

October Council Report

Update On Annual Service Plan - 02/11/2015

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

LECP High Level goals public consultation finished 5th June. Meeting of LECP advisory group June 23rd. LCDC, SPC meetings to be held in early July. Work ongoing on drafting economic elements of LECP. LEO training schedule for Autumn, started 3rd September 2015. Next Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting will be on 17th November 2015. Business Support Helpline launched 24th September 2015, 1800 313 947, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. Results of Business Training Survey undertaken by South Dublin Chamber released 24th September 2015. County Final for IBYE was held on 7th October 2015. The Dublin Regional Final is on 4th November 2015, in the Conrad Hotel.

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

- All GC marketing materials – web, video, brochure, pop ups, presentations and other collaterals completed and new material on IDA site
- GC marketing Launch/photo op planned for December 2nd
- Grifols officially opened on Oct 21st
- Pfizer jobs announcement for all Ireland sites
- Eirgrid – consultations ongoing re 220kv upgrade
- Interxion – decision due in Nov re commencement and related road upgrade
- Google access road opened
- R120 Oral hearing ongoing during Oct.

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

- Contact ongoing with local business, programme of proposed projects identified.
- Training survey presented to the September SPC & CPG.
- Draft LECP approved by SPC and now referred to Regional Assembly. Intended for Dec Council Agenda.

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

Red Line Book Festival 2015, our annual celebration of the joy of reading and writing was hugely successful again this year. Now in it's fourth year, the festival ran from 11-17th October. Highlights this year were TedX Tallaght, History Ireland Hedge School and Readers Day. Health and Wellbeing programme The Living Well – This series of talks will take place across library venues for October 2015 – April 2016 covering topics from good nutrition to mental health and caring for the carer. During November we have Dr.Tony Bates talk to Teenagers on minding one's mental health, a practical art workshop to aid healthy human development and a mindful eating workshop for weight loss. Events for children Children's Book Festival 2015 - Imagine, Discover, Create was a big success with over 50 events organised in libraries and schools. International and emerging writers, storytellers, illustrators and historians contributed to this year's successful festival for the children of the county. Science Festival 2015 This festival will run from 4th – 20th November and aims to entertain all the young engineers and budding Einstein's of the county with workshops from nanoscience to rollercoaster workshops. Castletymon Roof The remedial work to the roof of Castletymon Library will likely now take place in early 2016. Palmerstown Hub A suitable premises has been located in the Palmerstown Shopping Centre. The Architect's Department is liaising with the owners and an expected outcome is due soon Public Art • Presentation to SPC for the progression of a new Public Art programme under South Dublin County Council's Per Cent for Art Scheme. Music Generation • Nine schools confirmed for next programmes commencing in September. Estimated 1800 children and young people will benefit from the programme • Tutor panels for Choral, Guitar, Piano, Violin / Fiddle, Tin Whistle and Bodhrán in place. • Purchase of Instruments • In talks with two primary schools with the aim of creating a Community Orchestra / String Ensemble. Residencies • Education Curator 2016 - Partnership project with Rua Red, Mermaid Arts Centre and Wicklow County Council. Application submitted to the Arts

Council for funding. • Dance Performance Residency 2016 – Partnership project with the Civic Theatre. Selection process in progress.

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

Marketing: • Tourism website tender issued – submissions due mid Nov • Tourism marketing and branding tender issued – closing Nov 12th. • Grow Dublin: New Dublin brand launched Oct 16th, Rathfarnham Castle also reopened same day. • Review of all printed tourism related brochures and collateral ongoing, trial brochure stands in place. • Tourism business ezine being prepared. Tourism Flagship: Dublin Mountains Flagship Steering Group established and MOA signed with Coillte. Consultants appointed for developing feasibility and masterplan for Dublin Mountain Flagship, work ongoing. Trails: • Tallaght Phase 1 - Programme agreed for Nov 15– March 16 • Negotiation on progression of Slade Heritage Trail ongoing (LEADER project – LEADER approved to recommence) Liffey: Letters issued to other LAs inviting re-formation of Liffey Valley Advisory Cttee. Positive response from Fingal, awaiting Kildare reply. Round Tower: • Café concession tender issuing in same period as construction tender in November. • Research, interpretative and design tender for exhibition area to issue in November • Liaison with OPW and others ongoing to develop materials/archive • Local event for Round Tower/Clondalkin Heritage planned for Nov 18th. Festivals: • Proposals prepared and being reviewed for development of flagship festivals • On agenda for SPC Nov 11. County Signage: • Draft timeline for rollout of Village Signage on SPC agenda Nov 11th.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

The Tree Management Strategy was formally launched by the Mayor Cllr Sarah Holland on National Tree Day, Thursday October 8th. Draft Litter Management Plan was approved at the September SPC and adopted at the Council Meeting on 12th October 2015. A meeting was held, on 14th Oct 2015, with the company which developed the Programmable Audio Messaging technology to review results to date and discuss proposals for further use. On foot of analysis carried out as part of piloting of the Audio Messaging devices, enhanced CCTV has been installed at the Bring Banks in Ballyowen Shopping Centre in an effort to counter the challenge of persistent illegal dumping at this location. A high spec CCTV camera has also been installed at a location in Kiltalown which has experienced persistent illegal dumping. Letters were issued to tyre companies and businesses which would be expected to hold pallets advising them of their responsibility to ensure that materials which could be used as bonfire material are stored securely. In addition, letters have been delivered to shop owners, in areas prone to unauthorised bonfires, by the Litter Wardens in an effort to make them aware of their responsibilities and seek their co-operation in preventing youths accessing materials for bonfires.

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

The OPW has approved the Draft Design Brief for the River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme. As this project straddles both Dublin City and South Dublin, DCC will co-ordinate the tender process for consultants on behalf of SDCC. Roughan O'Donovan have been appointed as consultants for the detailed design of the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme. A meeting with local residents will be scheduled in the coming weeks. SDCC in conjunction with the EPA has hosted a number of workshops on Climate Change Adaptation Plans and recommended changes and agreed the information collated for the Adaptation Strategy. Regional Seminars on Adaptation Plans to be held in November.

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

Continued active enforcement of the provisions of all environmental legislation and regulations with continued legal proceedings. Scheduled Inspections and Audits/Reviews being routinely undertaken on the permitted facilities. Details of all WFP and COR issued to be uploaded on NWCPD website rather than EPA website. One file referred to Law Dept., for initiation of legal proceedings, for illegal waste collection. Thirty Two (32) Section 14 Directions and thirty one (31) warning letters issued. Control of Animals legislation being actively enforced with regular inspections of horse pound and dog pound, ongoing monitoring of contractual performance and recoupment of monies from DAFM. Informal meeting held with Elected Members of the Clondalkin and Lucan EA on 9th Oct 2015. Formal Part 8 planning process for the Equine Facility at Ballyowen has commenced with notice of proposal published on 15th Oct 2015.

Closing date for submissions is 10th Dec 2015 and it is intended that a report will be presented to the Council on 14th Dec 2015 for consideration.

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

Consultation in respect of the 2015 Play-space Programme is ongoing. In respect of 2014: Planned-10, Completed-7, Under construction-1, Due to commence-1, Tender stage-1, Site not possible-3, Substitute-2. In respect of 2015: Planned-14, Under construction-2, Due to commence-2, Design Stage-4, In consultation-8, Site not possible-2, Substitute-2. Avonbeg Play Space officially opened on the 22nd October 2015 by An Mhéara, Cllr Sarah Holland. A Pavilion Construction Strategy was presented at the June Council Meeting which included current position, locations identified, order of construction and procurement process to be agreed. Tender documents being prepared. The Part 8 Public Consultation Proposals for Old Bawn Park, Corkagh Park and Griffeen Valley Park were advertised for public display on the 22nd October 2015. Submissions due by the 18th December 2015. Progressing BMX proposal for Jobstown Park in conjunction with DSBMX Club.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

2016 Commemorations Programme approved by Council and the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht; Allocation of Commemorations Fund Grants agreed by Commemorations Committee and to be noted at November Council Meeting; Special Budget CPG and OP&F meetings held; Register of Electors published Nov 1st; Shadow the Mayor initiative underway with Transition Year Programme in local schools;

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

3 Year Capital Programme 2017 – 2018 (for noting) and Draft Budget 2016 has been prepared and is due for consideration by members at the annual budget meeting on November 5th; Public Spending Code published and submitted to NOAC; Staff Information Sessions held on the Corporate Procurement Plan and meeting of the Procurement Steering Group. Delivery of Annual Audit Plan ongoing; Three Final Reports issued in the period; Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy signed off, published and circulated to all employees.

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

A tender in respect of the Council's website requirements is ready to issue. Smart Dublin website launched – www.smartdublin.ie All current requested amendments to the Monthly management report to Council (Statistics) are completed. GIS Team commencing work on ITT led retail data analysis in respect of Tallaght and Clondalkin. Software Audit completed and Council's Helpdesk System upgraded. Legal System (Keyhouse) upgraded. Web Updates - Section added for Tree Policy, Grange Castle pages updated, facility to make submissions for new Development Contributions Scheme added, facility in respect of Community Endeavour Awards added, and assistance with the setting up of the DMURS (Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets) site provided. Bonfire recording mobile app now live for staff and its operations incorporated into the public realm scheduler.

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

11 Press releases issued; South Dublin Libraries Children's Book Festival launched on 6th October at 10.00am in County Library Tallaght and Festival dates 11th -17th October 2015; Ireland Best Young Entrepreneur Event 7th October – LEO South Dublin; Tree Management Policy launched 8th October in Rathfarnham Castle; Mayor launched Comhairle na nÓg Lets go Mental Event promoting Positive Mental Health for young people in Tallaght Stadium – 8th October; Halloween Infographic published for Halloween 2015 with advice and things to do over the Halloween Period and launched in Clondalkin Offices 14th October; LEO office launched Business Support Telephone Helpline Line, Training Survey Results and National Women's Enterprise Day.

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

Recruitment on Outdoor Workforce Plan continues; Procurement process for Occupational Health Programme underway; Awareness raising Sessions held for Outdoor staff on Health and Safety, Code of Conduct, Fraud Policy and Protected Disclosures Policy.

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

The Road Maintenance Section is currently preparing the 2015/2016 Winter Service Plan. Winter Service Operations, i.e. salting of public roads, commenced on 19th October, however night time temperatures to date have not resulted in any salting of the road network. As part of the Public Lighting investment strategy an LED Upgrade in Villages commenced on 10th August. A total of 198 LED's have been installed to date as follows:- Lucan (108), Palmerstown (53), Newcastle (37). Additional upgrades in Clondalkin (54) and Rathfarnham (23) will be completed by the end of the year and works in Rathcoole, Tallaght, Saggart and Templeogue are programmed for Q1 2016.

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

The Closing Date for submissions on the Draft County Development Plan was 24th September. Work is continuing on the Chief Executives Report on the public Consultation Process which will be issued to Councillors in early December. It is intended to hold the meetings of the Council in February 2016 to agree the report. The Draft Development Contribution Scheme has gone on public Display and a report and recommendation will be returned to the Council in December. The Planning Section has seen a c30% increase in the number of Planning applications year to date compared to the same period in 2014, which is considered a general indicator of an increase in construction related activity.

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

Construction Works continues on the Tallaght to Templeogue Cycle Scheme. Activities continue to be closely monitored by Council Staff. Work is approaching completion in the Village Centre and is progressing towards the Balrothery Roundabout. Design work continues on other elements of the Greater Dublin Area Cycle network including Tallaght to Liffey Valley, Dodder Regional Cycle route, Grange Rd, and Tallaght to Ballyboden. The NTA have recently published a draft of the "Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035". A presentation by NTA Staff to the LUPT SPC is currently being arranged.

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

Village Enhancement Works are ongoing in Rathcoole and are now expected to be complete in February 2016.

Housing, Social & Community Development

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

4 Projects through Part 8. Part 8 on Owendoher for 40 Units had closing date of 17th September. Meeting with Local Councillors and representatives from local community Wednesday 30th September. Killinarden Part 8 proposal on display for 26 Units had a closing date 24th September. Proposed to present Part 8 report to November Council Meeting. Three projects are already tendered and on site – • Suncroft Tallaght 10 dwellings • Belgard Road Tallaght 3 Dwellings • St Finians 2 units. Three projects are already Part 8 approved, costed and sanction to proceed to tender by DECLG in respect • St. Marks Green 11 dwellings • Mayfield 18 dwellings • Mac Uilliam 28 dwellings Total 57 Oaklee completed purchase and contracts signed on 45 units at Cookstown. Nominations for allocation completed. A further 17 at Millrace in Saggart will be completed and tenanted by year end. 7 of these completed in October. 426 on HAP at 26th October 2015. 16 Acquisitions completed – a further 29 acquisitions projected to year end. CAS – 47 units approved and mostly acquisitions (35 acquisitions and 12 build) but due to delay in approval likelihood that only 17 acquisitions will be delivered. AHBs allowed to source alternatives. 37 Voids to be claimed by end November 2015.

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

New 'Super LAG' (Local Action Group) will be established made up of the Fingal LCDC and representatives from SDC and DDL LCDC. The LAG is made up of the 19 Fingal LCDC members plus 8 additional members from LCDCs of the administrative areas of South Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Meeting on held on 14th September. The role of this group is to oversee the creation and rollout of the Local Development Strategy (LDS). The key dates for the creation of the LDS are: September 24th - this is the date for completion of the first three chapters, which contain: • LDS Area Profile • Participative Planning: Consultation and SWOT analysis • LDS Action Plan December 24th, the date for completion and approval by the LAG. A number of meetings will be required for discussions, consultation, evaluation and issuing of recommendations. It is expected that a Draft Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the Dublin Rural Area will be submitted to the Department by the 24th December, 2015 and the final LDS will be submitted by 16th January 2016. Fingal Co. Co. are the financial partner and a development company from Fingal is the main implementer with support from the other development companies. SDCC had a small working group to support any projects in the County and this is expected to stay in place. SICAP – LCDC. SICAP- Midterm review completed and agreed with LCDC at its meeting of 24th September. POBAL parallel review also positive in terms of delivery and targets met in areas of Targeting Geographical Disadvantage and Targeting Disadvantaged Groups. 64 Groups targeted – (49) 695 Individuals targeted – (631) Issue with IRIS System continue. LECP Community element pillar of plan agreed – AIRO completing work on mapping of data and graphics for Plan. To be presented to the Regional Assembly in November and to Council in December 2015. LCDC meeting of 22nd October for formal approval of Plan. Joint meeting of LCDC and Economic Development SPC held on 22nd October 2015. Joint meeting of LCDC and Economic Development SPC held on Thursday 22nd October. Draft plan agreed.

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

SPORTIVATE the Councils new Sports Development Programme agreed with DDLETB and with DSP as partner has 19 participants and the programme started on 14th September 2015. The programme is based in Brookfield Youth and Family Centre. Work is continuing on identifying a Catering/Hospitality programme in partnership with the ITT and ETB. The Councils Community teams assisted with a number of committees on Halloween events. Social Inclusion Week 16th November to 22nd November 2015 Mayor Sarah Holland will officially launch the 10th South Dublin County Council Social Inclusion Week on Monday 16 November 2015 at 12.00 noon in County Hall, Tallaght. Launch of 55+ Activity Booklet will also be included. Over 75 events organised throughout the County. The dates for the upcoming late night league programme are as follows: • 13th & 14th November • 20th & 21st November • 27th & 28th November • 4th & 5th of December • 11th December – Regional finals There will have 4 venues – Friday Nights– Lucan & Tallaght, Saturday Nights Clondalkin & Collinstown

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

The 'Internal CIF Shortlisting Committee' shortlisted applicants down to 22 Projects. 18 Successful applicants have been notified and announced at October Council meeting. Press Release prepared and press day held on 22nd October 2015 – all successful groups attended Council on 22nd October 2015. Proposal for Endeavour Award Initiative agreed at SPC with awards ceremony in December 11th 2015 at Red Cow Hotel. Advertisement in local press on Thursday 22nd October 2015. 12 Categories within the Community Endeavour Awards (as was agreed at the SPC earlier in the year), the 'Overall Community Endeavour Award 2015' (1st Prize) and the 'Special Recognition Award 2015' and also the proposed Financial Amounts that will be made available to each Award Winner in addition to the a Framed Certificate. Applications for Community grants also advertised on 22nd October 2015.