**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Meeting held on 21st September 2015

**PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bonner, B. |  | Kenny, G. |
| Brophy, C. |  | King, C. |
| Casserly, V. |  | Lahart, J. |
| Coules, N. |  | Lavelle, W. |
| Dermody, A-M. |  | Leech, B. |
| Devine, M. |  | Looney, D. |
| Donovan, P. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Duff, M. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Duffy, F. |  | Murphy, M. |
| Dunne, L. |  | O’Brien, D. |
| Egan, K. |  | Ó Broin, E. |
| Ferron, B. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Foley, P. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Genockey, M. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Toole, L. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | Richardson, D. |
| Graham, J. |  | Timmons, F. |
| Higgins, E. |  | Warfield, F. |
| Holland, S. |  |  |
| Kearns, P. |  |  |
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**Apologies were received from Cllr R Nolan and Cllr E O’ Brien.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin |
| Directors/ Heads of Function | L. Maxwell, E. Taaffe,  F. Nevin, T. Walsh, B. Coman |
| A/Head of Finance | S. Dunne |
| Senior Executive Officers | P. Murphy, H. Hogan, M. Maguire, L. Leonard, Y. Dervan, M. Judge, |
| A/Senior Executive Officer | E. O’Gorman |
| Senior Planner | N. O’Byrne |
| Senior Executive Engineer | D. Sargent |
| Senior Architect | A. Lynch |
| I. T Research and Development Officer | R. Herron |
| Administrative Officers | E. Leech, B. Fogarty |
| A/Administrative Officer  Senior Staff Officer | M. Kavanagh  M. Kennedy |
| Assistant Staff Officer | M. Somers |
| Clerical Officer. | M. Dunne |

The Mayor Councillor S Holland presided.

The Mayor welcomed Senator Katherine Zappone and she congratulated Cllr Colm Brophy on his appointment to the presidency of the Association of Irish Local Government.

**H1/0915** **CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Meeting of South Dublin County Council, 13th July 2015 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed on the proposition of Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor C. King.

**H2/0915 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES**

It was noted that there was no business under this Heading

**H3a)/0915 STANDING COMMITTEES - ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE &**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE -** **DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and was **CONSIDERED**:

**“Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates**

**November – December 2015**

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|  | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 02/11 | **Corporate Policy Group** | 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm |  |
| Tue. | 03/11 | **Environment. Public Realm, & Climate Change** | 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm | 02/10/2015 |
| Wed. | 04/11 | **Arts Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & libraries SPC** | 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm | 03/10/2015 |
| Thur. | 05/11 | **Annual Budget Meeting** | 3.30 pm |  |
| Fri. | 06/11 |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 09/11 | **County Council Meeting** | 3.30 pm – 7.00pm | 26/10/2015 |
| Tue. | 10/11 | **Rathfarnham/Templeogue-**  **Terenure Area Committee**  *Dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning\*, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm | 28/10/2015 |
| Wed. | 11/11 | **Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5.30 pm – 7.00pm | 12/10/2015 |
| Thur. | 12/11 | **Adjourned Budget Meeting**  Housing SPC | 3.30 pm –  5.30 pm- -7.00pm | 13/10/2015 |
| Fri. | 13/11 |  |  |  |
| *Planning file requests to be received by 04/11/2015* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 16/11 |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 17/11 | **Social and Community** | 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm | 16/10/2015 |
| Wed. | 18/11 | **Clondalkin Area Committee** *Dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning\*, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management:* ***(Venue :Clondalkin Civic Offices)*** | 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm | 05/11/2015 |
| Thur. | 19/11 | **Traffic Management Meeting** (Rathfarnham)  **Traffic Management Meeting** (Clondalkin)  **Organisation, Procedure & Finance (in committee)** | 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm  2.45 pm – 3.30 pm  3.30 pm – 6.00 pm | 05/11/2015 |
| Fri. | 20/11 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file requests to be received by 12/11/2015* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 23/11 | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Tallaght)  **Tallaght Area Committee** *Dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning\*, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm  3.00 pm – 6.00 pm | 09//11/2015 |
| Tue. | 24/11 | **Traffic Management Meeting** (Lucan)  **Lucan Area Committee**  *Dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning\*\* Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm  3.00 pm – 6.00 pm | 10/11/2015 |
| Wed. | 25/11 | **Deputations** | 3.00 pm - 5.00 |  |
| Thur. | 26/11 | **Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC** | 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm | 27/10/2015 |
| Fri. | 27/11 | **Joint Point Policing Committee** | 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm |  |
| *\*Planning file requests to be received by 17/11/2015*  *\*\* Planning File requests to be received by 18/11/2015* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 30/11 |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 01/12 |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 02/12 |  |  |  |
| Thurs | 03/12 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 04/12 |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 07/12 | **Corporate Policy Group** | 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm |  |
| Tue. | 08/12 | ***Rathfarnham/Templeogue – Terenure Area Committee***  *Dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning\*, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm | 28/11/2015 |
| Wed. | 09/12 | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning\*\* Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* ***(Venue: Clondalkin Civic Offices)*** | 3.00pm – 6.00 pm | 25/11/2015 |
| Thur. | 10/12 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 11/12 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file requests to be received by 02/12/2015*  *\*\*Planning file requests to be received by 03/12/2015* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 14/12 | **County Council Meeting** | 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm | 30/11/2015 |
| Tue. | 15/12 | **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning\*, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm | 02/12/2015 |
| Wed. | 16/12 | **Lucan Area Committee**  *Dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, Planning\*\*, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm | 03/12/2015 |
| Thur. | 17/12 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 18/12 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file requests to be received by 09/12/2015*  *\*\*Planning file requests to be received by 10/12/2015* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 21/12 |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 22/12 |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 23/12 |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 24/12 | **CHRISTMAS EVE** |  |  |
| Fri. | 25/12 | **CHRISTMAS DAY** |  |  |

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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 28/12 |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 29/12 |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 30/12 |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 31/12 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 01/01 | **NEW YEARS DAY** |  |  |

**Notes:**

**Statutory Budget Meeting to be held 5th November 2015**

**Adjourned Budget Meeting 12th November 2015 (if necessary)?**

**All Area Committees brought forward a week due to the Christmas Break”**

The Calendar was **APPROVED**

**H3b)/0915 STANDING COMMITTEES - ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE &**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - REPORT ON CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and was **CONSIDERED**:

“[**Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/zza37y2001s142.html) provides for the authorization of Members’ attendance at conferences both home and abroad.

Listed below are conferences which have been notified to South Dublin County Council and whose appropriateness has been vetted by the members’ working group in accordance with Circ. Letter 02/10.

**Conferences Notified:**

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| **Conference** | **Host** | **Venue** | **Date** | **Councillors Attending** | **Fee** |
| Turning the Tide For Social Housing  Performance Partnership and Delivery | Irish Council for Social Housing | Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore  Co, Offaly | 16th September – 17th September | Cllr C. King | €265 |
| AILG Autumn Seminar | Association of Irish Local Government | Inchydoney, Clonakilty Co. Cork | 1st -2nd October |  | €125 |
| AILG Training | Association of Irish Local Govt. Dublin & Midland Region | Tullamore Court Hotel,  Tullamore,  Co. Offaly | 6th Oct. 2015 |  | €50 |
| Planning for Climate Change | Planning for Climate Change Series | Trinity College,  Dublin | 28th October 2015 |  | €290 |
| AILG Training | Association of Irish Local Govt. Dublin & Midland Region | Red Cow Hotel, Dublin | 14th Nov. 2015 |  | €50 |

**Conferences attended from May to date**

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| **Conference/ Seminar** | **Host** | **Venue** | **Date** | **Councillors Attended** |
| AILG Training | Association of Irish Local Govt. Dublin & Midland Region | Longford Arms  Hotel  Longford | 13th June 2015 | G. O’ Connell  T. Gilligan  L. O’ Toole |

As authorization under this section is a reserved function Members are required to pass the following resolution:

“In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001 attendance by Members at the Conferences / Seminars outlined in the report is hereby authorized.”

The report was **NOTED**

**H4a)(i)/0915 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT REPORT OF MEETING HELD 8TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr Frank Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC, and was **CONSIDERED:**

**“REPORT on Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC**

**Meeting 9th Sept 2015**

**Attended**

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| Cllr J.Lahart(Chair) | Mr G. Robinson |
| Cllr E. Higgins | Mr D. Roche |
| Cllr R. McMahon | Ms T. de Buitlear |
| Cllr B. Ferron |  |
| Cllr F.N. Duffy |  |
| Cllr P.Foley |  |

**Officials present:**

Mr F Nevin, Director of Services

Mr C Ryan – Senior Planner

Mr Tony Shanahan – Administrative Officer

Mr Colm Ward- A/ Head of LEO

Ms Andrea Carroll- Sustaining Business Officer

**Apologies**: Cllr. A.M. Dermody, Cllr G. O’Connell.

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| **The meeting was Chaired by Cllr John Lahart.** |
| **Headed Item 1: Minute of meeting of July 9th 2015**  **The minute was AGREED.**  **It was AGREED to vary the agenda to take H-I(4)- tourism update as the first item.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Tourism Update Tony Shanahan delivered an update of the progress on implementation of the Tourism Strategy in relation to the Dublin Mountains, Clondalkin Round Tower, Village signage, festival development and Trail development.   Members were briefed on the last meeting of the expanded Tourism Working Group (30th July) at which a County Marketing Strategy tender, Festival Development and County Signage evaluation matrix was agreed. The Members were briefed on progress on the Dublin Mountains Flagship project. Following procurement a team has been appointed led by PKA architects to develop a feasibility masterplan for the project.**  **Arising from the expanded Tourism Working Group meeting a matrix for evaluating future priority for rollout of the village signage was presented**  **The report was NOTED and the Village Signage Matrix AGREED.** |
| **Headed ITEM 2- Business Support Measures**  **Frank Nevin delivered an update on the business support measures. In particular Members were briefed on the rollout of the Business Support Grant and the development of the programme for the utilisation of the Business Support Grant (BSG) to support underutilised/ areas of industrial vacancy. A funding model to part fund physical upgrades on private industrial lands in accordance with the BSG scheme was proposed and AGREED.**  **The report was NOTED** |
| **Headed Item 3- Training survey report and presentation**  **Andrea Carroll presented a report on the training needs survey which was undertaken over the last number of months. 200 local companies were individually surveyed to assess their training needs. The Local enterprise Office will utilise these results to focus the delivery of ongoing training.**  **The Report and Presentation was NOTED** |
| **Headed Item 5 - Update on Local Economic & Community Plan**  **Colin Ryan an update on the drafting of the LECP. Circulated as part of the report was a draft Objectives and Actions for the economic high level goals, as agreed. The report highlighted a range of actions, proposed, based on a 12-18mth horizon, to allow for review and monitoring.**  **It was AGREED that the members would consider the report and give any feedback by Friday 18th Sept, a working group of the SPC would be arranged to consider the LECP in order to meet the timeline set out in the guidelines. The date and time will be decided by the Chair.**  **The report was NOTED.**  **The meeting ended at 19.00”** |

**H4a)(ii)/0915 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES – MINUTES OF ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC MEETING 8th July2015**

**“REPORT on Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC**

**Meeting 8th July 2015**

**Attended**

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| Cllr J. Lahart(Chair) | Cllr P.Foley |
| Cllr G. O’Connell | Mr D Roche |
| Cllr R. McMahon |  |

**Officials present:**

Mr F Nevin, Director of Services

Mr C Ryan – Senior Planner

Mr Tony Shanahan – Administrative Officer

Ms **Sarah O Gorman – RAPID Co-ordinator**

**Apologies**: Cllr. A.M. Dermody, Cllr E. Higgins, S. Reid, G Robinson.

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| **The meeting was Chaired by Cllr John Lahart.** |
| **Headed Item 1: Minute of meeting of May 13th 2015**  **The minute was AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Tourism Update Frank Nevin delivered an update of the progress on implementation of the Tourism Strategy in relation to the Dublin Mountains, Clondalkin Round Tower and Trail development.   Members were briefed on the last meeting of the expanded Tourism Working Group (28th of May) at which a medium term agenda to focus on a County Marketing Strategy, Festival Development and County Signage was agreed. Reports on these items are to issue to the next Tourism Group meeting which is scheduled to take place on either 29th or 30th July. An invitation to the full SPC will be extended.**  **The report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 3 - Update on Local Economic & Community Plan**  **Colin Ryan and Sarah O Gorman presented an update on the draft LECP and the findings from the public consultations phase which concluded in June.**  **The issues raised and opportunities arising under the 14 high level goals were presented. In particular reference was made to the title of goal two as being ‘ Transform older industrial areas into high quality centres for enterprise.’ Additional wording was included in the documentation circulated.**  **Thematically the focus areas in the County are for enhanced research and evidence led initiatives, improved collaboration and improved clarity and promotion of information about services and initiatives.**  **Following contributions from all members it was agreed that a dedicated meeting of the SPC would be required in September in order to meet the statutory timeline.**  **The need to add further items to this agenda or hold a separate SPC on tourism and business support initiatives in advance of budget meetings was also highlighted by members and is to be considered.**  **It was also agreed to circulate a list of the Community related groups operating in the County in order to give the Economic SPC members an understanding of the scope of the LCDC activities and interactions and the various social enterprises in the County.**  **Frank Nevin advised members of the necessity to develop an 18mth-2year action plan stemming from the adoption of the LECP**  **The report was NOTED.**  **The meeting ended at 2.05”** |

**H4b)(i)/0915 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES – REPORT OF ARTS, CULTURE, GAEILGE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES SPC MEETING 2nd September 2015.**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Councillor D. Richardson, Chairperson of the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC and was **CONSIDERED:**

**“Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge & Libraries SPC**

**Meeting 2nd September 2015 (5.30pm) – IT Conference Room**

**Report.**

**Attended**

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| Cllr D. Richardson (Chair) | Cllr F. Timmons |
| Cllr B. Bonner | Cllr F. Warfield |
| Cllr N. Coules | Ms D. Mooney, |
| Cllr B. Leech | Mr Peader O’Caomhnaigh |

**Officials present:**

Mr F Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms Bernie Meeneghan, A/County Librarian

Ms D Fagan – Senior Executive Librarian.

Ms E Leech – Administrative Officer

Ms Orla Scannell, Arts Office

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Meeting 6th May**  **Minutes were AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2 - Per cent for art sub-committee.**  **Ms Orla Scannell presented the report. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr F Warfield and** Mr Peader O’Caomhnaigh would join the sub committee. |
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| **Headed Item 3.  Update on Tourism Working Group.**  Mr Frank Nevin presented the report and updated the members in relation to the projects at the Dublin Mountains and the Clondalkin Round Tower. FN responded to members queries. |
| **Headed Item 4. Red Line Book Festival Report**  Ms Domitilla Fagan presented the report and invited all present to the Festival launch on Monday 7th September. During the following discussion, and in conjunction with the Tourism report, the potential of the festival in tourism terms was noted. |
| **Headed Item 5 : Update on commemorations committee**  Ms Elaine Leech presented the report and highlighted the main planned events and projects.  **AOB**  The members welcomed the updates and progress on all of the projects discussed during the meeting and it was agreed that the suggestion of a joint meeting with the Economic Development and Tourism SPC be discussed between the Chairs at CPG.  .Meeting concluded at 6.40” |

**H4b)(ii)/0915 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES – MINUTES OF ARTS, CULTURE, GAEILGE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES SPC MEETING 6th May 2015.**

**“Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge & Libraries SPC**

**Meeting 6th May 2015 (5.30pm) – IT Conference Room**

**Minutes.**

**Attended**

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| Cllr D. Richardson (Chair) |  |
| Cllr B. Bonner |  |
| Cllr N. Coules |  |
| Cllr. B Leech |  |

**Officials present:**

Mr F Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms D Fagan – Senior Executive Librarian.

Ms E Leech – Administrative Officer.

**Apologies:** Cllr F Warfield, Cllr Francis Timmons, Mr Peader O’Caomhnaigh, Ms D Mooney, (South Dublin Chamber).

At the outset of the meeting F Nevin introduced B Meeneghan as the new Acting County Librarian.

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Meeting 4th February, 2015 & Working Group Meeting 4th March, 2015**  **Minutes were AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2 - Commemorations Committee update.**  **E Leech presented the report & outlined the work of the Commemoration Committee. She emphasized that the Committee were at the planning for crossover with the SPC. D Fagan also presented a report on the History & Heritage Summer 2015, the Library programme of heritage walks and talks which will be delivered this summer.**  **Following discussion to which all present contributed the report was noted and it was agreed that the members would make suggestions to the Committee on the structure and promotion of planned events.** |
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| **Headed Item 3.  Red Line Book Festival Report**  **D Fagan presented the report & updated the work of the organizing Committee setting out the current list of events/venues. As with Item 1 she emphasized that the Committee were at the planning stage and requested input from the SPC members. Following discussion to which all present contributed the report was noted and it was agreed that Domitilla would continue to update the SPC on the festival planning.** |
| **Headed Item 4. Update on Tourism Strategy.**  F Nevin confirmed that the Strategy had been agreed and launched on 13th May. He summarised the strategy direction and next steps in implementing the measures proposed in the document. Following discussion, during which the possibility of site visits was suggested, it was agreed that the next meeting of the SPC, subject to the Chairs agreement, be held in conjunction with **the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC on the Tourism Strategy and related matters, including the items discussed above.** |
| **Headed Item 5: Board of Rua Red.**  F Nevin outlined the current situation and requirements in relation to the Board of Rua Red. It was agreed that Cllr Richardson, (Chair), would discuss and consider same with the SPC members and revert to F Nevin.  **Meeting concluded at 6.50 pm”** |

The reports were **NOTED**

**H5/0915 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES**

It was noted there was **NO** Business under this Heading

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor E O Broin and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q32 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

**Q1/0915 TELEPHONE BOOTHS**

**QUESTION: Councillor E. Higgins**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline whether we have any functioning and disuses phone booths on streets throughout South County Dublin.

**REPLY:**

Road Maintenance removed disused SMART/Esat phone boxes and as part of the Palmerstown Village scheme, Eircom are to remove two of their phone booths. Roads Department does not know the number of functioning and disused phone booths in the county but the Telecoms Regulator may have this information.

**Q2/0915** **HAP SCHEME**

**QUESTION: Councillor S. Holland**

To ask the Chief Executive how many landlords have signed up to the HAP scheme? Of these, how many of these signed up with their existing tenants and how many were new landlords? Please give a geographical breakdown by electoral area?

**REPLY:**

Outlined below are the number of landlords who have signed up to the HAP - Housing Assistance Payments - scheme.

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| **Analysis of HAP landlords @ 3rd September 2015** | | |
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| **Number of landlords** | **Number of Properties per landlord** | **Total Properties** |
| 251 | 1 | 251 |
| 15 | 2 | 30 |
| 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 | 4 | 4 |
| 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 1 | 8 | 8 |
| 1 | 9 | 9 |
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| **272** |  | **310** |
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Currently 75% of all HAP tenancies are new and 25% are from Rent Supplement.  It is not possible to say at this time if the landlord is new to the system or not.  It is envisaged that a meeting with the Department of Social Protection will take place in October with a view to increasing the numbers of tenants transferring from rent supplement to HAP.

Below is the geographical breakdown of HAP tenancies in South Dublin

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| Tallaght South | 27% |
| Tallaght Central | 26% |
| Clondalkin | 30% |
| Lucan | 11% |
| Rathfarnham | 2% |
| Terenure /Templeogue | 4% |

**Q3/0915** **HOMELESS**

**QUESTION: Councillor S. Holland**

To ask the Chief Executive how many people have declared themselves homeless this calendar year, month by month?

**REPLY:**

**The presentations to Homeless this calendar year are as follows:**

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|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
| **Total Presentations** | **662** | **631** | **558** | **477** | **552** | **548** | **641** | **609** |
| Unique   Individuals/Family | 238 | 233 | 185 | 224 | 240 | 236 | 264 | 236 |
| No. of New Presentations | 93 | 92 | 66 | 89 | 98 | 94 | 163 | 114 |
| No of Repeat Presentations | 140 | 141 | 119 | 135 | 142 | 142 | 475 | 494 |
| No Registered as Homeless | 233 | 244 | 266 | 287 | 294 | 252 | 214 | 227 |

**Q4/0915** **EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION**

**QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle**

To ask the Chief Executive how much, this year to date, has been spent on emergency accommodation? What is the total budget allowed for this?

**REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is the lead Authority which manages the Central Placement Service on an agency basis and South Dublin County Council pays a contribution in respect of all expenditure on homeless services.  In 2014, a contribution of approx. €1.19 million was made to the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (Dublin City Council).  There is provision for €1.5 million in the 2015 Budget for Homeless Services and to date South Dublin have received no invoices for expenditure in 2015 to date.

**Q5/0915 LITTER MANAGEMENT**

**QUESTION: Councillor J. Lahart**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline whether he has plans to employ any additional outdoor staff to bolster the Parks and Landscape and Public Ream sections of the Council in meeting the demands of litter management and open space and road margins maintenance in the county?

**REPLY:**

The Council is in the process of working through the Workforce Plan agreed with staff and unions earlier this year. Notices of employment opportunities for permanent and temporary General Operative staff in South Dublin County Council were advertised in July and a significant response has been received. Following the shortlisting and interview process, it is expected that a number qualifying candidates will be assigned to positions in the Public Realm Section to support operations and work programmes including litter management and open space and road margin maintenance in the county.

**Q6/0915 TOP TEN RATE PAYERS**

**QUESTION: Councillor J. Lahart**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the top ten commercial rate payers in the county together with their annual contribution in commercial rates and whether he anticipates an increase in commercial rates revenue in 2015 and 2016?

**REPLY:**

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| **1** | 6,852,502.80 |
| **2** | 3,283,374.20 |
| **3** | 2,829,654.00 |
| **4** | 2,390,682.60 |
| **5** | 1,345,615.25 |
| **6** | 1,063,781.10 |
| **7** | 990,592.58 |
| **8** | 988,119.00 |
| **9** | 836,730.00 |
| **10** | 769,500.00 |

Based on the current trends for 2015 the indications are that Rates revenue will be on a par with 2014. Current indications are that the County Valuation will not increase for 2016 thereby limiting the scope for increased rates revenue.

**Q7/0915 COUNTY TREE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

**QUESTION: Councillor J. Lahart**

To ask the Chief Executive to give details on the progress to date of the new County Tree Management strategy?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council's Tree Management Policy 'Living With Trees' 2015-2020 was adopted at the County Council meeting in July.  The policy will be formally launched by the Mayor, Cllr. Sarah Holland, at an event to mark national Tree Day on October 8th.  Details of the event will be circulated in due course.  Subsequent to the formal launch, the policy document will be published on a new 'Trees' webpage, currently under development, on the Council's website [**www.sdcc.ie**](http://www.sdcc.ie).

An Action Plan has been prepared to support and deliver progress against the vision and aims of the Tree Management Policy.  The plan identifies a number of key actions, responsibilities and timescales for delivery over the period 2015-2020.  The current status for actions identified for delivery in 2015 is as follows:

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| **Update   on ‘Living With Trees’ Action Plan for 2015** | | |
| **Action** | **Measurement** | **Status** |
| Evaluate and purchase a tree management system | Purchase and use of system | Procurement process complete and contract for supply of system has been awarded. |
| Survey all street trees in County and collate all data on computerised tree management system | Number of trees surveyed | Survey commenced in March 2015. Over 4,000 trees surveyed to date. |
| Review existing Tree Preservation Orders in the county | Annual review | Ongoing as part of the planning process by Public Realm in conjunction with Planning Section |
| Ensure tree maintenance is completed in a safe manner in accordance with recognised standards and best practice | Ongoing development and training of all Council staff involved in tree work   Employment of qualified, trained, competent contractors | Training and upskilling of staff ongoing |
| Use the Council’s planning powers to retain and protect trees on development sites and enforce as necessary | Annual review | Ongoing as part of the planning process by Public Realm in conjunction with Planning Section |
| Maximise the recycling of tree related green waste generated by the Council’s own tree management. | Annual review | Ongoing |
| Establish guidelines to prioritise maintenance work on street trees | Guidelines in place and used | Guidelines set out and in use as per Tree Management Policy ‘Living With Trees’ |
| Develop a 5 year cyclical tree maintenance programme for street trees | Publish programme on Council’s website | Programme under development |
| Develop best practice protocol for tree maintenance works and nesting birds | Protocol agreed and in practice | In preparation |
| Provide staff training in tree survey and   inspection | Training completed | Training arranged for completion in September |
| Develop a ‘Trees’ webpage on the Council’s website www.sdcc.ie | Webpage in place and maintained | In preparation |
| Make tree maintenance programme available on website | Information available on website | Tree Maintenance Programme for 2016 will be presented to Council’s Area Committees in November and subsequently published on Council’s website www.sdcc.ie |
| Promote Tree week and Tree day in association with the Tree Council of Ireland | Tree Day activities organised each year | Tree Day 2016 takes place on Thursday, October 8th and activities are being arranged to include the   formal launch of the Council’s Tree Management Policy ‘Living with Trees’ |

**Q8/0915 LITTER FINES**

**QUESTION: Councillor J. Lahart**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the revenue in 2014 and to date in 2015 from Litter fines: to outline how much is outstanding from court fines and when the Chief executive expects these fines to be paid and to ask whether the Chief Executive is satisfied with the response of the Courts Service in collecting fines due to this Council?

**REPLY:**

The Council enforces all provisions of the [**Litter Pollution Act 1997**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1997/en/act/pub/0012/), as amended, (the Act) in an effort to prevent and control litter pollution, including issuing a fixed penalty notice (fine) of €150, pursuant to Section 28 of the Act.

Fines which are not paid within the period specified in the Act are referred to the Council's Law Department for prosecution for non-payment. The Court has a number of options at its discretion, including conviction with fine, conviction without fine or dismissal. In addition, the Court may award costs to the Council. The collection of fines applied by the Court is a matter for the Courts Service.

It is not always possible to progress the matter to a court hearing for various reasons but primarily due to:

a) fines sent by registered post being returned as undelivered

b) evidence deemed to be not sufficiently robust to support prosecution.

The following table outlines the position in relation to fines and revenue for the year 2014 and for the period 1st January to 31st July 2015.

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|  | **2014** | **1st Jan to 31st Jul 2015** |
| No of fines issued | 625 | 307 |
| Value of fines issued | €93,750 | €46,050 |
| Total Collected | €44,598 | €26,615 |
| Collection rate | 48% | 58% |
| Total Court costs awarded | €21,150 | €16,325 |
| Total Court costs collected | €7,200 | €2,550 |
| Collection rate | 34% | 16% |

**Q9/0915 LEGAL COSTS**

**QUESTION: Councillor J. Lahart**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on how much has been spent on legal costs by this County Council in defending claims from the public and how much has been paid by the Council in respect of insurance claims made by the public?

**REPLY:**

As part of its successful submission for designation as Sustainable Energy Community with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, South Dublin County Council included the potential for a District Heating Scheme to be focused initially on the growing centre of Tallaght. Key stakeholders in this potential project are SDCC (including County Hall, Civic Theatre, County Library and Rua Red), Tallaght Hospital, the Institute of Technology in Tallaght and the Square Shopping Centre. The balance of varying energy requirements – heating, cooling, lighting – and the pattern of usage across the daily cycle, offered potential for the development of a shared energy facility. This was further improved by the relatively short distances between the stakeholder buildings and the pattern of ownership in the Town Centre.

As part of the Job-Bridge Internship, Alice Coburn, energy graduate, collated the energy usage of the stakeholders from their energy bills. The total annual energy usage, combining gas and electricity, between all stakeholders is 43,835,382 Kw/h (electricity: 19,418,458 Kw/h, gas: 24,416,924 Kw/h). This is sufficient energy demand to encourage further detailed investigations of a district heating scheme.

The district heating scheme would, if developed, centre initially on a combined heat-power plant (CHP). This could be powered by natural gas, biomass (wood pellet/wood ship) or geothermal. Typically in UK and European examples, an initial small network grows and expands as neighbouring businesses realise the value and reliability of the district system. The scale of the system appears to offer a sufficient load requirement for evaluation in relation to geothermal and in a more sustainable planning and energy context than the low-density residential previously put forward.

Alice Coburn’s feasibility study was forwarded to SEAI and to City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) for evaluation. CODEMA have staff with specialist qualifications in this area. The feasibility study has been examined in greater detail by them and updated using specialist economic modelling software. This document was submitted to the Department of Energy Regulation for Green Paper on Energy Policy in Ireland.

SDCC commissioned a feasibility study on the potential for small scale hydroelectric generation on the rivers in South Dublin. The first stage of this study is complete and 15 sites which demonstrated some potential were identified. Two of these sites are in SDCC ownership and further studies on these are in progress.

SEAI grant funding has been secured for a special pilot project to install a Freqcon next generation converter at County Hall. SDCC are working with MEGA (Micro Energy Generation Association) and leading industry experts on this project. The Converter has been commissioned and is due to be installed at County Hall following extensive testing and additional research. Funding has been secured for photovoltaic cells on the roof of County Hall to work with the Converter.

SDCC are committed to the development of renewable sources under the County’s Sustainable Energy Action Plan, recently approved by the Covenant of Mayors.

**Q10/0915 RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the geothermal district heating proposals for the County Town, the hydroelectric study involving rivers in the South Dublin County area, and other renewable energy initiatives being taken by or on behalf of the Council at present, or planned for the time ahead?

**REPLY:**

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**Q11/0915**  **MEMBERS REPS**

**QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed statement on the current status of Members’ Reps and Customer Care systems used to track representations from Councillor’s members of the public and others; to ask him to state the reason for the continued problems and delays in responding to Councillors and others using these systems; to state what impact staff changes have had on these systems; to state whether he believes the running of these systems has been adequate; and to state what plans he has in place to deal with the backlog of queries and the likely increase in representations in the run up to the general election.

**REPLY:**

The monthly Management Report to Council provides a range of statistics on agreed Performance Indicators for the services provided by the Council, including the response to representations received from elected members. This report has been available for each month of 2015 and shows the number of Members Reps responded to (5,369 year to date) and the average response time (5.5 days year to date). A full review of the Members Reps system was carried out in May - June 2015 which showed almost a threefold increase in the volume of Reps received between 2012 and 2015, from an average of 260 per month in 2012 to 725 per month in 2015. This increase in the volume of representations is the most significant factor affecting the response times for Reps. This review has identified a number of actions that are currently being implemented to manage this increased demand more effectively, including a standing item on the performance of the system on the Organisation Procedures and Finance Committee and a co-ordinator appointed within each department to ensure the correct assignment and timely response to reps submitted. This will continue to be monitored on an ongoing basis.

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| **Corporate Performance and Change Management** | |
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| **Statistic Name** | **Jan-15** | **Feb-15** | **Mar-15** | **Apr-15** | **May-15** | **Jun-15** | **Jul-15** | **Aug-15** | **YTD** |
| Members reps processed | 613 | 807 | 671 | 652 | 691 | 730 | 619 | 586 | 5369 |
| Members reps Av. Response time (days) | 7.2 | 5.2 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 7 | 3.04 | 1.04 | 6.7 | 5.5475 |

**Q12/0915 HALLOWEEN**

**QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of all pro-social, family-friendly activities supported or organised by SDCC for Hallowe'en this year; for details of planned environmental activities around Hallowe'en this year, including bonfire clean ups; to state what liaison is taking place with Gardaí, community organisations and businesses; to state the projected costs involved, broken down by Council department/division; and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

Cross departmental discussions have been held with Members of Clondalkin ACM arising from the fact that approx. 1/3 of all bonfires in the County typically occur in the Clondalkin Electoral Area.  Meetings have taken place on the following dates 20th May, 10th June and 15th July 2015, with the next meeting scheduled to occur on 23rd September.  The objective of these meetings was that the agreed actions would apply Countywide with the intent of reducing the number of bonfires and associated environmental damage and cost during Halloween 2015.

Staff of Community, Housing, Corporate Services and Environment Depts. attended.

Discussion on measures to reduce bonfires:

* Alternative  events / activities to attract kids away from bonfires
* Waste Enforcement – reminders to businesses re: waste
* Removal of stored bonfire material in advance of Halloween
* Issue with bonfire material stored on private land.
* Council resources on Halloween – Sat 31st October
* Clean-up - mapping
* Communications policy
* Dedicated contacts for Elected Members to report bonfire material
* Liaison with other agencies – Gardaí and Dublin Bus in particular.
* Red circle savings in clean-up costs to promote alternative Halloween events and activities.
* Objective to reduce bonfire numbers by 10% per year
* Objective to eliminate all bonfires within 10 years.

The Environmental Awareness Sections plan for Halloween include the following:

1. Bulbs not Bonfires – Bulbs not Bonfires is a reward in the Council’s Social Credits Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of a scarred open space throughout the year. Groups will be invited to make an application outlining how they will create a Safe Halloween. Over €1,000 will be spent on purchasing bulbs for this scheme in time Halloween 2015.
2. Free pass to Ballymount Civic Amenity – A free pass to Ballymount Civic Amenity will be given to every Social Credit applicant during the month of October. As the pass is valid from 1st October to 20th November it is not possible to calculate the exact weight of material, as such SDCC and the Ballymount Civic Amenity operators will agree on a one off payment.
3. Halloween Recycling Workshops – 4 Halloween recycling workshops will be offered to Schools, at a cost of €560.00 approximately.
4. The Halloween pack “Make it a Happy Halloween” is available – This pack was previously distributed to all schools in the administrative area and is available on our website free of charge. [**Click Here**](file:///C:\Users\glee\Downloads\Halloween%20Pack%20-%20Make%20it%20a%20happy%20Halloween%20(1).pdf) No costs associated.
5. The Environmental Awareness Officer shall accompany An Garda Siochana and the Fire Service on school visits in October. Dates are to be determined. Cost is staff time only.

As in previous years the Community Development Team are available to and are currently liaising, advising and assisting Community Centres/Community Groups who would like to get involved in the organisation of family-friendly events during the Halloween Period.

The Team are available to give practical advice and assistance to groups planning on organising family-friendly Halloween activities and a budget has been allocated to allow for the provision of small amounts of financial assistance to help groups meet some of the costs associated with these family-friendly activities. The list of projects to be supported is not yet finalised as discussions are continuing with some groups.

If the Members are aware of any local groups who are not yet in touch with the Community Development Team then if contact details are provided appropriate arrangements can be made to advise them.

There were 348 bonfires across the County during Halloween 2014, the overall clean-up cost of which was €46,000.  In 2013 there was 378 bonfires with a clean-up cost of €50,000.

Having regard to previous clean-up costs and the number of bonfires across the County, it is estimated that the likely expenditure for Halloween 2015 may also be in the region of €45,000 to €50,000 approx.

**Q13/0915 SOCIAL HOUSING**

**QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on the provision of social housing in and by SDCC, and plans for such in the time ahead.

**Report under Headed Item H-1-(12) New Build Council Housing Programme Refers.**

**The following is summary of progress in this regard.**

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| Scheme Name (Location Address) |  | Approved by Council | Current Stage |
| Dromcarra, Tallaght | 14 | Yes in June 2015 | Cost plan is currently being prepared by SDCC for submission to the DECLG |
| Letts Field, Clondalkin | 40 (proposed on Part 8) |  | SDCC currently reviewing submissions and report will be presented to Council in September. |
| Owendoher, Ballyboden | 35 (proposed on Part 8) | No | Part V111 public consultation – to close on the 17th September |
| Killinarden, Tallaght | 24 (proposed on Part 8) | No | Part V111 public consultation – to close on the 24th September |

As reported to [March](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=43543) meeting of South Dublin County Council, the further sites identified for Part 8 will be progressed in coming months:

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| Balgaddy ‘F’ Lucan | 50 |
| St Marks Avenue | 39 |
| Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham | 40 |
| Fernwood, Tallaght | 22 |
| Fonthill Road Link Road, Neilstown | 50 |

  Three projects which have commenced on site in 2015 are:

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| --- | --- |
| * Suncroft Tallaght | 10 dwellings |
| * St. Finians, Lucan | 2 dwellings |
| * Belgard Road Tallaght (traveller accommodation) | 3 dwellings |
| Total | 15 |

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| Three projects are already Part 8 approved, costed and awaiting sanction to proceed to tender by DECLG - |

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| St. Marks Green | 11 dwellings |
| Mayfield | 18 dwellings |
| Mac Uilliam | 28 dwellings |
|  | 57 |

In July the DECLG gave approval in principal to 8 Approved Housing Bodies for 47 Capital Assistance Scheme projects (35 of these relate to acquisitions and 12 relate to construction projects) in the South Dublin area totalling a value of €5.6m. The provision of housing for people with specific categories of need is funded under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS). Under this scheme all prospective tenancies are taken from the local authority housing waiting list

**Q14/0915 COMMERCIAL RATES**

**QUESTION: Councillor R. McMahon**

To ask the Chief Executive how many Community and Sports Clubs have been contacted and how many have applied for the partial exemption from commercial rates and to give a summary report on the financial benefit to the clubs in the County. Also please provide a list of possible clubs in the County who potentially qualify for this scheme.

**REPLY:**

The Valuation Amendment Act 2015 enacted changes in relation to clubs whose premises are rated because they are registered under The Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act 1904 (Usually because there is a bar in part of the premises)

The Valuation Office placed an advertisement in the press on 7th August 2015 outlining details of the amendment and the requirement for clubs registered under the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act 1904 to submit an application form with supporting documentation to the Valuation Office on or before Tuesday 15th September 2015.

The Rates Section examined the rate book and extracted details of clubs that may be eligible and issued details of the advertisement and an application form. A total of 21 clubs in the administrative area of South Dublin County Council were contacted. The list below while it may not be exhaustive contains the details of the clubs that were contacted.

Lucan Sarsfield GAA Club

Ballyboden St Enda's GAA Club

Firhouse Community & Leisure Club Limited

Muintir Chronain Teoranta

Bluebell United AFC Limited

Clondalkin Rugby Club limited

St Mary's GFC

Three Rock Rovers Hockey Club

Round Tower GFC

Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre Limited

St Anne's GAA Club

St Mark's GAA Club

Mark's Celtic Soccer Club

Thomas Davis GAA Club

Badminton Union of Ireland

Templeogue Tennis Club

St Mary's College Rugby Football club

Templeogue Castle Community Bridge club

Faugh's GAA Club

St Judes's GAA Club

Templeogue United FC Limited

All Councillors were informed by email on 12th August 2015 of the above.

The financial benefit to the clubs will not be known until after the Valuation Office have examined all applications received and issued any amended Valuation Certificates.

**Q15/0915 PLAYSPACE ROLLOUT**

**QUESTION: Councillor R. McMahon**

To ask the Chief Executive to do a study regarding the Play Space Roll Out  programme across the County and  in particular to try and ascertain why the Play Space at The Park Community Centre in Ballycullen, is not as successful as the other Play Spaces around the County and to report back to this Council on its findings.

**REPORT:**

An update on progress in the implementation of the 2014 -2018 Play Space Programme is shown below. The programme is generally on schedule.  In some instances public consultation has taken slightly longer than anticipated. This is reflected in the table below - there are projects in the 2014 programme that are only now at the construction stage. However, this level of consultation and finding agreement with the local communities is a necessary step in ensuring the success and sustainability of the programme in the long term.

The Five Year Playspace Programme provides for annual review of all projects, both delivered as well as not delivered and the issues and experience gained through the process.

In relation to the play space at Ballycragh Park: this is regarded as being a very successful project in terms of the play value offered, the naturalness of the design and the local participation.  The same issues that have caused some problems in Ballycragh Park are mirrored to a greater or lesser extent In most of the new play spaces across the county - in particular litter and anti-social behaviour. Both issues are being dealt with: in relation to the anti-social behaviour the Gardaí have been very supportive but ultimately there is an issue with parental responsibility also. In relation to littering there is a concerted effort by the Public Realm Section to remove litter on a regular basis and bins have been provided : it should also be borne in mind that parents who attend the play spaces with their children should provide example in removing litter and placing it in the bins provided.

**Update on the Five Year Play Space Programme 2014 – 2018**

The agreed Five Year Play Space Programme 2014 – 2018 and an update on progress are detailed in the table below.

**Synopsis**

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|  | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| **Planned** | **10 (+2)\*** | **14** |  |  |  |
| **Completed** | 7 | 0 |  |  |  |
| **Under Construction** | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |
| **Due to commence** | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |
| **Tender Stage** | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Design Stage** |  | 4 |  |  |  |
| **In consultation** |  | 8 |  |  |  |
| **Site not possible** | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |
| **Substitute** | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |

\* Funding support from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for playspaces at Ballycragh and Hermitage Parks.

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| **LUCAN** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Woodfarm Acres | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible. Substituted with Riversdale Estate |
| Riversdale (substitution) | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Griffeen Avenue | Local | 2014 | Commencing September 2015 |
| Waterstown Park | Regional | 2015 | Design being progressed |
| Griffeen Valley Park | Regional | 2015 | Design being progressed |
| Sarsfield Park, Lucan | Local | 2015 | Commencing October 2015 |
| Ballyowen Park | Neighbourhood | 2016 |  |
| Lucan Demesne | Regional | 2016 |  |
| Finnstown | Local | 2016 |  |
| Willsbrook Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Hillcrest Estate Lucan | Local | 2017 |  |
| Glenaulin Park, Palmerstown | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Beechpark | Local | 2018 |  |
| Hillcrest Estate Lucan | Local | 2018 |  |
| Esker Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |  |
| Grange Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |  |

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| **CLONDALKIN** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Rathcoole Park | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Knockmitten Park | Neighbourhood | 2014 | Open |
| Neilstown | Local | 2015 | Consultation stage |
| Quarryvale Park | Local | 2015 | Contract Awarded, Ancillary works being undertaken |
| Newcastle | Neighbourhood | 2015 | No site available until new park constructed by Receiver. |
| Ashwood estate | Local | 2016 |  |
| Springbank Cottages Saggart | Local | 2016 |  |
| Collinstown Park | Local | 2016 |  |
| Grand Canal Park | Local | 2017 |  |
| Corkagh Park | Regional | 2017 |  |
| Cherrywood Park | Local | 2018 |  |
| St Cuthbert’s Park | Local | 2018 |  |
| Corkagh Park | Local | 2018 |  |

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| **TALLAGHT CENTRAL** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Avonbeg | Local | 2014 | Agreement reached with residents. Construction commenced August 2015 |
| Belgard Heights | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible |
| Brookview (substitute for Belgard Heights) | Local | 2014 | Tender September 2015 |
| Ambervale | Local | 2015 | In consultation |
| Kilnamanagh Parkhill Rd | Local | 2015 | Consultation to commence September |
| Kingswood open space | Local | 2016 |  |
| Ballymount Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Bancroft Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Kilnamanagh Treepark Rd | Local | 2018 |  |
| **TALLAGHT SOUTH** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Killinarden Community Centre | Local | 2014 | Completed and open |
| Aylesbury | Local | 2015 | Commence October 2015 |
| Jobstown Park | Neighbourhood | 2015 | Design stage- decision on location required |
| McGee Park | Neighbourhood | 2016 |  |
| Seán Walsh Park, Marlfield | Local | 2016 |  |
| Killinarden Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |  |

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| **RATHFARNHAM** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Woodstown, Knocklyon | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible |
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| Whitechurch open space | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible |
| Marian Road | Local | 2015 | Consultation stage |
| Dargle Wood | Local | 2015 | Unable to get agreement to progress playspaces |
| Longwood/Stonepark Abbey Rathfarnham | Local | 2015 | In consultation |
| Kiltipper Park | Regional | 2015 | Overall park plan to be prepared. Premature for play space. Substitute with Glendoher Park. |
| Glendoher park (substitute for Kiltipper Park) | Local | 2015 | Consultation in progress |
| Elkwood | Local | 2016 |  |
| Delaford | Local | 2016 |  |
| Westbourne Lodge | Local | 2017 |  |
| Boden Park | Local | 2017 |  |
| Prospect Manor, Stocking Lane | Local | 2018 |  |
| Dodder Park Road | Local | 2018 |  |

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| **TEMPLEOGUE TERENURE** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Beechfield Park, Walkinstown | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Tymon Park Limekiln | Neighbourhood | 2016 |  |
| Glendown Park | Local | 2016 |  |
| Firhouse Park | Local | 2016 |  |
| Greenhills Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Old Bawn Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Mount Carmel | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Idrone, Knocklyon | Local | 2017 |  |
| Tymon Park Willington | Regional | 2018 |  |
| Orwell Park | Local | 2018 |  |
| Perrystown | Local | 2018 |  |
| Carrigwood | Local | 2018 |  |
| Hunterswood | Local | 2018 |  |
| Cherryfield Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |  |

**Q16/0915 SHOPPING CENTRES**

**QUESTION: Councillor R. McMahon**

To ask the Chief Executive as to what role the Council can play to ensure that there is a redevelopment or upgrading of shopping centres in the County

**REPLY:**

The Council plays a range of rolls in supporting the redevelopment or upgrading of shopping centres;

A shop front grant scheme has been put in place by the council. This gives financial support to physical improvement of shop fronts. In this regard the Council particularly welcomes applications from parades of shops which allow for their coherent upgrading and consequent improvement to the vibrancy of our towns and villages. Further supports include the rollout of village Wi-Fi which will encourage further footfall within our shopping areas and physical improvements within our towns and villages which enhance the public realm.

Meetings in relation to establishing retail fora in the County scheduled during 2015 have been purely attended and a new approach perhaps centring on a a particular retail type and/or location will be rolled out in 2016.

With respect to supporting redevelopment of shopping centres, the County Development plan sets out a range of polices which actively guide and support their redevelopment or upgrading. These polices have been further developed, where appropriate, in local area plans allowing for a coherent and sustainable framework to guide development. The Council is committed to supporting and encouraging the appropriate redevelopment or upgrading of our shopping centres within South Dublin County.

**Q17/0915 SALEABLE ASSETS**

**QUESTION: Councillor E. O’Brien**

To ask the Chief Executive to list all saleable assets currently in the possession of the County Council and the current use of the said assets.

**REPLY:**

Property Management and the potential disposal of assets were the subject of briefings to the Area Committees followed by a special meeting of the O & P & F Committee on 23rd October 2014, (details below). As indicated in the reports the Councils landbank is held and managed in order to support the Councils strategic plans either by direct development, freehold disposal or in some cases to facilitate an agreed developments. There will be reports related to the sites identified for disposal at those meetings presented for consideration at the October meeting of Council.

As also indicated in the report below following that process an updated report can be brought back to the O & P & F on Council owned lands and the related potential for development/disposal.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF ORGANISATION PROCEDURE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 23rd October 2014

HEADED ITEM

REPORT ON STRATEGIC APPROACH TO COUNCIL LAND BANK AND HOUSING DELIVERY

**REPORT:**

At the meeting of the O & P & F Committee on 27th June 2014 a [**report**](http://intranet/cmas/viewmeetingagenda.aspx?id=1167) was presented proposing that, as part of the council’s response to the housing situation in the Dublin region, five residential development sites be placed on the market.

Following the presentation and discussion it was agreed that presentations on potential development sites in the Councils ownership would be given to each Area Committee. The reports given are available at this meeting. This process has now been completed and the feedback from the members identified two main issues for consideration at the O & P:

* An understanding of how strategic decisions are made on development/ sale/transfer of Council land.
* Access to, and availability the Councils detailed landbank.

The Councils landbank forms a strategic resource for the local Authority to secure appropriate development in the County in three ways:

* LA own development by way of Part 8, (subject to member’s approval).
* Disposal for agreed forms of development subject to member’s approval in accordance with S 183.
* Disposals provide funding opportunities to deliver the Councils Capital programme.

This Report deals with both of the issues raised at Area level and recommends next steps in this regard.

1. **Strategic approach to landbank management.**

The Councils landbank of development sites is regularly reviewed strategically utilising the following process. This is particularly relevant given the current housing delivery situation in Dublin.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Option** | **Review-Required for?** | **Response** |  |
|  | Long-term strategic objective? | If yes – retain | Eg road reservations. |
|  | Potential social housing? | Yes/No | If yes consider Part 8. |
|  | Potential development   partnership/property swop/amalgamation. | Yes/no May require negotiation with identified   co-developers. | Consider potential mode of delivery. *(See   methodologies below)* |
|  | Disposal subject to development proposals   and/or planning brief/master plan. | Draft clear SDCC requirements before   going to market. | Agreed brief can be made subject to disposal   terms enforced through agreement for lease. |
|  | Not required/suitable for statutory   purposes-possible disposal purely on valuation decided by market. | Based on above analysis & valuation advice. | Sustain capital account. |

If options 2 – 4 are being considered the delivery methodology will have to be considered in conjunction with the Housing Dept. in accordance with the Housing Strategy.

1. **Methodologies for housing delivery**

Listed below are current extant Part 8s potentially providing development options for 260 homes over 8 sites? Some review may be required given both the passage of time in respect of some of the approvals and the changes in building regulations in that time. NO funding approval is in place for these schemes.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Site Address for Location** | **Housing Capacity** | **Planning Status** | **Comments** |
| Fortunestown   (MacUilliam) | 28 | Part   8 Approved | Submission   made to DECLG for 1.04 ha OF THE SITE, the rest of the area used for   playground & parks |
| Mayfield   Estate | 18 | Part   8 Approved | Submission   made to DECLG for pre-tender approval. Remainder of site compromised by High   Voltage Lines |
| 1. Marks   Green | 11 | Part   8 Approved | Submission   made to DECLG for pre-tender approval |
| Rossfield | 9 | Pre   Part 8 | Revise   Part 8 plan to take into account HSE withdrawal from previous process |
| Suncroft Park | 9 | Part   8 Approved | Budget   approval received by DECLG |
| Knockmore | 84 | Part   8 Approved | Part   8 approved based on HSE partnership for BERNARDOS. |
| stocking   lane | 100 | Part   8 Approved | Part   8 approved number of units based on high density model |

Careful design can improve environmental quality, passive surveillance and address special-needs. It is important that sites of this nature are carefully chosen not to suggest over-development or reduction of useful amenity space. It is recommended that opportunity sites be identified, proofed for underground services with Council departments, ESB and Bord Gais and consult with Elected Members through constraint evaluation and sketch designs.

This process could take place at Area Committee level before consultation with local residents.

**Tenure type/development options:**

* Social Housing build by Local Authority – subject to DOE approval and funding.
* Approved Housing Body (AHB) design & build, (potentially joint provision with private renting providers).
* Capital Assistance Scheme with AHB – Partnership Approach
* Private build for sale/let/lease to approved applicants -NAMA Units may provide options.

1. **Council landbank :**

The Council is legally obliged to maintain a property register. It must be emphasised that the Councils landbank is strategically and economically sensitive. For these reasons it is strongly recommended that the Register be maintained in, and made available only by, the Development Dept. Any enquiries in this regard will be dealt with by staff in that Department.

1. **Conclusion.**

* It is suggested to the Committee that following the discussion today on the reports considered at the Area Committees, an analysis of further sites based on 2 and 3 above be brought to the members of the Committee on a bi annual basis, (timing can be discussed and agreed).
* It is also recommended that the 5 sites which were the subject of the original report be brought to the market. The nature of how each site is offered can be discussed at the meeting.
* The market response could then form part of the next report.

**Q18/0915 VOID HOUSING UNITS**

**QUESTION: Councillor E. O’Brien**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of void housing units currently in the County Council housing stock

**REPLY:**

There were 34 Council social housing units vacant at 8 September 2015**.** Three of these dwellings are ready for immediate occupation and pre-let repairs are in progress in the balance.  Tenants have already been identified for 19 of these units.   Three of these 34 dwellings were fire damaged and are currently undergoing extensive repairs. In addition there are a number of boarded up private houses *throughout the county along with a small number of Council owned stock that is not in our possession* for legal reasons.

The average length of time it takes Housing Department to prepare a house for re-let repairs is approximately 10 weeks. In the nine month period January - September 2015, 114 units were allocated to new tenants.

**Q19/0915 HOUSING CAPITAL**

**QUESTION: Councillor E. O’Brien**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the amount of capital received, if any, from central government for the purchase, construction or repair of housing units in the past 12 months and of the said capital the amount spent?

**REPLY:**

The DECLG has confirmed funding to South Dublin County Council for the provision of our social housing Capital Projects including social housing build programme to the total value of €64.7m for the period 2015 to 2017.

16 properties for acquisition to date have been advised to the Department for in excess of €3M and other properties are being pursued. Work has started on new build at Suncroft and Belgard and St Finians is due to start shortly. All will funded by the Capital Programme.

In July the DECLG gave approval in principal to 8 Approved Housing Bodies for 47 Capital Assistance Scheme projects (35 of these relate to acquisitions and 12 relate to construction projects) in the South Dublin area totalling a value of €5.6m. The provision of housing for people with specific categories of need is funded under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS). Under this scheme all prospective tenancies are taken from the local authority housing waiting list.

**Q20/0915 REGISTER OF ELECTORS**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm his plans to encourage as many residents as possible to register for the Register of Electors 2015/2016 appreciating that this particular Register is due to be published in February in advance of the scheduled date for the General Election and also noting the importance of encouraging such additional registration following the success of the process in respect of the Referendums last May.

**REPLY:**

The Register of Electors 2016/17 will be published on 1st February 2016, and will come into force on 15th February 2016 and will be available for checking online at [**www.checktheregister.ie**](http://www.checktheregister.ie/). It will also be distributed to local Post Offices, Libraries and Garda stations and Council Offices in South Dublin's administrative area.

The Council's Corporate Services Department, and the Social Inclusion Unit in conjunction with ACT (Active Citizenship Together Committee) organise Voting Registration Drives and all Community Groups are contacted in advance of these drives to encourage greater participation in the electoral process. Registration forms are also sent to the 32 Secondary Schools in our administrative area. There will also be timely advertisements, entitled “Your Right to Vote “ placed in all Local Newspapers and Council Buildings, and a National Campaign will be undertaken to promote public awareness to coincide with the publication of the Draft Register on 1st November 2015.

The objective in compiling the Register of Electors is to ensure that all eligible voters are given an opportunity to participate in the democratic process and a high quality Register of Electors is essential to the successful operations of the electoral system. The door to door fieldwork which is an integral part of this process is currently underway on the updating of the Draft Register in advance of the forthcoming General Election. All eligible electors who were added to the Supplement to the Register of Electors in May this year will be automatically included in the Draft Register.

This Authority will continue its work to achieve the highest possible degree of accuracy and comprehensiveness in compiling the Register of Electors and will continue to promote its “Value your vote” campaigns and Registration Drives to ensure maximum participation in the registration process.

**Q21/0915 BOARDED UP HOUSES**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to state the number of boarded up Council houses in each of the Electoral areas and will he confirm what action is being taken to make such houses available for allocation.

**REPLY:**

There were 34 Council social housing units vacant at 8 September 2015, 21 of which are boarded up**.** Three of these dwellings are ready for immediate occupation and pre-let repairs are in progress in the balance.  Tenants have already been identified for 19 of these units.   Three of these 34 dwellings were fire damaged and are currently undergoing extensive repairs. In addition there are a number of boarded up private houses throughout the county along with a small number of Council owned stock that is not in our possession for legal reasons.

The average length of time it takes Housing Department to prepare a house for re-let repairs is approximately 10 weeks. In the nine month period January - September 2015, 114 units were allocated to new tenants.

**Tallaght**

Vacant:                           25

Still under repair              22

Ready for allocation           3

Tenant sourced               15

Fire damaged                    2

Boarded up:                    14

**Clondalkin**

Vacant:                              9

Still under repair                 9

Ready for allocation            0

Tenant sourced                  4

Fire damaged                     1

Boarded up:                       7

**Q22/0915 HOUSING STOCK/ECTORAL AREAS**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would confirm how many houses are in the ownership of South Dublin County Council and will he give details in respect of each Electoral area.

**REPLY:**

The following is a break down by electoral area of current housing stock for South Dublin County Council

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Council Stock for Electoral Areas | 8989 |
|  |  |
| Clondalkin Electoral Area Total | 2601 |
| Lucan Electoral Area Total | 800 |
| Tallaght South Electoral Area Total | 4314 |
| Tallaght Central Electoral Area Total | 743 |
| Rathfarnham Electoral Area | 531\*\* |
| Templeogue-Terenure Electoral Area |  |
| Total | 8989 |

\*\* Combined total for Rathfarnham and Templeogue-Terenure Electoral Areas

**Q23/0915 ACCOMMODATION**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive will he confirm how many Council units of accommodation have been allocated in this calendar year and will he provide details for each Electoral area.

**REPLY:**

116 dwellings, including Council owned and leased, have been allocated this year up to 11/09/2015, by electoral area as follows:-

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ELECTORAL   AREA | CBL | HOMELESS | MEDICAL | OAP | TIME ON LIST | TRANSFERS | TOTAL |
| Clondalkin | 6 | 10 | 5 | 2 |  | 7 | 30 |
| Lucan | 1 | 1 | 4 |  |  | 1 | 7 |
| Rathfarnham | 1 | 5 | 2 |  |  | 3 | 11 |
| Tallaght | 12 | 32 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 65 |
| Templeogue/Terenure | 2 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 3 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 48 | 20 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 116 |

**Q24/0915 HOMELESS**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to furnish a full report on actions taken and planned in respect of the current Homeless crisis as it effects our County; will he give details of where in the various Electoral areas these families are from and will he also detail how many Homeless families from our County are currently accommodated outside of the County and what plans he has to deal with that particular problem.

**REPLY:**

Homeless Services for Dublin are delivered on a regional basis and are funded through DECLG, HSE and the four Local Authorities.

South Dublin County Council’s 2015 Annual Service Plan for Housing Services will provide for

* Provision of Assessment & Placement Service
* Outreach Worker
* Contribution towards provision of emergency accommodation – Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA), Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA), Long-term Supported Housing (LTSH); Private Emergency Accommodation (B&B / Hotel Accommodation) and Saoirse Women’s Refuge.
* Contribution towards support services such as Focus Ireland Tallaght, Homeless Advice Unit, Focus Ireland Tenancy Sustainment Service; SLI Visiting Support Service through Dublin Simon, Focus Ireland New Presenters Support Service; Focus Ireland Homeless Action Team, Housing First Intake Team and Housing First Visiting Support Team

South Dublin County Council operate 2 daily drop-in clinics for those homeless or at risk of homelessness from 10am to 12noon and 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday and offers the following services:

1. Advice/Assessment/Prevention options
2. Bed Placement
3. Completion of Housing Needs Assessment
4. Sign up for Social Housing
5. Sli Service - which aids the establishment and maintenance of a tenancy once signed for over a period of time in accordance of need
6. Provides an outreach service including prison visits
7. Weekly clinic in CARP

The Council has a supported temporary accommodation facility in the Tallaght area for people sleeping rough in South Dublin. It caters for 21 individuals at any one time. In an effort to increase the number of beds available for those sleeping rough the Council has recently made 4 x 2 bed apartments available as move on for those in the facility who are considered capable of independent living. It is envisaged that these units will cater for 8 persons to move on and live independently with supports

The Dublin Regional Homeless Executive has introduced a new on-street service, which combines street outreach and Housing First has been in place since October 1st 2014. The service provides two teams:

Intake Team - If a person is sleeping rough and needs accommodation and support or if they are interested in referring to Housing First

Intensive Case Management (ICM) Team – If a person is already a Housing First tenant

Housing First focuses on providing long-term tenancies for those who have been long-term rough sleeping with the provision of time unlimited wrap around support services to assist them in maintaining their tenancy. This service has been contacted and is now working with the rough sleepers in the County.  In addition discussions are ongoing with Focus Ireland who provide a drop in and advice centre in Tallaght to extend their service to provide additional hot drinks and sandwiches.

In response to the current homeless crisis, two further initiatives were introduced

1. The Minister for the Environment Community and Local Government issued a [**Directive**](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2015/February/February2015CountyCouncilMeeting/42586_Ministerial%20Direction%20on%20the%20Allocation%20Schemes%20-%20Dublin.pdf) on the 27th January 2015 whereby:

"at least **50%** of the dwellings available for allocation under Section 22 of the 2009 Act during the specified period will be allocated to households that are qualified for social housing support (i.e. those who are on the record of qualified households) and that, on or before **1 December 2014**, have been deemed by the authority to have one or more than one of the following needs:

(i) was in an institution, emergency accommodation or a hostel (i.e. a homeless household within the meaning of Section 2 of the Housing Act 1988);

(ii) has an accommodation requirement arising from an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment (i.e. households where one of its members has a disability and as such is deemed to be a vulnerable household); and

(iii) was in accommodation that was unsuitable for the household's adequate housing on exceptional medical or compassionate grounds (i.e. including households the subject of domestic violence and young people leaving State care and as such deemed to be a vulnerable household)."

Accordingly all allocations at this time are made firstly in accordance with the ministers directive and thereafter in accordance with the Councils Allocation Scheme.  Since the introduction of this scheme, there have been 16 properties allocated to homeless persons/families, 8 pending allocation and a further 14 nominations to AHB.

2. HAP Homeless Scheme

Under the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government’s (DECLG) Action Plan to Address Homelessness announced in December 2014, it was agreed that the HAP scheme would be extended as a pilot specifically aimed at homeless households in the Dublin region.  This scheme permits a greater level of rent for appropriate properties

A dedicated Homeless HAP Unit has been established in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) offices to assist with the implementation and roll out of the pilot across homeless services which commenced operations on the 18th February 2015.

Under HAP, households are required to find their own accommodation in the private rented sector. However for homeless households who have higher support needs, STA and TEA Key Workers / Homeless Action Teams will be required to assist their client household in sourcing appropriate private rented accommodation.

In addition South Dublin County Council in conjunction with Tuath Housing have opened Tallaght Cross which offers temporary accommodation for 65 homeless families, who would otherwise be in Hotel & B&B accommodation throughout the city.

Families registered with South Dublin are comprised of people from both North & South of the Naas Road.  At present there is one family in emergency accommodation outside of the Dublin Area.

**Q25/0915 BULBS NOT BONFIRES**

**QUESTION: Councillor D. O’Donovan**

To ask the Chief Executive if SDCC has plans to expand the Bulbs for Bonfires programme this year.  It was a massive success last year, but could we do better than giving groups a single bag of bulbs this year?

**REPLY:**

Bulbs not Bonfires is a reward initiative in the Council’s Social Credits Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the spring instead of a scarred open space that is left behind by bonfires throughout the year. Groups are invited to make an application outlining how they will create a Safe Halloween. Over €1,000 will be spent on purchasing bulbs for this scheme in time for Halloween 2015.  Last year 80 bags of mixed bulbs were bought for the Bulbs not Bonfires programme. Due to the level of interest it was decided to purchase an extra 40 bags of bulbs. There was a small amount of bags left over and these were distributed to groups who expressed an interest in extra bulbs. This year 120 bags of bulbs will be purchased and if there is a significant increase in applications more bulbs will be purchased. If any group would like extra bulbs they can indicate this on their application.

**Q26/0915 HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

**QUESTION Councillor D. O’Donovan**

To ask the Chief Executive how many people have been housed within the County within the past 12 months who were not homeless, but were on the housing list?  And how many people were housed without having a medical priority for the same period?

**REPLY:**

It is not possible to provide the data for the past 12 months without extensive manual research and cross checking of figures.  However the allocation of houses from the beginning of this year is as follows.

For 2015 the Council has housed 46 applicants from the housing waiting  list into vacant dwellings up to 11th September 2015, not including Homeless as follows:-

22 were through the CBL system and housed  in Council owned dwellings and 3 were housed in Council owned Older Persons dwellings.

The Council housed 21 applicants from the housing waiting list with medical priority – 19 to Council owned dwellings, 1 to a Leased dwelling and 1 to Associated Housing Body.

The Council also facilitated housing through the ASH and RAS schemes – these are not included  in the above figures as under these schemes the applicant has sourced the property or tend to come with tenants insitu or used to relocate tenants from RAS properties on which the lease is being discontinued:-

Ash = 17 up to 11/09/2015

RAS = 35 as at 31/08/2015

The Council has recently advertised 34 dwellings on CBL which have been allocated and due for Tenancy signing shortly.

**Q27/0915 EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**

**QUESTION Councillor D. O’Donovan**

To ask the Chief Executive what training, if any, has been offered to communities with older people exercise equipment?

**REPLY:**

Next week as part of Health & Wellbeing Week, SDCSP is organising some short park walks with demonstrations of the outdoor exercise equipment located in South Dublin Co. parks.

All the walks/ demos will take place at 10.30am, are free of charge and will be led by trained tutors. These walks would be ideally suited to active retired and to those looking to regain fitness and mobility.

 Tues Sept. 15th 10.30am

**Waterstown Park,** Palmerstown, meet at the car park entrance beside Stewarts Hospital sports centre.

Weds Sept 16th 10.30am

**Corkagh Park, Clondalkin** meet at the main entrance to the park beside St. John’s Road

**\*Griffeen Park, Lucan,** meet at leisure centre car park **(**\*This was wrongly advertised as Aylesbury Park in The Echo).

Thurs Sept 17th 10.30am

**Ballymount Park, Kingswood, Tallaght,** meet at car park at entrance

**Beechfield Park**, **Walkinstown,** meet at park

Fri Sept 18th 10.30am

**Glendown Park**, **Templeogue,** meet at park

**Greenhills Park**, **Walkinstown,** meet at Greenhills Community Centre

All the walks and information on a fitness session with the exercise equipment will be put online ([**www.sdcsp.ie**](http://www.sdcsp.ie)) and made available in print format in the near future.

Details of these walks have been circulated to community organisations.

South Dublin County Council Sports Office also organises games days and PALs (Physical Activity Leader) training for Active Retired Groups. Active Retired Groups can then seek small grants for the purchase of equipment under the Go For Life grant scheme.

**Q28/0915 LITTER BINS**

**QUESTION Councillor D. O’Donovan**To ask the Chief Executive what process is in place for companies/businesses who wish to 'sponsor' litter bins within the County.

**REPLY:**

There is currently no process or scheme in place for companies/ businesses to sponsor litter bins within the County.  However, consideration will be given to the introduction of a litter bin sponsorship scheme in the context of the Draft Litter Management Plan, consultation on which was extended until 11th September 2015

**Q29/0915 WI-FI**

**QUESTION Councillor D. Richardson**

Can the Chief Executive look in to the current Wi-Fi system in the building as there are times councillors cannot get a connection to Wi-Fi when attending meetings outside of the council chamber?

**REPLY:**

The dedicated Elected Members Wi-Fi Service runs in the Council Chamber, Anteroom, Mayor's Suite and Elected Members Office areas on the Ground and First Floors and connects Elected Members laptops by default.

When outside of the coverage of these areas, a 'Councillor' Wi-Fi Service is available throughout the County Hall building and in Clondalkin Civic Offices.  The 'Councillor' SSID (Service Set Identifier) appears in your Wireless Networks option (bottom right of screen, click on the small Wireless icon).

The password has been circulated to all Elected Members and can be retrieved from the Sord Helpdesk also.

For security reasons, the password will not be printed as part of this reply.

**Q30/0915 RACISM**

**QUESTION Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask that SDCC outline what efforts are being made to combat Racism in SDCC and what initiative have been undertaken? Also to ask could SDCC produce ''SDCC says no to Racism'' Stickers to promote and encourage a more equal county.**REPLY:**

The Social Inclusion Unit has had a particular focus in this area for the last number of years and have organised and delivered the following in the County:

**Annual "European Week against Racism" each year in March which includes initiatives such as:**

* Sports Blitz for Primary and Secondary Schools in partnership with the Sports Office.
* Themed Competitions for Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and the general public. Everybody is invited to convey their own personal message against racism.
* Intercultural Traditional Dance Festival: The Social Inclusion Unit in partnership with the Georgian Society and Clondalkin Intercultural Centre organised an Intercultural Traditional Dance Festival.
* Anti-Racism / Diversity / Interculturalism Workshops for Staff in the Council.
* Financial support for intercultural events / programmes organised by migrant communities.

**Annual "Social Inclusion Week" each year in November:**

It is a week long programme of events to highlight the diversity and creativity in the county. It also promotes community interaction, active citizenship and encourages communities to work for and with one another.

**Intercultural Centres Clondalkin and Tallaght:**

The Social Inclusion Unit continues to be the conduit for funding from the Department of Justice and Equality for the running of the two intercultural centres.

**South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum:**

This provides a forum for members of the new communities to collaborate, network and be a common voice for communities towards achieving social inclusion, integration and participation in the decision making process. The forum is facilitated by the Social Inclusion Unit.

**Global Garden, Corkagh Park, Clondalkin:**

The Global Garden project engages Irish and Migrant communities in South Dublin County in a development education programme which raises awareness of the impact of climate change on global food production.  The project also has developed a community garden in Corkagh Park, Clondalkin.

**An Inclusive County: South Dublin County Integration Strategy**

The strategy seeks to enable all communities to fully participate in society by promoting an inclusive and dynamic environment in South Dublin County where residents are valued, regardless of their nationality, religion or ethnic background.

**Promoting Civic Participation of Third County Nationals through Local Authority Platforms (2010 - 2013).**

The aims of the project were to promote the active engagement and participation of new communities in Irish social, political and cultural life, thus reducing social exclusion.

**Q31/0915 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on the Playspace Programme? is it on schedule? And to outline plans going forward? How many are in consultation stage?

**REPLY:**

An update on progress in the implementation of the 2014 -2018 Play Space Programme is shown below. The programme is generally on schedule. In some instances public consultation has taken slightly longer than anticipated. This is reflected in the table below - there are projects in the 2014 programme that are only now at the construction stage. However, this level of consultation and finding agreement with the local communities is a necessary step in ensuring the success and sustainability of the programme in the long term.

The Five Year Playspace Programme provides for annual review of all projects, both delivered as well as not delivered and the issues and experience gained through the process.

**Update on the Five Year Play Space Programme 2014 – 2018**

The agreed Five Year Play Space Programme 2014 – 2018 and an update on progress are detailed in the table below.

**Synopsis**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| **Planned** | **10 (+2)\*** | **14** |  |  |  |
| **Completed** | 7 | 0 |  |  |  |
| **Under Construction** | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |
| **Due to commence** | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |
| **Tender Stage** | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Design Stage** |  | 4 |  |  |  |
| **In consultation** |  | 8 |  |  |  |
| **Site not possible** | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |
| **Substitute** | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |

\* Funding support from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for playspaces at Ballycragh and Hermitage Parks.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LUCAN** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Woodfarm Acres | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible. Substituted with Riversdale Estate |
| Riversdale (substitution) | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Griffeen Avenue | Local | 2014 | Commencing September 2015 |
| Waterstown Park | Regional | 2015 | Design being progressed |
| Griffeen Valley Park | Regional | 2015 | Design being progressed |
| Sarsfield Park, Lucan | Local | 2015 | Commencing October 2015 |
| Ballyowen Park | Neighbourhood | 2016 |  |
| Lucan Demesne | Regional | 2016 |  |
| Finnstown | Local | 2016 |  |
| Willsbrook Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Hillcrest Estate Lucan | Local | 2017 |  |
| Glenaulin Park, Palmerstown | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Beechpark | Local | 2018 |  |
| Hillcrest Estate Lucan | Local | 2018 |  |
| Esker Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |  |
| Grange Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |  |

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| **CLONDALKIN** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Rathcoole Park | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Knockmitten Park | Neighbourhood | 2014 | Open |
| Neilstown | Local | 2015 | Consultation stage |
| Quarryvale Park | Local | 2015 | Contract Awarded, Ancillary works being undertaken |
| Newcastle | Neighbourhood | 2015 | No site available until new park constructed by Receiver. |
| Ashwood estate | Local | 2016 |  |
| Springbank Cottages Saggart | Local | 2016 |  |
| Collinstown Park | Local | 2016 |  |
| Grand Canal Park | Local | 2017 |  |
| Corkagh Park | Regional | 2017 |  |
| Cherrywood Park | Local | 2018 |  |
| St Cuthbert’s Park | Local | 2018 |  |
| Corkagh Park | Local | 2018 |  |

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| **TALLAGHT CENTRAL** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Avonbeg | Local | 2014 | Agreement reached with residents. Construction commenced August 2015 |
| Belgard Heights | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible |
| Brookview (substitute for Belgard Heights) | Local | 2014 | Tender September 2015 |
| Ambervale | Local | 2015 | In consultation |
| Kilnamanagh Parkhill Rd | Local | 2015 | Consultation to commence September |
| Kingswood open space | Local | 2016 |  |
| Ballymount Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Bancroft Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Kilnamanagh Treepark Rd | Local | 2018 |  |
| **TALLAGHT SOUTH** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Killinarden Community Centre | Local | 2014 | Completed and open |
| Aylesbury | Local | 2015 | Commence October 2015 |
| Jobstown Park | Neighbourhood | 2015 | Design stage- decision on location required |
| McGee Park | Neighbourhood | 2016 |  |
| Seán Walsh Park, Marlfield | Local | 2016 |  |
| Killinarden Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |  |

**RATHFARNHAM**

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| **RATHFARNHAM** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Woodstown, Knocklyon | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible |
| Whitechurch open space | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible |
| Marian Road | Local | 2015 | Consultation stage |
| Dargle Wood | Local | 2015 | Unable to get agreement to progress Playspace |
| Longwood/Stonepark Abbey Rathfarnham | Local | 2015 | In consultation |
| Kiltipper Park | Regional | 2015 | Overall park plan to be prepared. Premature for play space. Substitute with Glendoher Park. |
| Glendoher park (substitute for Kiltipper Park) | Local | 2015 | Consultation in progress |
| Elkwood | Local | 2016 |  |
| Delaford | Local | 2016 |  |
| Westbourne Lodge | Local | 2017 |  |
| Boden Park | Local | 2017 |  |
| Prospect Manor, Stocking Lane | Local | 2018 |  |
| Dodder Park Road | Local | 2018 |  |

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| **TEMPLEOGUE TERENURE** | | |  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Beechfield Park, Walkinstown | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Tymon Park Limekiln | Neighbourhood | 2016 |  |
| Glendown Park | Local | 2016 |  |
| Firhouse Park | Local | 2016 |  |
| Greenhills Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Old Bawn Park | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Mount Carmel | Neighbourhood | 2017 |  |
| Idrone, Knocklyon | Local | 2017 |  |
| Tymon Park Willington | Regional | 2018 |  |
| Orwell Park | Local | 2018 |  |
| Perrystown | Local | 2018 |  |
| Carrigwood | Local | 2018 |  |
| Hunterswood | Local | 2018 |  |
| Cherryfield Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |  |

**Q32/0915** **NAMA PROPERTIES**

**QUESTION Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask how many vacant NAMA properties are currently being sought by SDCC in order to house families and individuals on the Housing list? Where possible to name such properties.

**REPLY:**

In relation to NAMA properties, South Dublin County Council currently has 65 units in Tallaght Cross acquired through NARPS on behalf of NAMA which are being used as short term lettings. The Council is also in the process of acquiring a further 18 units at St Edmunds, Glenkerrin through the same vehicle.

**Q33/0915** **VILLAGE INITATIVE SCHEME**

**QUESTION Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the Village initiative scheme? What stage they are at, when we can expect to see outstanding ones? And to ask for example pictures of same signage etc., that will be used throughout SDCC.

**REPLY:**

**Villages Update for September 2015 County Council Meeting**

**OVERALL APPROACH TO THE VILLAGES INITIATIVE**

1. **TASK**

Following on from the launch of the Villages Initiative, interaction on the ground with communities is ongoing and has for the most part been extremely positive. The commitment to complete village surveys and a SWOT analysis has also been completed and the findings discussed at area level.

These surveys identified a number of key areas requiring attention in order to build on the villages existing strengths.

* A lack of   uniformity in streetscape finishes and street furniture including bollards, bins, seating, signposting etc.

* A problem of   ‘clutter’ with redundant signs, excessive street furniture, overhead cables, unnecessary hoardings, temporary signage, pedestrian blockages etc.

* Poor quality streetscape and building presentation including a degree of dereliction.

* The need for improved landscaping, prioritisation of open spaces, greater legibility and ease of movement.

The focus of the recommendations set out below is to address these short comings with a view to the revitalisation of the villages from the point of view of:

* Improving first impressions in the context of town approaches, good orientation and directional signage.

* Identifying      the unique selling point of each village and telling its story.

* Improving      public realm and green infrastructure.

* Removing      clutter and improving accessibility and ease of movement.

* Focus on the      heritage and tourism potential of the village in the context of a broader      county offer and experience.

* Maximising the involvement of village communities in terms of pride of place and      shared civic responsibility.

1. **STRATEGY**

The Council has embarked on a focused strategy of continuous improvement over a period of 3 years in the following manner:

* Immediately      engage with the issue of clutter through the removal of items within      Council control e.g. excess bollards, signage etc. Complete

* Immediately      establish a register and take proactive action in relation to derelict      sites. Done

* Pursue a      public realm improvement strategy (to include public lighting) aimed at      improved presentation and pedestrian ease of movement. This strategy will be implemented      incrementally through the annual budgetary process and with funding support      form agencies such as the NTA. See note below

* Pursue      village welcome signage and cycle and pedestrian directional signage. Pilot      project on directional and information signage has been rolled out in      Tallaght. Welcome signage will be developed as a part of a county wide      strategy.

* Pursue a      street furniture programme for roll-out over a period of years across all      villages including seats, bollards, planters etc. Tender documentation is      being prepared with a view to setting up a framework for the supply of      seats, bins, planters etc.

* Develop a      heritage tourism trail across all villages with supporting documentation,      signage and marketing material. This has been included in tourism strategy.

* Establish a      matching fund to stimulate private sector spend on building aesthetics      with particular reference to shop fronts and painting schemes. This was launched     in 2014 and is continuing.

* Establish a      tidy town / village community support fund aimed at supporting those areas      of the plan not undertaken by the Council. This is in position

* Establish in      conjunction with local communities a festivals and events programme across the villages throughout the year. In position

* Identify one  significant project for each village which best augments and portrays its      unique selling point and establish a funding stream for its delivery (see      roll-out note below).

1. **ROLL-OUT**

The implementation of this programme has been led by the County Architect’s Department but involves a multidisciplinary approach and a steering group involving all of the key staff covering public realm, planning, heritage, community etc. has now been established. This group meets weekly.

A budget of €5.0m is committed for the Villages Initiative to be rolled out over 3 years. The exact scope of works in each location will depend on the Part 8 Consultation process where required and the breakdown of individual tenders to establish best value for money in each case. Including way-finding signage, street furniture and urban tree planting over this period, the overall spend on the villages will total €7.5million, a substantial investment in their future quality and development potential.

1. **UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Palmerstown and Manor Road –** works complete, trees to be planted next month when tree planting season starts.

**Rathcoole** – Part VIII process complete, tender documents complete and contractor has been appointed. Works have commenced on site and are due to be complete by the end of the year.

**Newcastle** – Design has been completed and presented to the local community groups for agreement. Part VIII will follow.

**Lucan** – Part VIII process complete. Awaiting CFRAMS report for the Village Green

**Tallaght** – Part VIII process complete.

**Rathfarnham Castle Entrance** – Part VIII process complete. OPW works to Castle forecourt are complete. Ministerial consent required

**Rathfarnham Gateway Plaza** – Part VIII process complete.

**Saggart Village Square** - Part VIII process complete. Application for temporary road closure for Mill Lane will be submitted shortly as agreed with Councillors.

**Templeogue** – The County Architect has held a number of meetings with the local traders and property owners in the village and it is anticipated that agreement will be reached soon on a scheme.

**Clondalkin** – Preparation of the tender Documentation is well advanced on the Round Tower Visitors Centre

**H6/0915 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS**

It was noted that there was **NO** business under this heading

**H7a)/0915 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES & SITES - ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE – 165 LIMEKILN ROAD, WALKINSTOWN, DUBLIN 12.**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

“The following have applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No 2) Act, to acquire the fee simple in the property

ADDRESS LESSEE(S) PURCHASE PRICE

165 Limekiln Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12 Anthony and Mary Rice €85.17

It is proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive

It was proposed by Councillor S Holland, and seconded by Councillor F. Warfield and **RESOLVED** thatin accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to acquire of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**H7b/0915 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES & SITES - ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE – 23 OWENDOHER CRESCENT, RATHFARNHAM, DUBLIN 14.**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F Nevin, Director of Economic. Enterprise and Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

**“**The following have applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No 2) Act, to acquire the fee simple in the property

ADDRESS LESSEE(S) PURCHASE PRICE

23 Owendore Crescent, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 Mr. James Dunning €1.57

It is proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive”

It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, and seconded by Councillor F. Warfield, and **RESOLVED** thatin accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to acquire of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**H7c)/0915 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES & SITES - PROPOSED SALE OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST AT 200 ALPINE HEIGHTS, CLONDALKIN, DUBLIN 22 – SMALL BUILDERS FEE**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic. Enterprise and Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

***Re: Small Builders Scheme - Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 200 Alpine Heights, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.***

It is proposed in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to dispose of the fee simple interest in the site listed hereunder to Thomas Whelan to whom the site has been leased under the terms of the Council's Small Builders Scheme. Thomas Whelan has applied in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 to acquire the fee simple interest in the property. The Ground Rent payable is €19.04 per annum.

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| **Site No.** | **Lessee** | **Date of Lease** | **Land Acquired From** | **Purchase Price** |
| *200 Alpine Heights, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.* | *Thomas Whelan* | *28/05/1977* | *Edward O’Dowd* | *€472.00* |

D. McLoughlin

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Chief Executive”

It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor E O’ Broin and **RESOLVED** that in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**H7d)/0915 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES & SITES - APPROVAL TO REGISTRATION OF CHARGE BY MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TOURISM & SPORT IN RESPECT OF PREMISES AT KILLINNINY-SCHOLARSTOWN LINK ROAD – PREMISES OCCUPIED BY KNOCKLYON UTD. FOOTBALL CLUB LTD**.

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

**“Re: Approval to registration of charge by the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport in respect of premises at Killinniny-Scholarstown Link Road.**

**Premises occupied by Knocklyon United Football Club Limited**

The Council at its meeting held on 10 December 2007 granted its approval to registering a Charge against its title to a changing room facility occupied by Knocklyon United Football Club at Killinniny-Scholarstown Link Road, in favour of the Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism (Manager’s Order No. LA/261/2007 and Minute No. C/0478/07 refer). The Council’s Law Department was instructed to prepare the Deed of Covenant and Charge in conjunction with the Chief State Solicitor’s Office to enable the draw down of grant monies by Knocklyon United Football Club.

The Deed of Covenant and Charge was subsequently registered in Land Registry and the grant monies drawn down. However, in the interim, Knocklyon United Football Club had formed a limited company and are now formally registered as “Knocklyon United Football Club Limited”. The Chief State Solicitor’s Office requested that the charge already registered in Land Registry be discharged in favour of Knocklyon United Football Club and a new suite of documents be executed and registered in favour of the newly formed Knocklyon United Football Club Limited.

Accordingly, I now recommend that the Council enters into a Deed of Covenant and Charge with the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport for continued use of a changing room facility by Knocklyon United Football Club Limited at Killinniny – Scholarstown Link Road, Ballycullen, Dublin 16, subject to all necessary approvals of the elected members.

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Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive”

It was proposed by Councillor S Holland, seconded by Councillor C King and **RESOLVED**:

“That subject to the provisions of Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the Council enter into a Deed of Covenant and Charge with the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport and Tourism, which is for the absolute sole purpose of securing the approved state grant funding of €165,000, to continue the use of the facility, comprising of a changing room facility at Kilininny – Scholarstown Link Road, Ballycullen occupied by the Knocklyon United Football Club as shown outlined in red on attached Indicative Drawing No. LD 1117, for community/sporting purposes for a specified period of up to twenty two years and in the event of it failing to do so, to repay all or part of the grant monies on a reducing scale. This Deed of Covenant and Charge is to be registered as a burden against the Council’s title.”

**H7e)/0915 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES & SITES - DISPOSAL OF PLOTS OF LAND TO REAR 10, 16, 17 MAPLE GROVE, RATHCOOLE, CO. DUBLIN**.

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

“RE: Proposed disposal of plots of land to rear 10,16 and 17 Maple Grove, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin .

Following the construction and completion of the Saggart/Rathcoole Interchange a land tract adjacent the rear of properties 10 – 20 Maple Grove, Rathcoole remained in Council ownership. This land tract was identified as surplus to Council requirements and unsuitable for development due to its landlocked nature and the presence of underground services.

A number of houseowners adjoining the plot of land expressed an interest in acquiring a portion of the land for incorporation into their private rear gardens and to date, the Council has disposed of areas to the rear of Nos. 18-20 Maple Grove, together with a strip of land to the side of No. 10 Maple Grove, to the adjoining houseowners.

The remaining plot which comprises 274 sq m in total of which 112 sq m is subject to wayleave is bounded by the rear gardens of house numbers 10, 11, 16 and 17 Maple Grove. In the interest of fairness and good land management, the Council entered into negotiations with the four relevant houseowners for sub-division of the plot and onward disposal. It has not been possible to secure agreement with all four houseowners. However following a protracted negotiation process in consultation with the Council’s Valuer agreement was reached which provides for the subdivision of the plot amongst three of the four households namely numbers 10, 16 and 17.

The Council’s Valuer has recommended terms and conditions to all relevant houseowners as set out hereunder, which he considers to be fair and reasonable and which have been accepted by the houseowners.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Council disposes of the plots of land as shown outlined in magenta, blue and green on Drawing No. LA/23/15 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions as recommended by the Council’s Valuer:-

1. That the Council disposes of area hatched in magenta on Drawing No. LA/23/15 comprising an area of 58 sq. m of which 45 sq. m is subject to wayleave, to houseowner of No. 10 Maple Grove, Edward McConnon at an agreed sum of €630.

2. That the Council disposes of area hatched in green on Drawing No. LA/23/15 comprising an area of 158 sq. m of which 67 sq. m is subject to wayleave, to houseowners of No. 17 Maple Grove, Shane & Sonya Donnelly at an agreed sum of €2,035.

3. That the Council disposes of area hatched in blue on Drawing No. LA/23/15 comprising an area of 58 sq. m to houseowners of No. 16 Maple Grove, Kathleen & Laurence Walsh at an agreed sum of €1,250.

4. That the land is disposed of with full freehold title and vacant possession save for the wayleave requirements in respect of plots being disposed to houseowners numbers 10 and 17.

5. That the Council shall retain a wayleave over the area shown shaded in yellow on attached drawing and shall require unimpeded access at all times to services that exist in the above land in so far as it relates to the plots for disposal to houseowners numbers 10 and 17.

6. That in relation to Nos. 10 & 17 Maple Grove, no structure either temporary or permanent is to be located within the wayleave area.

7. That the Applicants shall incorporate the subject plot into their property and shall construct a boundary feature in accordance with the Planning & Development and the Building Control legislation.

8. That in relation to Nos. 10 & 17 Maple Grove, no load bearing walls, hedging or boundary treatments shall be erected that would prevent access between properties along the area of the wayleave including plots to the rear of neighbouring properties. Any boundary feature erected shall not interfere with the noise barrier along the N7 which adjoins the subject plot.

9. That in relation to Nos. 10 & 17 Maple Grove, the Applicants shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the subject plot including all boundary fences, walls, gates, etc.

10. That the Applicants shall pay the Council’s legal fees in this matter.

11. That the Applicants in Nos. 10 & 17 Maple Grove shall pay the Council’s Valuer’s fees of €62.50 (sixty two euro and fifty euro) plus VAT and the Applicants in No. 16 shall pay the Council’s Valuer’s fees of €250 (two hundred and fifty euro) plus VAT.

12. That the Council’s A/Law Agent shall draft the necessary legal agreements and shall include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.

13. That the disposals are subject to the necessary statutory approval of the Council being obtained.

14. That the transactions are completed within 3 months of the date of the Council’s approval of the disposals.

15. That no exchange enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until exchange of contracts has taken place.

The lands to be disposed of form part of lands acquired from Mulholland Development Company Limited under the Dublin County Council Compulsory Purchase (Saggart/Rathcoole Interchange) Order 1993 for roads purposes.

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Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive”

It was proposed by Councillor Sarah Holland, and Seconded by Councillor E O’Broin and **RESOLVED:**

“That the lands to be disposed of form part of lands acquired from Mulholland Development Company Limited under the Dublin County Council Compulsory Purchase (Saggart/Rathcoole Interchange) Order 1993 for roads purposes.”

Following a discussion from Cllr E O’ Broin and Cllr E Higgins, Mr Frank Nevin, Director of Economic. Enterprise and Tourism Development, agreed that the disposal to No 16 Maple Grove not proceed at this stage and further discussions to take place with the householders involved.

**H7f)/0915 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES & SITES - DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT HERSIL WOOD (FORMERLY LANDY’S INDUSTRIAL ESTATE), KNOCKLYON ROAD, D. 16**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

“RE: Proposed disposal of lands at Hersil Wood (formerly Landy’s Industrial Estate) Knocklyon Road, Dublin to Pinza property Company Limited

An application was received from Mr. Noel Reynolds of Pinza Property Company Limited to regularise title to a plot of land at Hersil Wood, Knocklyon Road, Dublin 16 which is registered in the ownership of South Dublin County Council. Mr Reynolds has submitted evidence of a claim to possessory title. The subject plot is outlined in red on attached Indicative Drawing No. FOR360/Rev 1 comprising an area of 196 square metres or thereabouts.

The Council’s Valuer was instructed to engage directly with Mr. Reynolds to commence negotiations with a view to agreeing terms for the disposal of this land. The Valuer

recommended terms and conditions to Mr. Reynolds as set out hereunder, which he considers to be fair and reasonable and which have been accepted by Mr. Reynolds.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Council disposes of the plot of land as shown outlined in red on Indicative Drawing No. FOR360/Rev 1 to Pinza Property Company Limited, Leixlip Centre, Leixlip, Co. Kildare in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions as recommended by the Council’s Valuer:-

1. That the Council disposes of the subject plot for the consideration of €6,000 (six thousand euro) plus VAT if applicable.

2. That the subject plot is shown outlined in red on the attached Indicative Drawing No. FOR360/Rev 1 comprising an area of 196 square metres or thereabouts.

3. That the land is disposed of with full freehold title.

4. That the Applicant will relinquish any claim to adverse possession of the lands adjacent to the subject plot.

5. That the subject land is not encumbered by any services.

6. That the Applicant shall pay Valuer’s fees of €250 plus VAT.

7. That the Applicant shall pay the Council’s legal fees plus VAT and outlay.

8. That the Council’s A/Law Agent shall draft the necessary legal agreements and shall include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.

9. That the disposal is subject to the necessary statutory approval of the Council being obtained.

10. That the transaction is completed within 3 months of the date of the Council’s approval of the disposal.

11. That no exchange enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until exchange of contracts has taken place.

The lands being disposed of form part of the lands registered in Council ownership in 1977 for open space requirements having been previously been in ownership of The Leinster Friendly Society

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Daniel Mc Loughlin

Chief Executive”

It was proposed by Councillor seconded by Councillor S. Holland and Seconded by Councillor C. King and **RESOLVED**:

“That the lands being disposed of form part of the lands registered in Council ownership in 1977 for open space requirements having been previously been in ownership of The Leinster Friendly Society”

**H7g)/0915 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES & SITES - DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT FRIARSTOWN, CO. DUBLIN**.

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

“RE: Proposed disposal of lands at Friarstown, County Dublin

The Council acquired 153.42 acres at Friarstown from Mary Teresa Murphy on 3rd September 1987. Prior to the Council’s acquisition Mary Teresa Murphy transferred on 26th August 1987 an area of 419 square metres or thereabouts to Mr Robert Corcoran. Both parcels of land were contained within Folio 4258.

By letter dated 03/09/1987 the Solicitors for Mary Teresa Murphy undertook to lodge the application for registration of the Robert Corcoran Deed of Transfer. No record can be found that this application for registration was made.

The Council lodged its application for registration of ownership of the 153.42 acres. As no record of the small portion of land acquired by Robert Corcoran was lodged in the Land Registry title to all of Folio 4258 was transferred to the Council on 25th November 1987.

The Council have recently been made aware of the fact that the lands acquired by Mr Robert Corcoran were inadvertently registered to the Council.

The Council acknowledge that this is the case and further acknowledge that the Corcoran family have had sole and exclusive use and enjoyment of these lands since 26th August 1987.

Mr Robert Corcoran is recently deceased and Mr Simon Corcoran is the Administrator of the Estate of the late Mr Robert Corcoran.

Having discussed the matter with the Acting Law Agent I recommend that the most expedient way to rectify the matter is to dispose of plot of land measuring 419 square metres or thereabouts as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. SSA406/15 for the consideration of €10.00 (if demanded) to Mr Simon Corcoran, Administrator of the Estate of the late Mr Robert Corcoran C/o Feeney Millar, Solicitors, 2 College View, Main Street, Tallaght, Dublin, 24 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

The lands being disposed of form part of the lands purchased by the Council in 1987 from Mary Theresa Murphy for landfill purposes.

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Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive”

It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor C. Kingand **RESOLVED:**

“That the lands being disposed of form part of the lands purchased by the Council in 1987 from Mary Theresa Murphy for landfill purposes.”

Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development, responded to the Members queries and it was **AGREED.**

**H8/0915 PART 8s - LETTS FIELD, CLONDALKIN – PROPOSED FOR SOCIAL HOUSING.**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. B. Coman Director of Housing, Community and Social Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

“[**Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001-2012**](http://www.environ.ie/en/legislation/developmentandhousing/planning/filedownload,32878,en.pdf) outlines the requirements with respect to certain classes of developments for, on behalf of, or in partnership with Local Authorities.

These regulations apply to the proposed construction of houses.

The plan for the development consists of a 48 unit infill housing project on undeveloped lands located at Letts Field abutting both the Neilstown Road & Ninth Lock Road, Neilstown, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 comprising:

**18 no. 3 bedroom/4 person units**

**25 no. 3 bedroom/ 5 person units**

**4 no. 4 bedroom/ 6 person units**

**1 no. special adapted dormer bungalow**

The proposal is illustrated in the accompanying drawings:

[Sheet 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=1b5fa300-1e91-4894-ba6e-a490011e2e43)

[Sheet 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=71ba82b9-5754-4570-ae81-a490011e5276)

[Sheet 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=1d362381-88f7-4c54-97cf-a490011f239f)

[Sheet 4](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=443d164c-7453-426e-8423-a490011f34b2)

An outline of the proposals was presented to the Clondalkin Area Committee Members in January 2015. It was also included in the report to the Council Meeting in March 2015 setting out proposals for Social Housing units for the period 2015 to 2017 in line with the Housing strategy as set out in the Governments “Social Housing Strategy 2020 – Support, Supply and Reform” published in late November 2014. The Programme envisages both new-build housing and a flexible range of supports to the private rental sector and the social housing sector. Nationally the Programme aspires to the construction of 35,000 new houses to address social housing need. The Councils target for 2015 - 2017 is 1,445 of which 350 units will be through capital projects including direct build, CAS projects, acquisitions and Part V.

A [notice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=3913f98e-5175-48dd-aff8-a51300a373d8) in accordance with [**Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2012**](http://www.environ.ie/en/legislation/developmentandhousing/planning/filedownload,32878,en.pdf) was published on the 7th of May 2015 in the Clondalkin Echo.

Plans and particulars of the development were made available for inspection by the public for a period of six weeks from Thursday 7th May 2015 to 18th of June 2015 and a further period of two weeks until 2nd July 2015was made available for the making of written submissions and observations to the Council in relation to the matter. Two notices were erected on site on the same day all of which placed at prominent locations facing the site.

Officials from the Housing Department and the Architects Department met with Councillors from the Clondalkin area on the two occasions and also met with the principals of the St. Peter Apostle JNS and SNS which are located close to the proposed development site to discuss in more detail the plans outlined in the proposed development. A number of issues were raised by the principals of the schools which South Dublin County Council officials took on board and committed to revisit the proposed plans. The main issues raised at these meetings were:

* To reduce the number (density) of the units.
* To reduce the loss of green space.
* To reduce overlooking/proximity/privacy issues.
* To provide access to/from school.
* To ensure proposed boundary wall provide security for schools
* The size of playing pitch proposed
* Concern of disruption to pupils during construction

The observations of Councillors and both schools were noted and a commitment is given to hold further consultation on the issues raised and address these concerns during the course of detail planning / construction.

Following this consultation the Architects Department revised the plans and addressed the following issues:

* Reduction of proposed units from 48 to 37
* Proposed housing development has been redesigned with a proposal to increase green space, provide a junior pitch with provision of space for local playground area.
* The pitch will be set out prior to being put in use and we can review safety standards as set out in the Bunscoil guidelines and implement same.
* The layout of the proposed development has been revised to reduce concerns on overlooking/privacy.
* Pedestrian access to be accommodated in new boundary
* The issue on disruption to the schools pupils and in particular the ASD pupils requires special and detailed consideration and measures will be put in place to minimise disruption to the school.

Part 8 Revised Proposal Drawings [following consultation process]

[Sheet 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=4c101633-27c5-4e95-b084-a517010114e6)

[Sheet 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=95790263-be91-4cf1-8ec4-a5170101b8bd)

[Sheet 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=3bcaeb11-7f2b-4024-a584-a517010209e4)

[Sheet 4](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=85daab9e-1243-4b83-9971-a51701025e77)

A number of submissions were received from various parties detailed below:

[Submission from St. Peter Apostle Senior National School](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=5d2e6bf4-99d4-4480-827a-a51300cef94b)

[Submission from St. Peter Apostle Junior National School](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=e69ddfd0-639d-4d97-a6ae-a51300d0ea4a)

[2nd Submission following consultation meeting with school principals](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=8875d15c-c499-4558-8b7c-a51701104b88)

[Submission from Ms Andrea Holmes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=2763a9c9-b0d1-4751-a6f6-a51300d5fcb1)

[Submission from Ms Anne Marie Halpin](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=f437fe83-1354-4bd5-92f5-a51300fbe6b8)

[Submission from Councillor Eoin Ó Broin & Councillor Jonathan Graham](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=ce6fcccf-b1ff-416f-91f2-a51301061fa5)

[Part 2 of Submission from Councillors O’Broin & Graham](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=89b11256-e480-4a76-a190-a51301070531)

[Part 3 of Submission from Councillors O’Broin & Graham](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=a010984a-eeb2-47ec-bf9e-a5130107909c)

The issues raised in the submissions can be summarised and responded to as follows:

**Loss of green space and loss of playing field used by the schools.**

Adequate provision has been made in the revised plans for increased open space which includes a new paved area to create a suitable route for exercise, dog walking and pedestrian access through new housing.

**Loss of play area.**

The revised plans include an area to be set aside for a local playground.

**Density of proposed development.**

**The proposed density has been reduced from 48 to 37 in the revised plans prepared by the Architects Department. The number of units has been reduced to accommodate greater provision of open space and a junior playing field.**

**Overlooking/proximity/privacy issues.**

The layout of the proposed development has been revised to reduce concerns on overlooking/privacy issues. The houses are re-orientated to provide oblique views.

**Access to playing field from the schools.**

Pedestrian access is to be accommodated in the new boundary on the revised plans prepared by Architects Department.

**Possible increase in antisocial activity.**

The various sections of the Housing Department will work closely with all tenants to ensure that they meet their responsibilities as a tenant of the Council and that they actively contribute and respect the environment that they live in.

**Allocation of properties.**

Allocation of these units will be made in accordance with the Council's Allocation Scheme.

**Sufficient Social Housing in the area already**

There are currently 8,798 applicants on the housing list and 5,079 of these are seeking accommodation North of the Naas Road. Therefore there is an essential need for additional Social housing in this area.

[**County Architects Report**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=3b951773-3769-4bc9-9eda-a51701002cf4)

As the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, it is recommended that the development of the 37 units proceed as outlined in the above report.”

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E. O Broin, Cllr E. Higgins, Cllr J. Graham, Cllr F. Timmons, Cllr B. Bonner and Cllr G. Kenny.

Cllr F Timmons made a comment that a submission he made was not recorded in the report. Mr. B. Coman Director of Housing, Community and Social Developmentresponded to the members queries and ascertained from Cllr Timmons that he was satisfied that the issues he raised in the submission were now adequately dealt with in the proposed revised proposal.

**A vote was taken by a Roll Call and the result was as follows;**

**ROLL CALL VOTE - Item No. H8 MEETING DATE:\_21/09/2015**

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| **COUNCILLOR:** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAIN** |
| BONNER, Breeda | X |  |  |
| BROPHY, Colm | X |  |  |
| CASSERLY, Vicki |  |  |  |
| COULES, Nicky | X |  |  |
| DERMODY, Anne-Marie | X |  |  |
| DEVINE, Máire | X |  |  |
| DONOVAN, Paula | X |  |  |
| DUFF, Mick | X |  |  |
| DUFFY, Francis |  |  |  |
| DUNNE, Louise | X |  |  |
| EGAN, Kenneth | X |  |  |
| FERRON, Brendan | X |  |  |
| FOLEY, Paul | X |  |  |
| GENOCKEY, Martina | X |  |  |
| GILLIGAN, Trevor |  |  | x |
| GOGARTY, Paul | X |  |  |
| GRAHAM, Jonathan | X |  |  |
| HIGGINS, Emer | X |  |  |
| HOLLAND, Sarah | X |  |  |
| KEARNS, Pamela | X |  |  |
| KENNY, Gino | X |  |  |
| KING, Cathal | X |  |  |
| LAHART, John | X |  |  |
| LAVELLE, William | X |  |  |
| LEECH, Brian | X |  |  |
| LOONEY, Dermot | X |  |  |
| McMahon, Ronan | X |  |  |
| MAHON, Kieran | X |  |  |
| MURPHY, Mick | X |  |  |
| NOLAN, Ruth |  |  |  |
| O’BRIEN, Danny | X |  |  |
| O’BRIEN, Ed |  |  |  |
| Ó BROIN, Eoin | X |  |  |
| O’CONNELL, Guss | X |  |  |
| O’CONNOR, Charlie | X |  |  |
| O’DONOVAN, Deirdre | X |  |  |
| O’TOOLE, Liona | X |  |  |
| RICHARDSON, Dermot | X |  |  |
| TIMMONS, Francis | X |  |  |
| WARFIELD, Fintan | X |  |  |

**For: 35 (Thirty Five)**

**Against: 0 (none)**

**Abstained: 1 (one)**

The part 8 was **AGREED**

**H9/0915 MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr D. Mc Loughlin, and was **CONSIDERED:**

[**July Stats**](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2015/September/September2015CountyCouncilMeeting/45673_July%20Council%20ReportStatistic.pdf)

[**August Stats**](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2015/September/September2015CountyCouncilMeeting/45673_August%20Council%20ReportStatistic.pdf)

[**August Strategy Report**](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2015/September/September2015CountyCouncilMeeting/45673_August%20Council%20ReportStrategy%20Amended.pdf)

**Billing and Collection Statement**





**Use of overdraft facility**

Approved overdraft facility = €13,000,000

No of days in Overdraft from 1st January to 31st Aug = 1

**Revenue Account to 30th June 2015**



**Capital Account to 30th June 2015**



**Prompt payments report: 3 months to 30th June 2015**



Cllr D. Looney raised a question about responses to the Members Reps system.

The Chief Executive, Mr D. McLoughlin responded to the issue raised by Cllr D. Looney.

The Report was **NOTED**

**H10/0915 LOCAL PROPERTY TAX VARIATION**

The Following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated was presented by Ms. S. Dunne A/ Head of Finance and was **CONSIDERED:**

“The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296 of 2014) outlined the following as matters to which a local authority must have regard when considering an LPT adjustment factor variation in accordance with S.20 of the Finance Local Property Tax Act 2012 (as amended):

* **Estimate of income & expenditure** in the period for to which the varied rate will have effect
* **Financial position** of the local authority
* **Financial effect** of the varied rate
* **Feedback** from the **LPT public consultation** process

*S.20 provides that it is a reserved function of the local authority to pass a resolution that the basic rate stand varied, by a maximum of + / - 15%, in respect of relevant residential properties in the local authority’s functional area.*

Any adjustment to the basic rate will apply for the period of one year from the next Local Property Tax Liability date (i.e. with effect from 1 November 2015).

[LPT VARIATION REPORT](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2015/September/September2015CountyCouncilMeeting/46014_LPT%20Variation%20Report%202016.pdf) “

A discussion followed. At the outset of the discussion Councillor C King **Proposed** and Councillor W. Lavelle **Seconded**, a reduction of 15% in the rate of property tax.

Contributions to the debate were also received from Cllr M. Duff, Cllr T. Gilligan, Cllr F. Timmons, Cllr G. O’Connell, Cllr P. Gogarty, Cllr N. Coules, Cllr R. Mc Mahon, Cllr C. O Connor, Cllr C. Brophy, Cllr M. Murphy, and Cllr K. Mahon.

Ms S Dunne, Head of Finance, responded to the **Member**s queries.

**A roll call vote was taken and the result was as follows;**

ROLL CALL VOTE - Item No. H10 MEETING DATE: 21/09/15\_\_

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| COUNCILLOR: | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
| BONNER, Breeda | X |  |  |
| BROPHY, Colm | X |  |  |
| CASSERLY, Vicki | X |  |  |
| COULES, Nicky | X |  |  |
| DERMODY, Anne-Marie | X |  |  |
| DEVINE, Máire | X |  |  |
| DONOVAN, Paula | X |  |  |
| DUFF, Mick | X |  |  |
| DUFFY, Francis | X |  |  |
| DUNNE, Louise | X |  |  |
| EGAN, Kenneth | X |  |  |
| FERRON, Brendan | X |  |  |
| FOLEY, Paul | X |  |  |
| GENOCKEY, Martina | X |  |  |
| GILLIGAN, Trevor | X |  |  |
| GOGARTY, Paul |  | X |  |
| GRAHAM, Jonathan | X |  |  |
| HIGGINS, Emer | X |  |  |
| HOLLAND, Sarah | X |  |  |
| KEARNS, Pamela | X |  |  |
| KENNY, Gino | X |  |  |
| KING, Cathal | X |  |  |
| LAHART, John | X |  |  |
| LAVELLE, William | X |  |  |
| LEECH, Brian | X |  |  |
| LOONEY, Dermot | X |  |  |
| McMahon, Ronan | X |  |  |
| MAHON, Kieran | X |  |  |
| MURPHY, Mick | X |  |  |
| NOLAN, Ruth |  |  |  |
| O’BRIEN, Danny | X |  |  |
| O’BRIEN, Ed |  |  |  |
| Ó BROIN, Eoin | X |  |  |
| O’CONNELL, Guss | X |  |  |
| O’CONNOR, Charlie | X |  |  |
| O’DONOVAN, Deirdre | X |  |  |
| O’TOOLE, Liona | X |  |  |
| RICHARDSON, Dermot | X |  |  |
| TIMMONS, Francis | X |  |  |
| WARFIELD, Fintan | X |  |  |

**For: 37 (Thirty Seven)**

**Against: 1 (one)**

**Abstained: 0 (none)**

The Local Property Tax Variation was **APPROVED.**

**CORRESPONDANCE (for noting)**

**(Co1)** **MINISTERIAL**

Letter dated 22/07/2015 from Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation in response to SDCC's motion passed in relation to Transatlantic Trade and investment (TTIP) Negotiations

**(Co2) MINISTERIAL**

Letter from Minister for Education & Skills dated 24th July in response to motion passed re EPSEN. (M1/0715)

**(Co3)** **DEPARTMENTAL**

Letter dated 22/07/2015 from Department of Children and Youth Affairs in response to SDCCs motion passed in relation to childcare costs (M17/0615)

**(Co4)** Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 27th August regarding marketability of lands designated for the hen harrier

**(Co5)** Letter from Clare County Council dated 17th August 2015, regarding removal of restrictions on Council members in assessing information regarding housing policy, housing provision, housing allocation and other housing matters

**(Co6)** Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 23rd July regarding:

(i) Single Farm Payment Cuts

(ii) Fencing on Farms

**MOTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr R Mc Mahon to take Motion no. 1 (M1) in tandem with Motion no. 22 (M22) having regard to the subject matter:

**M1/0915 REFUGEE CRISIS**

**It was proposed by Councillor S Holland** **and Seconded by Cllr E O’ Broin**

“That this council recognises the ongoing refugee crisis and writes to the relevant ministers asking them to open our doors to help a number greater than 600 refugees and to deploy the Irish Navy to their fullest availability in helping rescue refugees crossing the Mediterranean”.

At the outset of the discussion Cllr G. O’ Connell proposed and Cllr P. Gogarty seconded an amendment to the motion to include the words “And that the Government facilitate families and citizens who are in a position to offer private accommodation to refugees and that it use its influence at both EU and UN levels to regulate the sale of arms and prohibit their availability to nations and organisations that use them against innocent civilians”.

**The following is the wording of the amended motion:**

“That this council recognises the ongoing refugee crisis and writes to the relevant ministers asking them to open our doors to help a number greater than 600 refugees and to deploy the Irish Navy to their fullest availability in helping rescue refugees crossing the Mediterranean *and that the Government facilitate families and citizens who are in a position to offer private accommodation to refugees and that it use it’s influence at both EU and UN levels to regulate the sale of arms and prohibit their availability to nations and organisations that use them against innocent civilians*”.

**REPORT:**

If the motion is passed a letter will be issued to the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister for the Marine and Defence and a reply when received will issue to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr C. King, Cllr E. Higgins, Cllr E. O’Broin, Cllr G. Kenny, Cllr D. O Brien, Cllr B. Bonner, Cllr G. O’Connell, Cllr C. Brophy, Cllr B. Leech, Cllr N. Coules, Cllr T. Gilligan, Cllr D. O Donovan, Cllr W. Lavelle, Cllr D. Looney, Cllr P. Kearns, Cllr P. Gogarty, and Cllr L. Dunne.

The Motion as amended was **PASSED** on a show of hands vote.

**M22/0915 REFUGEE CRISIS**

**It was proposed by Councillor R. Mc Mahon, and Seconded by Councillor P Foley**

“To Call for South Dublin County Council to “Lead from the Heart” on the current Refugee Crisis and to welcome refugee families to the county. We need to send a message to government that the county is willing to play its part in the national effort to mitigate the humanitarian disaster currently facing us all in Europe”

**REPORT:**

If the motion is passed a letter will be issued to the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister for the Marine and Defence and a reply when received will issue to the Members.

The Motion was **AGREED**

**SM/0915 SUSPENSORY MOTION – TO CONGRATULATE THE IRISH TEAM.**

**Standing Orders were suspended in order to take a Suspensory Motion**

**At this point the Mayor** Councillor S Holland proposed and the Members **AGREED** to take a Suspensory Motion in the names of Councillors M. Genocky, S Holland, B Bonner, B Ferron, C King, D. O’ Donovan, D. O’ Brien, C. O’Connor, P. Foley, P. Gogarty, D. Looney, M. Devine, R .Mc Mahon, F. Timmons, N. Coules, K. Mahon, F Duffy, G. O’ Connell, and W. Lavelle, as follows:

*That this Council congratulates the victorious Dublin Senior football team on their All-Ireland success. The Council also sends its best wishes to our ladies footballers for their All-Ireland final next week-end. This Council supports the holding of a reception for both teams to recognise their successes and ties to South Dublin County,*

The Motion was **AGREED**

**M2/0915 GRAFFITI**

**It was proposed by Councillor P. Foley, and seconded by Councillor C O’Connor**

“To call on the Chief Executive for a scheme be developed where the council addresses the issue of graffiti removal in the cases of private properties facing out onto public areas? In many instances owners do not have the money or expertise to remove the graffiti themselves and I feel it is appropriate for the council to take this on as a responsibility.

There are many houses, schools, churches in our county which suffer greatly from the blight of graffiti and do not have the resources needed to repeatedly deal with it. When graffiti is then left on these walls the whole community suffers because the area is left unsightly.”

**REPORT:**

Currently, when the Council receives a complaint about graffiti, the location concerned is inspected to determine if the graffiti is on public or private property.

If the graffiti is on private property, the owner of the property is written to and requested to remove it as soon as possible.

If the graffiti is on public property, the Council arranges for removal. Depending on the type of surface involved the Council endeavours to have it removed by the use of chemicals or by painting over it.

If the graffiti is on utility boxes belonging to utility companies, the company concerned is contacted and requested to remove the graffiti.

As part of development of the new Draft Litter Management Plan, a protocol for dealing with graffiti, including that on private property, has been published which provides as follows:

It is the responsibility of all property owners to remove graffiti from their premises. Where graffiti is on private property the Council will request the property owner to remove the graffiti in the first instance. Depending on the location, and if the property faces onto a strategic public place, the Council will endeavour to have the defacement removed. The Council will require indemnity from the property owner or an agent of the property owner to enter onto the property for the purpose of removal of the defacement. The property owner or an agent of the property owner will sign an indemnity and in all cases there will be a fee involved. No works will take place on private property in the absence of such indemnity and no chargeable work will be carried out until such charges are agreed by both parties.

In consultation with the Environment Public Realm and Climate Change SPC, it will be a matter for the Elected Members to amend or approve this protocol following consideration by the SPC of the formal public consultation process at its September SPC Meeting scheduled for 29th September 2015.

It is anticipated that this item will come before the full Council Meeting and in considering the proposal Members shall have regard to resources available for graffiti removal.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P. Foley, Cllr C. Brophy, Cllr C.O Connor, Cllr P. Gogarty, Cllr D. O Donovan, Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr T. Gilligan, Cllr F. Warfield, Cllr W. Lavelle and Cllr K. Mahon

Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water & Climate Change, responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**

**M3/0915 TREE PRUNING CREW**

**It was proposed by Councillor R. McMahon, and seconded by Councillor C O’ Connor:**

“That the Chief Executive reinstate the 2nd Tree Pruning crew with immediate effect and follow through on the commitment given to this Council last year and allow them to help clear the excessive back log of trees that require pruning or removal.”

**REPORT:**

A dedicated year round tree crew was established in 2014 and provided with comprehensive training to enable them to work on trees and to deal with the substantial volume of work that has built up in recent years. Earlier this year, it was agreed to establish a second tree crew to work across the county, also on a year round basis. The deployment of the second tree crew had to be managed from within existing staff resources and over the first half of 2015 it was not possible for operational reasons to dedicate this crew to tree pruning only. However, the second crew was fully mobilised in July last and is now deployed to the tree maintenance programme. It is expected that this measure will further assist in reducing the volume of work to be addressed in the annual Tree Maintenance Programme.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr C. O’Connor, Cllr P. Foley, Cllr D. Looney, Cllr C. Brophy, and Cllr G. O Connell

Director of Services, Water and Climate Change Ms T. Walsh responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**

**M4/0915 SOCIAL HOUSING**

**It was proposed by Councillor C. O’ Connor, seconded by Councillor Cllr T Gilligan:**

“That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to present a full report on his plans to provide Social Housing throughout our County this year, confirming discussions he has had with the Department of Environment and Local Government and also confirming the schedule being followed in respect of the plans and his proposals to consult local communities”

**REPORT:**

Report presented under H.1.(12) relating to the New Build Council Housing Programme, to the [March](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=43543) meeting of South Dublin County Council, refers.

The following is a summary of progress in this regard:

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| Scheme Name (Location Address) |  | Approved by Council | Current Stage |
| Dromcarra, Tallaght | 14 | Yes in June 2015 | Cost plan is currently being prepared by SDCC for submission to the DECLG |
| Letts Field, Clondalkin | 40 (proposed on Part 8) |  | SDCC currently reviewing submissions and report will be presented to Council in September. |
| Owendoher, Ballyboden | 35 (proposed on Part 8) | No | Part VIII public consultation – to close on the 17th September |
| Killinarden, Tallaght | 24 (proposed on Part 8) | No | Part VIII public consultation – to close on the 24th September |

As reported to March meeting of South Dublin County Council, the further sites identified for Part 8 will be progressed in coming months:

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| --- | --- |
| Balgaddy ‘F’ Lucan | 50 |
| St Marks Avenue | 39 |
| Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham | 40 |
| Fernwood, Tallaght | 22 |
| Fonthill Road Link Road, Neilstown | 50 |

The numbers of homes above are indicative and may vary slightly as schemes are designed and consulted in detail.

Three projects which have commenced on site in 2015 are:

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| --- | --- |
| * Suncroft Tallaght | 10 dwellings |
| * St. Finians, Lucan | 2 dwellings |
| * Belgard Road Tallaght (traveller accommodation) | 3 dwellings |
| Total | 15 |

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| Three projects are already Part 8 approved, costed and awaiting sanction to proceed to tender by DECLG - |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| St. Marks Green | 11 dwellings |
| Mayfield | 18 dwellings |
| Mac Uilliam | 28 dwellings |
|  | 57 |

In July 2015 the DECLG gave approval in principal to 8 Approved Housing Bodies for 47 Capital Assistance Scheme projects (35 of these relate to acquisitions and 12 relate to construction projects) in the South Dublin area totalling a value of €5.6m. The provision of housing for people with specific categories of need is funded under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS). Under this scheme all prospective tenancies are taken from the local authority housing waiting list. The Council is also progressing an acquisition programme and has submitted a claim for 16 units to the Department to date.

The Part 8 Process provides for a 10 week period for observations from the public - including notice on display for 8 weeks.

The observations provide the basis for the overall consultation process and the agenda for any informal meeting that may be held under the process, with councillors, residents groups represented by nominees, and interested parties.

It is preferable, though not essential, that any meeting, takes place following the assessment of submissions. It should be noted that a meeting as requested is not a requirement under the Part 8 process. The Council will facilitate a meeting with nominated representatives on the Part 8 Process. Advance notice of all such meetings is provided to ensure equitable representation at all such meetings.

Consultation with representative resident groups in the case of Dromcarra and Letts Field Part V111 have been welcomed by local communities.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr C. O Connor, Cllr D. O Donovan, Cllr N. Coules, Cllr M. Genocky, and Cllr B. Leech.

Mr. B. Coman Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries

The Motion was **AGREED**

**M5/0915 SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF TAMPA**

**It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins, and seconded by Councillor S. Holland:**

“That the Chief Executive presents a report on 'twinning' in South Dublin County with a view to establishing / developing links with the United States of America”

**REPORT:**

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Sarah Holland officially signed a Sisters City Agreement with the City of Tampa, Florida, USA in County Hall, Tallaght on the 1st September.

The visiting delegation included the Mayor of Tampa, Mr. Bob Buckhorn, Robert, J. Rohrlack CEO of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce along with a number of other delegates representing the education and business sectors in Tampa. Sherri Brennan, President and Peter Byrne CEO of South Dublin Chamber were also present with Mark Redmond CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce, Mr Thomas Stone, President of the Institute of Technology Tallaght, Mr. Daniel McLoughlin C.E. of South Dublin County Council and Mr. Stuart Dwyer, Deputy Chief of Mission representing the US Embassy.

Mayor Sarah Holland speaking at event said “On behalf of the Citizens and Elected Members of South Dublin County Council, I am honoured in my capacity as Mayor to welcome you to our county, on the wonderful occasion of the signing of the Sister Cities Agreement of Partnership between the City of Tampa and South Dublin County. I am convinced that this friendship agreement will be of mutual benefit to our communities by exploring the many educational, economic and cultural opportunities, this agreement will provide for the years ahead”.

When Mayor Holland took office in June, she outlined her intention to use her role as an ambassador to promote the benefits of South Dublin County as far afield as possible and to promote civic, educational, business and tourism links within Ireland and abroad.

The aim of the Sister Cities Agreement of Partnership is to improve global cooperation, promote cultural understanding, and stimulate economic development. This agreement will enable South Dublin County and the City of Tampa to work together, to build a long and lasting friendship that will promote sustainable partnerships that will benefit our respective citizens and develop even further the goodwill that exists between Ireland and the United States of America.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E. Higgins, Cllr E. O Brien, Cllr C. King, Cllr C. Brophy, Cllr D. O’ Donovan, Cllr D. Richardson and Cllr C. Brophy.

The Chief Executive Mr D. Mc Loughlin, and Director of Corporate Services and Change Management, Ms L Maxwell responded to the Members queries and the Motion was **AGREED.**

**M6/0915 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND HOME SECURITY**

**It was proposed by Councillor P. Donovan and seconded by Councillor Emer Higgins:**

“That the Chief Executive initiates a formal review of the SDCC House extension Design guide 2006 and proactively engages with An Garda Siochana in relation to this”.

**REPORT:**

It is an Action under Section 2.3.5, Policy H15 of the South Dublin County Council Draft County Development Plan 2016-22 to review the House Extension Design Guide (2006) and to incorporate guidance on home security in consultation with An Garda Siochana. The Draft Plan is currently on public display and will be subject to the determination by the Council in 2016. The Action in question will be undertaken when the County Development Plan review process has concluded, subject to work priorities and resource allocation.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P. Donovan, Cllr M. Devine, and Cllr E. Higgins.

The [Director of Land use Planning and Transportation](http://intranet/telephoneindex/Staff/List.aspx?g=58) Mr E. Taaffe responded to the Members queries and the motion was **AGREED.**

**M7/0915 CLEANING OF PARKS**

**It was proposed by Councillor M. Devine, and seconded by Councillor S. Holland:**

“That increased resources be provided to the County Parks to effectively deal with overflowing bins, litter and debris that has increased over the summer months”

**REPORT:**

The Council's Public Realm Section maintains the parks in the county which includes cleaning of litter.

The parks are cleaned by staff on a daily basis from Monday to Friday. Before providing any increased resources, the first requirement is to carry out a survey of the main parks to identify what problems exist and in what locations and thereafter to determine what measures might be required to deal with them. An initial informal survey of the main parks in the county over the summer months has not revealed any significant problem or increase in litter over previous years. The litter bins provided were not generally found to be overflowing and in a few cases where a bin was noted as full, there was capacity in a nearby bin.

The Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change Ms. T. Walsh responded to this Motion and it was **AGREED.**

**M8/0915 GAA**

As Councillor **E. O’Brien’s** was absent from the chamber the following motion in his name **FELL** in accordance with Standing Order no 20.

“That this County Council supports the ongoing efforts of the GAA to identify a site for the provision of a regional stadium and centre of excellence amongst other facilities and calls on NAMA to reconsider its decision to refuse the sale to the GAA of the former Spawell site having regard to the social, recreational and economic benefits to the County of locating such a development on that site.”

**M9/0915 AMATEUR BOXING CLUBS**

**It was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle and Seconded by Councillor K. Egan:**

“That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to examine the potential of putting in place a multi-annual programme of support for our County’s Amateur Boxing Clubs, including provision of sustainable, permanent accommodation; with a view to bringing proposals before the elected members in advance of future budget discussions”.

**REPORT:**

The provision of community infrastructure is an important part of the delivery of sustainable communities and successful urban areas. South Dublin County Council will continue to support the delivery of community infrastructure including multi use community and sporting facilities through a range of plans and programmes including the County Development Plan.

The South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022 will set out a spatial framework for the provision of a hierarchy of community facilities at county, district and local level based on the outcome of a needs assessment and having regard to the County Settlement Hierarchy. The Plan will seek to ensure that facilities are accessible and where appropriate are clustered to promote optimum usage.

The Council's Community Development Team are actively engaged with Boxing Clubs in the County to assist them where possible in addressing their accommodation needs and related issues. It is also open to all clubs to apply for financial support from various other sources such as the national Sporting Bodies, SDCC Community Initiative, Capital Sports Grants etc.

The Motion was **AGREED**

**M10/0915 PVC SPECIFICATION INFILL HOUSING**

**It was proposed by Councillor B. Leech, seconded by Councillor S Holland:**

“That this Council upgrade its specification for all new windows and doors to PVC for all new infill housing and retrofit same where necessary”.

**REPORT:**

Specification of materials for building projects has become an increasingly complex activity taking into account European performance standards, energy regulations, durability, life-cycle and disposal as well as green-procurement issues such as amount of carbon generated in manufacture, embedded energy and miles travelled. On top of technical manufacture, there remains the issue of cost, procurement, contractors substitution rights under the Government GCCC Contract as well as existing contracts in operation to supply windows to maintenance/retro-fit programmes.

Window design and materials also reflect and influence the design language of the buildings involved. Timber, aluminium, PVC are all used by South Dublin County Council and chosen individually against a series of criteria in each case. There is no objection to the use of PVC windows and doors per se but quality of these products varies widely. A perceived absence of maintenance in PVC is also available from aluminium which performs better in terms of handles and fittings being less likely to shatter than PVC. Overall, it is recommended that a blanket specification be avoided. PVC will be used increasingly for a number of good reasons but other solutions should also be available if they are more suitable across a range of technical compliance and design criteria.

Mr. B. Coman Director of Housing, Community and Social Development, responded to Cllr B Leech’s Motion and undertook to revert directly on a query raised by Cllr B. Leech.

The Motion was **NOTED.**

**MOTONS NOT REACHED.**

**(M11) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Councillor L. Dunne**

To ask the Chief Executive to facilitate a new committee that can be attended by delegates from the women's refuge in the county and housing bodies with the responsibility of managing transitional housing units in the county.  If this motion is passed, this committee should be named, The Domestic Violence Consultative Committee and should meet on a quarterly basis.  Additionally, to ask the Chief Executive to delegate one of the homeless unit staff to be a first and only point of contact for these services when referring domestic

**(M12) INHERITANCE EXEPMTION**

**Councillor A M Dermody**

That this Council calls on the Minister for Finance to provide for an incremental increase in inheritance exemption in the next budget, the current exemption is currently €225,000.  In 2008 the exemption was €521,208 and was reduced in subsequent years to the current rate.

**(M13) MAGDALENE LAUNDRIES**

**Councillor F. Timmins**

’That SDCC supports the survivors of mother and baby homes and the Magdalene Laundries in seeking Justice and

Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and ask that the following action be taken on board as a matter of urgency:

1. Free Legal advice for those attending the confidential committee.
2. That the issue of redress and compensation be looked at.
3. That the narrow terms of reference be changed to include all survivors of the forced separation of single mothers and their children.
4. That anyone attending be allowed bring a neutral observer of their choosing.
5. That a Garden Of Remembrance be erected by state and the church.
6. That an Joint apology is issued from the church and state to all survivors

**(M14) CAR INSURANCE**

**Councillor D. O’Donovan**

That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for the Environment calling on him to ensure that drivers of cars over 15-years-old are not penalised by the insurance industry.  Already some insurance companies are refusing to cover cars over a certain age.  This is another attack on those less well-off within our County.

**(M15) HOUSING ISSUES**

**Councillor N. Coules**

That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to immediately act to prevent evictions, institute rent caps, and begin a massive programme of building social housing.

**(M16) LOCAL PROPERTY TAX**

**Councillor R. Nolan**

That this council agrees to reduce Local Property Tax by the maximum amount while calling on the Government to abolish this regressive tax.

**(M17) ILLEGAL SIGNAGE**

**Councillor D. Richardson**

Can the Chief Executive report on the current litter act on signs erected around the county and the policy on this?

Some areas in the county are littered with signs at junctions what is been done to stop illegal signage been put up?

**(M18) HOMELESS SECTION**

**Councillor E. Ó Broin**

This Council agrees to invite the Minister for the Environment Alan Kelly to spend a day working in the homeless section in South Dublin County Council to witness first-hand the deepening homeless crisis in the county.

**(M19) MEMBERS PLANNING REPS**

**Councillor D. Looney**

That this Council calls on Government, in bringing forward the Planning and Development Bill, to waive all fees for Councillors making submissions on planning files, to substantially reduce the fees for members of the public, and to support submissions made online or by email.

**(M20) ILLEGAL SIGNAGE**

**Councillor M. Devine**

That the Council provide a report on action taken to date in respect of illegal signage that is proliferating throughout the County and furthermore increase resources for effective "policing" of offenders.

**(M21) SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

**Councillor C. O’Connor**

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive  to present an update on the progress being made in this County, since the announcement made by Ministers Alan Kelly TD and Paudie Coffey TD on May 5 last, in respect of the projects which were approved to kick start the major social housing construction programme to be built as part of phase 1 of the social housing strategy and will he detail in his statement the exact progress made on each of the 7 projects in this County which were included in that announcement and totalled 203 units at a cost of 40.8 million euros and also include estimates of when the units will be completed and available for occupation and will he also supply full details, by grade and department, of the proportion of the "approximately 3,000 additional housing staff in local authorities including planners and architects" (as stated by the Ministers) involved in delivering the programme in this County and so demonstrate that this County  is seriously and aggressively tackling, in the words of the Ministers, this housing crisis and confirm that it will have an impact on housing waiting lists.

**(M23) ELECTRIC CARS**

**Councillor E. Ó Broin**

This committee agrees for the Chief Executive to present a report for discussion at the meeting on the provision of electric car charging points across the county detailing the number of point currently in place and efforts of SDCC in partnership with ESB and others to increase the number of such points and to prevent illegal parking on such points.

The Meeting concluded at 7. 00pm