th July. The facility is managed by Tuath AHB. Supports have been negotiated and are in place via the existing focus Ireland Homeless action Team. In keeping with the agreed model/ approach, this is temporary accommodation for families coming from commercial hotels where the key emphasis being that Focus Ireland's main task is housing move on/ sourcing, etc under the direction of SDCC and DRHE. Part 8 Consultation process on Letts Field Social Housing Proposal ended for submissions on 2nd July 2015. The Media Campaign which started 25th May aimed towards private landlords produced over 150 calls and expressions of interest to South Dublin County Council. Approx 10 units are possible for leasing or RAS. HAP Update - 203 tenancies completed under HAP as at 29/6/15 with a further 7 cases near completion.

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

Work continues on the first 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan for South Dublin County. 8 Consultation sessions were held. The plan 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. Decision on the new LEADER Programme and expression of interest submitted with Fingal Co Co as lead partner is awaited. The proposal provides for SDCC to have 5 representatives on the steering group.

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

The Steering Group chaired by the Council is 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. The Councils new Sports Development Programme agreed with DDLETB and with DSP as partner is currently identifying participants and will start in September 2015. The programme is entitled SPORTIVATE South Dublin. An Official launch of the programme will be arranged when the 30 participants are selected. The programme will be based in Brookfield Youth and Family Centre. Work is progressing on a new Catering programme to be based at Tallaght Stadium. GLOBAL GARDEN -SDCC secured €4,500 from Trocaire to create a global dimension in existing Community Gardens in South Dublin County. The Global Garden Project is engaging communities in South Dublin County area (including minority ethnic groups and unemployed groups) in a development education programme which raises awareness of the impact of climate change on global food production. The funding is part of the Trócaire Mobilising for Justice One Year Grants Scheme. Preparations for 2015 Health and Wellbeing week in September are being finalised. Mental Health and Obesity main themes. Opening and official launch on 14th September at Tallaght Stadium. Community teams working with a number of committees on summer projects, festivals and preparation for Halloween events.

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

empowerment

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 closing date for applications was 26th June. There was a great response. Entries will now be assessed by a Judging panel. 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. PPN - Groups continue to join. New drive for members will begin at the end of the summer in advance of the yearly registration date. Expressions of interest sought from interested organisations to host the PPN Support Worker. Nine expressions received and now been assessed. The DECLG announced additional funding to support PPN's nationally. Further details regarding conditions and amounts are expected shortly. When host organisation has been identified, recruitment will begin to find the resource worker. The PPN utilised for all notifications from Council.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Tree Management Strategy - Final Draft Tree Management Strategy prepared for approval at the July Meeting of the County Council. Litter Management Plan - Draft Litter Management Plan with supporting Protocols and Implementation Plan finalised and ready for publication. On-line survey to accompany public consultation process being prepared.

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 have been issued, briefing session for Castlefield Residents Association is being arranged.

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. One (1) new Waste Facility Permit (WFP) has been issued, one (1) reviewed and issued and one (1) surrendered. Three (3) permit review applications and one (1) amendment are currently being processed. EPA website updated in line with WFP/Certificates of Registration. Two (2) convictions secured for illegal waste collection. Currently pursuing prosecution of one (1) illegal waste operation, two (2) burning of waste cases and one (1) packaging case. Thirteen (13) Section 14 Directions and three (3) warning letters issued.

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

Consultation in respect of the 2015 Play-space Programme is ongoing. Play Space Programme 2014: Planned – 10, Completed – 5, Sites Rejected – 4, Substitute 2, Retender – 1, To Commence – 1. Play Space Programme 2015: Planned – 14, Sites Rejected – 1, Sites Not Possible - 2, Substitute - 1, In Consultation - 7, Consultation agreed - 3, In Design - 5. Pavilion Programme - A Pavilion Construction Strategy was presented at the June Council Meeting which included current position, locations identified, order of construction and procurement process to be agreed. In line with the application for funding through the DTTAS Sports Capital Grant Scheme 2015 submitted a Part 8 Plan is being prepared for public consultation in respect of Mt Carmel Park Dodder Valley to include a Grass Athletics Track, Football Pitch, and a BMX Track. Examining BMX proposal for Jobstown Park in conjunction with DCBMX Club.