

August Council Report

Update On Annual Service Plan - 14/09/2015

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. 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 and is before the Council for decision at today's meeting. The Part 8 on Owendoher closed on 17th September and Killinarden to close on 24th September. Viewing of Modular Housing for Homeless demonstration models arranged for Councillors during week beginning 14th September at East Wall Road. HAP Update - 310 tenancies completed under HAP as at 7th September 2015. Work continues on the acquisition programme. A 20% increase on rent caps now applicable from 20th July in SDCC area. Regulations signed by the Minister on 16th July 2015. Work has started on dealing with existing RS recipients.

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. The new LEADER Programme was announced and agreed for the Dublin Region with Fingal Co Co as lead partner. The proposal provides for SDCC to have 4/5 representatives on the steering group. The Local Action Group is made up of Fingal LCDC members plus 8 additional members from LCDCs of the administrative areas of South Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. An advisory and oversight subcommittee of this LAG. The role of this group is to oversee the creation and rollout of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) with December 24th as a key date for completion and approval by the LAG.

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 County" status for Tallaght in phase 1 of the process. 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. Application for this status accepted. The HANA report with findings were launched on 14th September 2015 at official opening of the SDCC Health and Wellbeing Week. The Health and Wellbeing launch also featured the signing of a memorandum of understanding between SDCC and FAI, GAA Dublin County Board, Leinster Rugby and Leinster Cricket on working together to promote sport, activity, participation and engagement to better the health and wellbeing of our citizens. Also the launch of the 55 plus Active Daily Booklet for the Lucan Clondalkin areas. The booklet for the County will be launched during Social Inclusion Week in October. SPORTIVATE the Councils new Sports Development Programme agreed with DDLETB and with DSP as partner has finalised the 20 participants and will start in 28th September 2015. The programme will be based in Brookfield Youth and Family Centre. Work is continuing on identifying a Catering programme to be based at Tallaght Stadium. The Councils Community teams assisted 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 allowed 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. Shortlisted entries will now be assessed by an external Judging panel. The Endeavour Awards as presented to Social and Community SPC will be formally launched in early October 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. An awards ceremony will be held in December at the Red Cow Hotel. The PPN had a new drive for members and following expressions of interest sought from interested organisations to host the PPN Support Worker the South Dublin Volunteer Bureau was selected. The Support Worker to the Secretariat of the PPN is now in place. The DECLG announced additional funding to support PPN's nationally. The PPN is utilised for all notifications from Council.

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 held in early July. Work ongoing on drafting economic elements of LECP for Sept 9th SPC. LEO training schedule for Autumn, starts 3rd September 2015. Next Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting 22nd September 2015. LEO Business Support Phone line – Free phone support line for local business owners will launch during September 2015

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

Grange Castle Video, Website, Brochure, Pop Ups and Client Presentations completed. Consultation with IDA to update GC content on their platforms ongoing. SEO/Google analytics report on first month of GC site due end Sept - will determine any changes needed to site to gain profile. Tampa Delegation visit to GC and marketing of GC to Dublin Web Summit County Marketing brochure text being prepared. Part VIII proposal for new internal road in Grange Castle - public display ended in June and approved by members at July meeting. Tender to be prepared.

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 ongoing meetings scheduled to agree work plan to complete interpretation materials and media.
- Training survey presented to the September SPC & CPG.
- Draft economic elements of LECP circulated to SPC members for consideration.

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

Library Management System Staff are continuing to embed the new Sierra library system and to resolve any issues arising. Summer Events programmes highlights. History and Heritage programme 2015 is continuing into September with some events and walks still to take place. The photographic exhibition on the Tallaght Aerodrome is on view in the County Library until September 12th. Health and Wellbeing programme A series of talks will take place across library venues for October 2015 – April 2016 and the programme will be launched on Monday 14th September during the Health and Wellbeing week (14th – 19th September). A special Shelf-help collection of books is available to Library patrons from September. Red Line Book Festival 2015 is our annual celebration of the joy of reading and writing, packed with delights for book lovers. Now in its third year, the festival will be on from 14-19 October. The programme will be launched on 7th September. Events for children Going Places with Books: the Summer Reading Buzz is now at an end and prizes and certificated are being awarded in libraries throughout the county. The brochure of 50 events for the October Children's Book Festival programme is being prepared at present. Castletymon Roof The remedial work to the roof of Castletymon Library will likely now take place in early 2016. Palmerstown Hub A potential premises is being examined in Palmerstown. The Architect's Department is liaising with the owners and an expected outcome is due soon Public Art • Presentation to SPC for the progression of a new Public Art programme under South Dublin County Council's Per Cent for Art Scheme. Music Generation • Nine schools confirmed for next programmes commencing in September. Estimated 1800 children and young people will benefit from the programme • Tutor panels

for Choral, Guitar, Piano, Violin / Fiddle, Tin Whistle and Bodhrán in place. • Purchase of Instruments • In talks with two primary schools with the aim of creating a Community Orchestra / String Ensemble. Residencies • Education Curator 2016 - Partnership project with Rua Red, Mermaid Arts Centre and Wicklow County Council. Application submitted to the Arts Council for funding. • Dance Performance Residency 2016 – Partnership project with the Civic Theatre. Selection process in progress.

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

SPC met July 7th approved interim focus of Tourism Group on Festival Development, County Tourism Marketing Strategy & Continued Signage Roll-out. Tourism Group met July 30th to consider draft papers on these areas. Chair agreed to allow consultation on same to Sept 1st, feedback being reviewed and tender to be revised for a Marketing Strategy and Tourism Website. SPC of 9th Sept to consider Village Signage rollout. Round Tower Project: Tender for construction under preparation. Interpretative themes identified and research advanced. Specialist research required and tender prepared - to be agreed. Dublin Mountains Flagship: Tender closed July 30th, following assessment etc Paul Keogh Architects appointed Sept 1st, project inception Sept 8th, project (feasibility study and project plan) to complete by early Dec. Grow Dublin: new Dublin tourism brand approved and launch under preparation by FI, date to be advised. Heritage Walks: Outline Programme of works for Phase 1 of Tallaght Heritage Walk enhancements prepared. Research commenced for Rebellion Trail Negotiation on progression of Slade Heritage Trail ongoing. Letters issued to other LAs inviting re-formation of Liffey Valley Advisory Cttee - date to be agreed. Tourism Promotion: Review of all printed tourism related brochures and collateral ongoing. Brochure stands installed in 4 trial locations, under review. Shoots to enhance tourism related image bank ongoing. Meeting arranged with FI to consider Business/Marketing Plans for Heritage sites.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Tree Management Strategy approved at the July Meeting of the County Council. Draft Litter Management Plan placed on display on 10th July 2015 in County Hall, Civic Offices Clondalkin and libraries around the County until 7th Aug 2015. Deadline for submissions is 14th August 2015. Newspaper notices published 16th July 2015. Advertisement will be broadcast on local radio stations over the coming weeks and an on-line survey to accompany public consultation process also prepared. Audio Devices have been installed at 6 locations in the county – Dodder Valley, Tymon Park (Limekiln entrance) and Corkagh (dog fouling areas), Bottle Banks at Bohernabreena and Ballyowen and Kilakee Car Park.

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. The City will invite tenders from consultants on their framework agreement. Roughan O'Donovan have been appointed as consultants for the detailed design of the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme, 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. Four (4) Waste Facility Permits (WFP) reviewed and issued and one (1) WFP being reviewed. Two (2) new WFP applications received, with one (1) invalidated and one (1) being processed. One (1) WFP surrender being processed. One (1) Certificate of Registration issued and one (1) new application received and invalidated. EPA website updated in line with WFP and COR. Currently pursuing prosecution of: one (1) illegal holding of waste, three (3) burning of waste cases, two (2) contravention of Section 14 Directions, three (3) illegal waste collection, three (3) contravention of Packaging Regulations. Fourteen (14) Section 14 Directions and eight (8) warning letter issued. Currently investigating two (2) cases of illegal waste collection. 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 from DAFM. Contract for Dog Pound Service extended till August 2016. Application for funding on for Urban Horse Project Club being finalised. (CEC)

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. In respect of 2014: Planned-10, Completed-7, Under construction-1, Due to commence-1, Tender stage-1, Site not possible-3, Substitute-2. In respect of 2015: Planned-14, Under construction-2, Due to commence-2, Design Stage-4, In consultation-8, Site not possible-2, Substitute-2. 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. Tender documents being prepared. 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. Progressing BMX proposal for Jobstown Park in conjunction with DSBMX Club

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

The Roadworks programme for 2015 is approaching completion. In addition Bridge repair works are being undertaken on the Pedestrian Bridge over the R148 at Palmerstown. River bank repair works are also being completed to protect the public road adjacent to Otterbrook. The Public Lighting investment Programme is underway, with LED lamps being installed in Palmerstown and Lucan .

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

The Draft County Development Plan has been published and submissions are being received. The deadline for receipt of remaining submissions is 24th September. In addition Public Information sessions were organised in various locations around the County during the summer, both during the daytime and evenings. The review of the Development Contribution scheme and is expected to go on Public Display in October. The new scheme will be presented for adoption by the Members before the end of the year and will run from 1st January 2016 to the end of 2020.

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

The Traffic Section is Liaising with Traffic Corps Section of Garda Siochana to promote a road safety scheme in October across the Dublin Region. A package of promotional events is currently being agreed. The Traffic Section have also allocated additional staff to the Traffic Control Centre to ensure continuous monitoring of all major junctions from 7am to 7pm. This allows the Section to react quickly to accidents and breakdowns. In addition information is passed quickly to the relevant Authorities and along with regular contact with AA Roadwatch and other public information services.

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

Tenders have been received for the Village Enhancement Works in Rathcoole and works is expected to commence shortly. Works are also on going on the Tallaght to Templeogue Cycleway. Senior Management from the Contractor were recently called to a meeting with Council officials to discuss delays to progress and complaints from the public. Improvements in these issues are being monitored on site.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Preparation for the official visit of the City of Tampa, Florida and Tampa Chamber of Commerce in September and the formal signing of a Sister Cities; Public Consultation for 2016 Commemorations completed and over 40 applications were received under the Community Commemorations Fund which closed on the 31st August. The draft Commemorations Programme for 2016 was submitted to the DAHG for the 15th September. Co-ordinators for Members Reps were appointed across every department and the agreed changes to the online system are underway to implement the recommendations from the the review of the Members Reps system. Updating of the Register of

Electors underway with fieldworkers employed to make door-to-door calls to households.

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

Ongoing implementation of the Audit plan. Preparatory work underway on the Public Spending Code requirements. Ongoing implementation of the Procurement Plan. Corporate Risk Register updated and presentation given to Audit Committee. Q2 Revenue and Capital reporting has been delivered to the DECLG and will be included for September Council.

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

The upgrade of the Council's email and office desktop software has been advanced to 754 of the Council's desktop and laptop computers. This will modernise the way in which the Council communicates with and manages communications to staff, elected members, the citizen, businesses, and others. Work on upgrading the Council's intranet and internet sites continues with design works underway. Tree Management - Evaluation has been completed in conjunction with the City Council and preferred tenderer has been selected. Delivery of statistical reporting system to facilitate the management team report to Council has been completed and put into use. Prototype knowledge management system developed and deployed through the Council's Engineers CPD Committee Members. The CPD Committee intend deployment to the wider CPD membership in Q3 following more extensive trialling and a promotional campaign directed at its members. The Council has been part of the pilot for the new national Library Management System which is live in 6 local authorities since June 2015.

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

Commenced process for the development of a citizens consultation hub on the Council's website. Third Irish Language Scheme submitted and approved by the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

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

Ongoing delivery of the Health and Safety Management System. Recruitment on the Work Force Plan for outdoor staff has commenced. Business Process Improvement of Customer Care has commenced. 198 Gateway participants employed. PMDS Mid-year Reviews underway for all staff. All HR policies diversity and equality proofed and appropriate changes made as part of our role as Diversity Champions. Completion and submission of SDCCs performance under the National Service Indicators for 2014.