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**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management, Water & Drainage, Public Realm and Environment held on 13th October 2015.**

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| **PRESENT** |
| **COUNCILLORS** |
| C. Brophy |
| A.M. Dermody |
| P. Donovan |
| F. Duffy |
| P. Foley |
| S. Holland |
| P. Kearns |
| D. Looney |
| R. McMahon |
| D. O’Donovan |
| F. Warfield |

An Cathaoirleach Councillor D. O’Donovan presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Senior Executive Officer | H. Hogan, Y. Dervan. |
| Senior Engineer | T. O’Grady. |
| Senior Parks Superintendent | B. Sheehan. |
| Senior Planner | N. O’Byrne. |
| A/Senior Engineer | J. Kennelly. |
| Senior Executive LibrarianSenior Executive Parks SuperintendentExecutive Parks Superintendent | I. Stobbart.M Hannon, M. Keenan.L. Colleran. |
| Administrative OfficerA/ Administrative OfficerStaff OfficerClerical Officer | M. Hunt.D. Wall. B. Reilly.A. Mooney. |
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| RTT/474/15 - H1 Item ID: 46349 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of MinutesMinutes of Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting, dealing with Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Performance & Change Management and Corporate Services held on 8th September 2015, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.[HI 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49089) It was proposed by Councillor D. Looney seconded by Councillor P. Donovan and **RESOLVED:**“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 8th September 2015 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”**RTT/475/15 QUESTIONS** It was proposed by Councillor A.M Dermody, seconded by Councillor S. Holland and **RESOLVED:**“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Questions 1 - 9 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”CommunityRTT/476/ 15 - H2 Item ID: 46323Application for Community Grants (No Business)RTT/477/15 - H3 Item ID: 46324New Works (No Business)RTT/478/15 - C1 Item ID: 46325Correspondence (No Business)HousingRTT/479/15 - H4 - Item ID: 46361 – ANTI SOCIAL QUARTERLY STATISTICSMr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:**Anti social quarterly statistics for 2015** **(3rd Quarter)****REPORT:**The table below provides statistical analysis of anti social activity in the Rathfarnham / Terenue Templeogue area on a quarterly basis.

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| **Incidents** | **1st Qtr 2015** | **2nd Qtr 2015** | **3rd Qtr 2015** | **4th Qtr 2015** |
| **Priority 1** |   |   |   |   |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 | 0 |   |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 1 | 2 | 0 |   |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 3 | 5 | 2 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Priority 2** |   |   |   |   |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 2 | 3 | 3 |   |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 2 | 0 | 0 |   |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 0 | 1 | 1 |   |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 5 | 8 | 1 |   |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 1 | 3 | 4 |   |
| Neighbour Dispute reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 0 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Priority 3** |   |   |   |   |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 8 | 5 | 3 |   |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 1 | 1 | 2 |   |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |
| Selling alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **25** | **30** | **15** |  |
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| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **29** | **32** | **15** |  |
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| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff** **Main actions listed below** | **100** | **126** | **120** |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 28 | 42 | 7 |   |
| Notice to Quit | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
| Abandonment notice served | 1 | 0 | 0 |   |
| Surrenders obtained | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |
| Warnings issued | 3 | 1 | 0 |   |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 25 | 31 | 55 |   |

Following contributions from Councillors P. Donovan, D. O’Donovan and A.M. Dermody, Mr. Hugh Hogan responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.RTT/480/15 - H5 Item ID: 46321New Works (No Business)RTT/481/15 - C2 Item ID: 46322Correspondence (No Business)RTT/482/15 - M1 Item ID: 46314 – LANDBANKS AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL HOUSINGIt was proposed by Councillor D. Looney, seconded by Councillor S. Holland:-"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to provide a report on the landbanks available to the Council for potential social housing development in the Templeogue-Terenure LEA."The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**“A detailed study of infill sites owned by South Dublin County Council was carried out in late 2014. These sites were reviewed under criteria of –* Size
* Accessibility
* Utility      constraints and buried pipework
* Flooding      history
* Impact on      adjoining community
* Overall      suitability

Sketch designs were prepared to estimate yield and a series of informal briefings held with each Area Committee. Following these meetings a list of sites suitable for Part 8 Display and Consultation has been drawn up. In this committees area the sites are at* Ballyboden
* Stocking Lane.

It is considered that somewhere in the region of 75 houses will be possible on these 2 sites The County Architect is continuing to examine any Council owned land with a view to its possibility for housing development.”Following contributions from Councillors D. Looney, P. Kearns and D. O’Donovan Mr. Hugh Hogan, Senior Executive Office and Ms. Yvonne Dervan, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.PlanningRTT/483/15 - Q1 Item ID: 45892Councillor S. Holland"To ask the Chief Executive for an update Re: Additions to Telecommunications mast at Pearse Bros/ Palmer Park.  The Council were to have received a response from Vodafone on the 23rd August.  What was this response?"**REPLY:**The investigation into alleged unauthorised development at Pearse Bros/Palmer Park is still ongoing.  The Councillor will be notified when a decision is made regarding any further action warranted in the matter. RTT/484/15 - H6 Item ID: 46326 – PLANNING FILESMr. N. O’Byrne, Senior Planner presented the following report:**A. Large Applications Under Consideration****FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0293**LOCATION**: Former Esso Priory Service Station, Nutgrove Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.**COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.**FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0262**LOCATION**: 1-4 Ballymount Road Lower, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.**COMMENTS**: Councillors D. Looney and P. Kearns objected to the application.**FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0254**LOCATION**: Site located at M50 Business Park beside the M50 Ballymount Interchange, Ballymount, Dublin 12.**COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.**B. Files Requested by Members**Cllr. J. Lahart**FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0226**LOCATION**: Ballycullen Drive, Firhouse, Dublin 24**COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.Cllr. D. Looney**FILE DISUCSSED**: SD15A/0262**LOCATION**: 1 - 4, Ballymount Road Lower, Walkinstown, Dublin 12**COMMENTS**: There were no comments made on this application.RTT/485/15 - H7 Item ID: 46328New Works (No Business)RTT/486/15 - C3 Item ID: 46329Correspondence (No Business)TransportationRTT/487/15 - Q2 Item ID: 46153 – YELLOW BOX AT BODEN PARKCouncillor S. Holland"To ask the Chief Executive whether a yellow box can be added at the exit of The Glen, Boden Park onto Ballyboden Way to facilitate traffic turning right.  It is impossible to get out in the mornings with traffic backed up as far as the next roundabout and beyond?"**REPLY:**The location will be examined to determine if a yellow box is warranted and a report brought to the next Traffic Management Meeting.RTT/488/15 - Q3 Item ID: 46353 – PERMANENT REPAIRS OF RAMPSCouncillor D. Looney"To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the permanent repair of the road surface and the repair of the ramps at \*location provided,\* and to make a statement on the matter?"**REPLY:**The road and ramp repair referred to by the Member will be included for consideration in the 2016 roadworks programme subject to availability of resources.RTT/489/15 - H8 Item ID: 46330Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (No Business)RTT/490/15 - H9 Item ID: 46331New Works (No Business)RTT/491/15 - C4 Item ID: 46332Correspondence (No Business)RTT/492/15 - M2 Item ID: 45926 – TREES IN EDMONSTOWN GOLF COURSEIt was proposed by Councillor S. Holland seconded by Councillor F. Warfield:-"That the Chief Executive engage with Edmonstown Golf Club and ask them to cut back the trees bordering on the gardens in Whitechurch Estate.  They are huge and are blocking out all the light in the neighbouring gardens."The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**“The area referred to is not in the charge of South Dublin County Council. This is a private matter to be resolved directly between the Golf Club and the residents.”This item was **MOVED** without debate.RTT/493/15 - M3 Item ID: 46352 – JOINT INTER-AUTHORITY AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGIt was proposed by Councillor D. Looney, seconded by P. Kearns:-"That this Committee mandates the prompt holding of a Joint Inter-Authority Area Committee meeting with the South Central Area Committee of Dublin City Council to discuss the Walkinstown Roundabout Study." The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**“Following a meeting to be held by South Dublin County Council with the NTA to finalise proposals in relation to the Walkinstown Roundabout Project, it is hoped to have a meeting with the Inter-Authority Area Committee subject to their availability by the third week in October at the latest.”Following contributions from Councillors D. Looney, P. Kearns and D. O’Donovan, Mr. J. Kennelly A/Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED**.Libraries & ArtsRTT/494/15 - H10 Item ID: 46333 – Library News & EventsMr. I. Stobbart, Senior Executive Librarian presented the following report:[Library News & Events](../../ITEMS/October%2015/HI%2010%2046333%20Library%20News%20%26%20Events.docx)Following contributions from Councillors D. Looney and D. O’Donovan, Mr. Ian Stobbart responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.RTT/495/15 - H11 Item ID: 46334Application for Arts Grants (No Business)RTT/496/15 - H12 Item ID: 46335NEW WORKS (No Business)RTT/497/15 - C5 Item ID: 46336Correspondence (No Business)Economic DevelopmentRTT/498/15 - Q4 Item ID: 45868 – LAND INSIDE TYMON PARKCouncillor P. Foley"To ask the Chief Executive that the area of land inside the entrance gates to Tymon Park at the end of Osprey Road, though being maintained by the Council, remains the property of Regal Link Trust. In order for this area to remain a public amenity and to avoid future disposal of this land by Regal Link Trust, can SDCC take legal ownership of this land?"**REPLY:**At present, the Council is examining the arrangements under which this area was brought into Council control and maintenance with a view to regularising title as deemed necessary. RTT/499/15 - H13 Item ID: 46337New Works (No Business)RTT/500/15 - C6 Item ID: 46338Correspondence (No Business)Corporate SupportRTT/501/15 - H14 Item ID: 46341New Works (No Business)RTT/502/15 - C7 Item ID: 46342Correspondence (No Business)Performance & Change ManagementRTT/503/15 - H15 Item ID: 46339New Works (No Business)RTT/504/15 - C8 Item ID: 46340Correspondence (No Business)Water & DrainageRTT/505/15 - Q5 Item ID: 46351 – REPAIR OF TEMPORARY WORKSCouncillor D. Looney"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when full repair works will be carried out at \*location specified\* given that the temporary tarmacadam job has deteriorated significantly, and to make a statement on the matter?"**REPLY:**Priority is given to the completion of older reinstatements which are completed as resources allow.The temporary reinstatement will be inspected by SDCC Water Services staff and assessed. Remedial action will be taken if necessary.RTT/506/15 - H16 Item ID: 46343New Works (No Business)RTT/507/15 - C9 Item ID: 46344Correspondence (No Business)Public RealmRTT/508/15 - Q6 Item ID: 45862 – REPAIR OF PIER AT ELLENSBOROUGHCouncillor A-M. Dermody "To ask the Chief Executive that the entrance pier in Ellensborough estate be prepared as soon as possible. It was agreed some months back that this be done with residents complaining that it will take the injury to a child before the pier is fixed?"**REPLY:**The Council's Public Realm Section intends to carry out the repairs necessary to the Ellensborough entrance piers before the end of the current year.  The location will be inspected to determine if temporary works are required in the interim to make the area safe.RTT/509/15 - Q7 Item ID: 44924 – OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTSCouncillor D. Looney"To ask the Chief Executive to report on all outdoor basketball courts available to the public in the area under the remit of this Committee, on plans to deliver any such facilities, and to make a statement on the matter?"**REPLY:**It was the practice in the past, as part of the development of many of the larger parks in the county, to provide a basketball court facility in association with a tennis court facility, as part of the active recreation amenities provided. Typically this was provided either as a sole use court within the tennis courts area or provided by the dual marking of one of the tennis courts. The experience has been that where tennis / basketball courts were provided, for the most part, they received only limited, seasonal use with the basketball court receiving the least use. The few places where tennis courts did work well were where they were associated with the presence of a local, active tennis group or club.In most other cases, the tennis / basketball courts were infrequently used and as a result subjected to vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The most frequent use of tennis /basketball courts was for infomal soccer kickabouts. As a result, in recent years, disused tennis courts / basketball courts have been converted to other uses such as all weather five a side pitches. These conversions have proven to be very popular and have resulted in considerable reductions of incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour at those locations.The Public Realm Section is not aware of any specific demand for basketball courts in the county, nor has there been any contact with any group or club seeking provision of same. Any requests for basketball courts will be considered on their merits but it should be noted that it would be expected that a viable proposal would have to include the existence of an active club or some other form of clearly demonstrable public demand to have a realistic chance of success.RTT/510/15 - Q8 Item ID: 44926 - TREE PLANTINGCouncillor D. Looney"To ask the Chief Executive how many trees are intended to be planted by the Council in the area under the remit of this Committee during 2015, and to make a statement on tree planting in this area in general?"**REPLY:**The Council plans its annual tree planting in accordance with available budget resources. The financial constraints of recent years have resulted in very limited implementation of new or replacement tree planting across the county, including the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure area, over the last 5 years.  In recent years also, due to an increasing demand for maintenance of existing trees, the Council has focussed the application of available resources on tree pruning and removal.   As stated in the Council's Tree Management Policy "Living With Trees", the Council aims to identify an annual target and budget for tree planting to re-establish its commitment to a countywide programme of tree planting.  In this regard, additional provision for tree planting is being proposed under the Council's 2016 budget.  The proposed additional provision would enable the planting of approximately 500 trees across the county to be implemented during spring and late autumn 2016.     Areas to be prioritised for new tree planting will be those where trees have been removed or where there is an identified need to increase the overall tree cover.  Requests from Council members and local residents for new trees in their road or area will also be taken into consideration within the planting programme. Individual requests will be prioritised according to the number of trees already on the street, including those in front gardens and on adjacent land.RTT/511/15 - Q9 Item ID: 44920 – TREE PRUNING IN KNOCKLYONCouncillor D. O'Donovan"To ask the Chief Executive if he plans to cut back the trees surrounding the new LED lights installed within the Knocklyon Woods Estates?  The new lights are an enormous improvement to the area, but unfortunately they are being blocked by surrounding trees?"**REPLY:**Staff from the Council's Public Realm and Public Lighting sections have jointly inspected the new LED public lighting installations within the Knocklyon Woods Estates to review the impact of trees on the lights.  The most recent scheme of LED lighting installations has occurred along a number of laneways within Knocklyon Woods.  Any trees and vegetation impeding the functioning of the new lighting within these laneways has recently been cut back or removed as required by Council staff.  In order to identify and address issues of trees in conflict with older lighting schemes within the estate, a survey of all trees in the estate will be carried out to inform a future programme of tree maintenance works for the area.RTT/512/15 - H17 Item ID: 46215 – UPDATE ON TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMEMs. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:[HI 17](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49121) Following contributions from Councillors P. Kearns, A.M. Dermody, D. Looney, R. McMahon, C. Brophy, P. Foley and D. O’Donovan, Ms. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.RTT/513/15 - H18 Item ID: 46345 – UPDATE ON PLAY SPACE PROGRAMMEMr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and Mr. L. Colleran, Executive Parks Superintendent presented the following report:**Update on the 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** | 8 | 0 |  |  |  |
| **Under Construction** | 1 | 3 |  |  |  |
| **Due to commence** | 0 | 1 |  |  |  |
| **Tender Stage** | 1 |   |  |  |  |
| **Design Stage** |   | 4 |  |  |  |
| **In consultation** |   | 8 |  |  |  |
| **Site not possible** | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |
| **Substitute** | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |

* \* Other funding from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for Hermitage Park and Ballycragh Park

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| **LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE**  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale**  | **UPDATE** |
| Woodfarm Acres | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible. Substituted with Riversdale Estate |
| Riversdale (substitution) | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Griffeen Avenue | Local | 2014 | Under construction |
| Waterstown Park | Regional | 2015 | Design being progressed |
| Griffeen Valley Park | Regional | 2015 | Design being progressed |
| Sarsfield Park, Lucan | Local | 2015 | Under construction |
| 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 AREA COMMITTEE**  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Rathcoole Park | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Knockmitten Park | Neighbourhood | 2014 | Open |
| Neilstown | Local | 2015 | Consultation stage |
| Quarryvale Park | Local | 2015 | Commencing October 2015 |
| 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 Cuthberts Park | Local | 2018 |   |
| Corkagh Park | Local | 2018 |   |

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| **TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE**  |
| **TALLAGHT CENTRAL**  |
| **Location** | **Type** | **Timescale** | **UPDATE** |
| Avonbeg | Local | 2014 | Open |
| Belgard Heights | Local | 2014 | No agreement possible |
| Brookview (substitute for Belgard Heights) | Local | 2014 | Tender October 2015 |
| Ambervale | Local | 2015 | In consultation |
| Kilnamanagh Parkhill Rd | Local | 2015 | Consultation process commenced |
| 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 | Commenced - first phase completed and open |
| Jobstown Park | Neighbourhood | 2015 | Design stage- decision on location required |
| McGee Park | Neighbourhood | 2016 |   |
| Seán Walsh Park, Marlfield | Local | 2016 |   |
| Killinardan Park | Neighbourhood | 2018 |   |

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| **RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE AREA COMMITTEE**  |
| **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” |   |

Following contributions from Councillors A.M. Dermody, P. Foley, D. O’Donovan and C. Brophy, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.RTT/514/15 - H19 Item ID: 46475 – PROPOSED PART 8 PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MT CARMEL PARK, DODDER VALLEYMr. M Hannon, Senior Parkes Superintendent presented the following report:**Proposed Part 8 Public Consultation for the development of Mt Carmel Park, Dodder Valley**“This is a proposal to develop and enhance a section of the existing parkland at Mt. Carmel Park, Dodder Valley, Firhouse, by the provision of the following recreation and amenity facilities:* A 400m 8 Lane Grass Running Track with infield area suitable for field athletics
* A 100 x 60m Soccer Pitch
* BMX track
* Wildflower Area
* Extension of the existing pedestrian path system

**400m 8 lane grass athletics track**This project is designed to cater for a local club, Brothers Pearse AC. The club caters for age seven and up and caters for both track and field.  Membership is spread from Rathfarnham to Tallaght and concentrated in the Knocklyon area.Brothers Pearse AC has a letting on Council land in the Dodder Valley at Cherryfield Park.  However this facility is less than 300m in length and is not regulation shape.  The Club is presently sharing a ground with a GAA club and this situation is not ideal for either parties.This new track is designed to cater for the expansion in club members that has been experienced in the last 10 years in particular (over 350 members currently) and to provide a facility that will help to improve the capacity of the club to compete at a higher level in track and field events.The proposed new location will be situated to the rear of a local national school, Scoil Carmel, and the school should be able to use this facility during school hours in particular. The location in the Dodder Valley is excellent, with an existing car park and a long linear park suitable for cross country training also.**Lighting:** There will be a requirement for lighting of the path from the car park to the track to facilitate safe access in the winter months. There may also be a requirement to provide lighting at the track to facilitate winter training. In both cases, the Council being cognisant of the impact on fauna in particular, will only use low level lighting in this situation and only following consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Heritage Officer.**90m x 60m Soccer Pitch**This facility is designed to cater for local clubs and in particular, but not exclusively, Knocklyon Utd FC and which has a large membership spread over the wider Rathfarnham to Knocklyon area of South Dublin. The club has pitch lettings from South Dublin County Council at a number of locations including at Kennedy’s Field, Dodder Valley: these pitches cater for over 40 teams that include both juvenile and adult. The club has over 500 playing members. This facility would provide the club with extra capacity and relieve pressure on the existing pitches in this area of the county.**360m BMX track**BMX has become a popular sport in Ireland and is particularly popular with teenagers and adults alike, both male and female. It is Bicycle racing on specially prepared dirt tracks over jumps and around banked turns. Typical tracks are 350m in length. The sport originated in Holland in the 1950s, popularised in the USA in the 1970s and in 2008 became an Olympic Medal event.The track would be let by agreement with South Dublin County Council to South Dublin BMX Club and which is a club within BMX Ireland (a subsidiary of Cycling Ireland).The design of the track will be based on a proposal from Kelvin Batey who won the World Title in the Masters event at the BMX world Championships in New Zealand in 2013.**Natural Heritage / Wildlife Area**All of the Dodder Valley Park is traversed by the River Dodder and has good vegetation cover and is nationally recognised for biodiversity. The proposed development in this area of the Dodder Valley will be undertaken in the knowledge of this section of the Dodder Valley being a proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA) as designated by the NPWS of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. There will be consultation with the NPWS on this proposal.In order to protect as much as possible of the existing vegetation the hedgerows will be protected and an area designated as a wildflower area will be protected and enhanced. In addition the surrounding areas of the athletic track and the football pitch will not be reseeded and will be allowed to seed freely and will be maintained in accordance with best biodiversity practice and in consultation with the Heritage Officer of South Dublin County Council and the NPWS.The proposal **will** be subject to an Appropriate Assessment screening process (Appropriate Assessment is a process for assessment of the likely significant effects of every plan or project on the Natura 2000 network).The proposal **may** also require an Environment Impact Assessment to be undertaken (Environmental Impact Assessment is the process by which the anticipated effects on the environment of a proposed development or project are measured.)**Extension of the existing pedestrian path system**In order to maximise use of this park, for walking in particular, but also to allow for proper access to the site from the adjoining school and car park and to connect into the existing path system it is proposed to extend the pedestrian path system and as outlined in the accompanying drawing.”[Location Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49135)[Proposed Plans](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49136)Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley, P. Donovan, D, Looney, R. McMahon and D. O’Donovan, Mr. M. Hannon, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.RTT/515/15 - C10 Item ID: 46346Correspondence(No Business)RTT/516/15 - M4 Item ID: 44430 – GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULEIt was proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan, and seconded by Councillor C. Brophy:-**Cathaoirleachs Business**"That the Chief Executive provides members with the full grass cutting schedule for the RTT Area as and when it becomes available."The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**“The Public Realm grass cutting programme has cutting of parks, open spaces and margins along main roads scheduled to take place once per fortnight.  The programme also includes for the cutting of playing pitches at a frequency of once per week.  It should be noted that the 2015 grass cutting programme will be phased out in the coming weeks as grass growth slows down.  The attached document contains details of locations in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure area which are included in the regular grass cutting schedule, as extracted from the public realm schedule management system.”[Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49163)This item was MOVED without debate.RTT/517/15 - M5 Item ID: 44431 – TREE PLANTING IN PROSPECT MANOR ESTATEIt was proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan, and seconded by Councillor C. Brophy:-"That the Chief Executive obtains a commitment from Parks Dept to plant trees in Prospect Manor estate. In 2012 / 2013 they came to an arrangement with Parks to pay for 12 trees each year which they ordered and the parks would plant. They met a SDCC Manager in February 2014 who advised them that they would be organised in 2015.  Since then they have dealt with several other SDCC officials, but they still have no trees."The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**“The Council plans its annual tree planting in accordance with available budget resources and the financial constraints of recent years have resulted in very limited implementation of new or replacement tree planting across the county over the last 5 years.   Under the Council's 2016 budget, additional provision is being proposed to enable the Council to re-establish its commitment to a countywide programme of tree planting.  As stated in the Council's Tree Management Policy "Living With Trees", areas to be prioritised for new tree planting will be those where trees have been removed or where there is an identified need to increase the overall tree cover. Requests from Council members and local residents for new trees in their road or area will also be taken into consideration within the planting programme. Such requests will be prioritised according to the number of trees already on the street, including those in front gardens and on adjacent land.Having regard to the above criteria for new tree planting, Prospect Manor estate is considered to be well provided for with street trees and trees on open space areas and would not be considered a priority for tree planting at this time.  While the Council is aware of a request from the Prospect Manor Resident's Association for additional trees to be planted on the open space adjoining the River Owendoher at the rear of the estate, we are not aware of any specific commitment or arrangement as outlined in regard to tree planting.  However, arrangements can be made to meet with representatives of the Resident's Association to discuss proposals for tree planting.  Any arrangement in regard to purchasing or planting new trees into areas within the estate that come under the remit of the Council will require agreement with the Council in regard to suitability of tree species, size of trees and planting methodology.”Following contributions from Councillor D. O’Donovan, Ms. M. Keenan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised and the report was NOTED.RTT/518/15 - M6 Item ID: 45864 – UPDATE ON PLAY SPACE PROGRAMMEIn the absence of Councillor A.M. Dermody the following motion **FELL**:-"That the Chief Executive provides a detailed update in relation to the Playspace programme, with as yet no playspace delivered in the Rathfarnham ward. It is over a year ago since I fed back to the Chief Executive that during the course of canvassing in the local elections in May 2014, a number of residents in Glendoher expressed an interest in their green area having a playspace. I understand that residents have still not been called to a public meeting to discuss. Please can you update with regard to both matters.Furthermore, at the most recent Boden Park Residents Association AGM, residents at that meeting asked that I take back to the Chief Executive that they too would like to open discussions on a playspace in their estate. (Come back to me for specific contact details)."RTT/519/15 - M7 Item ID: 46315 – PRUNING OF TREES INVOLVING THE ESBIt was proposed by Councillor P. Foley, seconded by Councillor C. Brophy:-"That the Chief Executive report that as we approach the final stages of the 2015 tree removal / pruning programme it would appear that some of the more difficult tasks may have been left to the end of the year. Can details be given on how this council co-ordinates with the ESB when their involvement is required for the pruning or removal of a tree? Could specific reference be made to the two cases below where there is a requirement for the ESB's involvement before tree removals take place? **\*\*Details provided**."The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**“Within the area under the remit of this Committee, there are approximately 60 trees on the 2015 Tree Maintenance Programme which require the assistance of the ESB to enable completion of the required pruning or removal works.  In the past, the ESB facilitated such tree works by arranging power switchouts to allow Council staff to complete the works.  Previously power switchouts were facilitated at no cost to the Council but since 2014, the ESB have sought to charge for this arrangement.  Given the geographic distribution and the nos. of trees on the current programme that occur in proximity to ESB wires, the cost of arranging switchouts to enable works to be completed on these trees is prohibitive.  In addition, the ESB is obliged to prioritise minimising disruption of its electricity service to its customers.  In instances where tree maintenance works are carried out on trees in proximity to live wires, this is high risk activity requiring specialised insulated equipment and such works must be carried out by highly skilled arborists with specialist training in utility arboriculture.  Council staff are not in a position to carry out tree maintenance works where trees may come into conflict with live wires. Having regard for the above issues and in order to address commitments for tree pruning and removals on the Council's 2015 Tree Maintenance Programme, the Council has met with ESB area management for the South Dublin area on a number of occasions over the past months.  The ESB has agreed a joint approach with the Council to enable completion of tree pruning and removal works where they occur within or under ESB wires and a listing of trees has been submitted to the ESB where this assistance is required.  The list includes the removal of trees at the two locations specified in the Motion and progress is now being made in completing works on trees listed.”This item was **MOVED** without debate.RTT/520/15 - M8 Item ID: 46357 – WALL IN WHITEHALL PARKIt was proposed by Councillor C. Brophy, seconded by Councillor P. Donovan:-"That the Chief Executive arrange for the wall in Whitehall Park be rendered following resident requests to finish off what they consider to be outstanding works."The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**“The Council's Public Realm Section has no plans in place at the present time to carry out works on the wall at Whitehall Park in the 2015 year.  The proposal to render the wall will be costed and the proposal will then be considered for inclusion in the public realm improvement works programme for 2016.”This item was **MOVED** without debate.EnvironmentRTT/521/15 - H20 Item ID: 46347New Works (No Business)RTT/522/15 - C11 Item ID: 46348Correspondence (No Business)RTT/523/15 - M9 Item ID: 45865 – ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN RATHFARNHAM VILLAGEIn the absence of Councillor A.M. Dermody the following motion **FELL**:-"That the Chief Executive comment on the poor state of Rathfarnham village, especially around the car park at the junction of Grange Road and Nutgrove Avenue, I believe a small investment in the form of man hours could radically change the immediate look and feel of the area. The bicycle canopy is discoloured and destroyed by solvents used to remove graffiti and ought to be removed, the most offensive shade of green was painted on to the bollards last year and offers little appeal. The weeds are overgrown. Up until now this area was kept by the Tidy Towns & Traders committees but not so any longer.Is it possible to have the Rehab recycling moved to a more discreet location, even within this site? If not there, can the Rehab recycling be located in a less prominent place? The area is constantly littered despite the threat posed by CCTV.Of all of the villages in the County, Rathfarnham despite having the most fanatical backdrop in the form of the Castle and hosting iconic buildings such as the St. Mary’s Parish Church & The Yellow House, the area is let down by the poor condition of the car parking area.  I believe that the village programme ought to incorporate this area, the area would benefit from having the car park resurfaced, raised flower bed put in position between the path and the car park, our village deserves better."RTT/524/15 - M10 Item ID: 46356 – WINTER MAINTENANCE IN GRAVEYARDSIt was proposed by Councillor C. Brophy, seconded by Councillor P. Donovan:-"That the Chief Executive increase the frequency of Winter Graveyard Maintenance in particular for the Graveyards in Templeogue and in Whitechurch".The following report by the Chief Executive was **READ:**“The details of the current maintenance work carried out at Templeogue and Whitechurch Cemeteries are given below. Templeogue Cemetery is scheduled to be maintained every 2 weeks whereas Whitechurch Cemetery is listed for maintenance work every 4 weeks.  The frequency of maintenance visits at Templeogue graveyard has recently been increased, the graveyard is currently being monitored to ensure that it is being maintained to an acceptable standard. The list below shows scheduled dates for these maitenance works for the remainder of the year.

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| **WeekStartDate** | **GroupName** | **GroupType** | **JobType** |
| 19/10/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works |
| 02/11/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works |
| 16/11/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works |
| 30/11/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works |
| 14/12/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works |
| 28/12/2015 | Templeogue   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works |
| 09/11/2015 | Whitechurch   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works |
| 07/12/2015 | Whitechurch   Burial Ground | Cemeteries | Landscape   Works |

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This item was **MOVED** without debate.

The meeting concluded at 5pm*.*

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