

## November Council Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan - 07/12/2015

#### Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

The Commemorations Committee agreed 43 grants to be awarded to local groups under the 2016 Commemorations Fund. These are noted at the November Council Meeting and the activities will be added in the 2016 Commemorations Programme. The November meeting of the Corporate Policy Group, monthly Council meeting, Area Committee meetings, annual Budget meeting, and Organisation Procedures and Finance meeting were all held and supported in November. A meeting of the Group Leaders was also held to discuss matters under Standing Orders, support services and the Members Reps system. The draft Register of Electors was published from November 1st to 25th and a promotional campaign initiated to encourage the public to check the register. This process is now closed and the Register of Electors is now being prepared for February 15th 2016. Members of the public can continue to check the register and apply to be included under the supplementary Register.

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

Delivery of Annual Audit Plan ongoing; Two Final Reports issued in the period; Audit Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on 8th December. The 2016 Revenue Budget was adopted on November 5th at the Annual Budget Meeting. The 3 year Capital Programme 2016-2018 is for noting at the December Council Meeting. Briefing sessions for all staff continued to ensure familiarity with the Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees, South Dublin County Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Interim Protected Disclosures Policy. The Project Initiation Document and appropriate management structures were agreed and established for the Superannuation Data Readiness Project and the transfer of this work into the national shared service in 2016. The Procurement Steering Group met in November and the preparation of the 2016 Procurement Pipelines are underway.

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

Council computer network upgrades completed. The Office 2013 upgrade project is now complete. 15.5k support requests dealt with thus far in 2015. Upgrade to Law/Keyhouse system complete. Residual APAS issues have been resolved. Dublinked regional co-ordinator recruitment underway via Dublinked Smart Dublin project. GIS Team commencing work on ITT led retail data analysis in respect of Tallaght and Clondalkin. Community facilities maps developed in conjunction with Community Department. When complete, to be published via map gallery.

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

Promotional, information and communications campaigns across all platforms included participation from South Dublin in Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Awards as well as European opportunities for SMEs and the Business Grants awarded to businesses in South Dublin; The Adoption of the Annual Budget; the awarding of the Excellence in Local Government 2015 Awards to SDCC for the Arts and Library services; International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; the Unwrapped 2015 programme of Christmas Festivities in South Dublin and the launch of National Accessibility Week. The Communications team presented at a Communications Conference run by the Local Government Management Agency on the innovative approach taken to the preparation and visual presentation of the 2015 Annual Service Delivery Plan and its distribution to every household in the county.

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

The Management team agreed and published the 2016 Management Team Plan together with the 2016 schedule for the implementation of the Performance Management and Development System across the organisation. Training for all Line Managers is underway to ensure awareness and understanding of the changes to the PMDS system. Staff Service Recognition and Innovation Awards were launched. Recruitment on the Outdoor Workforce Plan continues. The procurement process for the implementation of the Occupational Health Programme is underway. A Seminar was held for all line managers on Managing the Risk of a Criminal Investigation, in association with Irish Public Bodies. The Management Team undertook a day's training on Lean Six Sigma methodology and work is underway on establishing appropriate leadership and governance structures.

## 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 – 118 Units – cost plans to DECLG. Three projects are already tendered and on site – Suncroft Tallaght -10 dwellings, Belgard Road Tallaght - 3 Dwellings, St Finians - 2 Dwellings -Total 15 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 the 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. 523 on HAP at 27th November 2015. 17 Acquisitions completed – a further 18 acquisitions projected to year end. 36 Voids to be claimed by year end. Agreement between Dublin LAs and ICSH re protocols to be followed in dealings with LA / Developers in acquisitions, leasing, new build and purchases in final draft for approval. Minister and DECLG has requested 500 units be provided in Dublin region with 150 immediately and balance of 350 in 2016. 150 units to be acquired and delivered using emergency approach – need to be of high quality with initial use for Homeless families but LA to retain ownership for social housing use thereafter. For balance of 350 a framework agreement utilising standard approaches re planning and procurement. Dublin City Council to locate the 150 immediate units required. SDCC to identify site/sites for a yet to be finalised number of units to progress through Part 8 and procurement. New Tenant Purchase Scheme announced. The new tenant purchase scheme will come into operation on 1 January 2016 and, from that date, local authority tenants will be able to apply to purchase their homes under the scheme. The new scheme involves a discount for the tenant purchaser (40%, 50% or 60% off the purchase price) linked to his or her income and that of his or her spouse, etc., and a discount-related incremental purchase charge on the property that reduces to nil over a period of years, unless the tenant purchaser resells the house or fails to comply with conditions of the sale during that period. Details and Circular included under correspondence for the December Council meeting. Homeless: 100 emergency bed facility for 80 single men and 20 single women in Brú Aimsir, Dublin 8. Dublin City Council is working in partnership with Crosscare homeless services to deliver this important initiative. Additionally, the HSE is supporting the primary health care needs of through SafetyNet, providing a range of services including GP consultations, vaccination and health screening. In addition light meals, laundry facilities, recreational services and support to engage with other relevant services will be provided.

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

New 'Super LAG' (Local Action Group) 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 14th September. Because of the large size of this group, agreed to create an advisory and oversight subcommittee of this LAG which has met on two occasions. The role of this group is to oversee the creation and rollout of the Local Development Strategy (LDS). The Terms of Reference document for this subcommittee is agreed. 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. LECP -Community and Economic pillars of plan agreed by LCDC and Economic SPC and at joint meeting held on 22nd October 2015. Presented to Regional Assembly in November - agreed and on agenda for

December 2015 Council meeting.

### 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 17 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. Discussions on proposed Hospitality programme for 2016 continuing with ITT, DLETB and DSP. Social Inclusion Week 16th November to 22nd November 2015: Mayor Sarah Holland officially launched 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 also officially launched. Over 80 events organised throughout the County. The late night league 2015 has commenced at 4 venues – Friday Nights– Lucan & Tallaght, Saturday Nights- Clondalkin & Collinstown. Schedule as follows: • 13th & 14th November • 20th & 21st November • 27th & 28th November • 4th & 5th of December • 11th December – Regional finals

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

Applications for Community grants advertised with Endeavour Awards end of October 2015. Proposal for Endeavour Award Initiative agreed at SPC with Timeframe of September launch with awards ceremony in December 11th 2015 at Red Cow Hotel. Closing date for nominations was 13th November – 114 received. Shortlisting completed. Independent judging panel finalised adjudication on 25th November 2015.

## Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Litter Management Plan Draft Litter Management Plan was approved at the September SPC and adopted at the Council Meeting on 12th October 2015. N81 Improvement Scheme and Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme underway.

### 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 to prepare detailed design and construction plans. Roughan O'Donovan have been appointed as consultants for the detailed design of the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme. A meeting took place with local residents on 11th November in which they were briefed on progress to date. Contract documents for the procurement of a contractor are being advanced. A meeting has been scheduled with the OPW for 16th December to discuss progress to date on the above schemes. A €20k scheme has been completed to alleviate flooding in Hunter's Wood. A €100k surface water scheme will commence at the beginning of January on New Road Clondalkin. Climate Change: 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. At EU level a performance indicator type Climate Change Adaptation Scorecard is being developed. It is envisaged that Ireland's performance will be commented on in 2017 based on 2016 data. The DOEHLG convened 3 Regional Seminars on Adaptation Plans in Dublin on 4th November, Galway on 12th November and Cork on 19th November. Members of staff from the environmental, planning, transportation directorates presented and attended.

### 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 Equine Facility at Ballyowen Park 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

UPDATE ON PLAY SPACE PROGRAMME 2014/15 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 Pavilion Programme - A Pavilion Construction Strategy was presented at the June Council Meeting which included current position, locations identified, order of construction and procurement process to be agreed. 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. A Part 8 Plan is being prepared for public consultation in respect of Mt Carmel Park Dodder Valley to include a Grass Athletics Track, Football Pitch, and a BMX Track. Progressing BMX proposal for Jobstown Park in conjunction with DSBMX Club

### Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

2015/2016 Winter Service plan in effect. Limited number of call-outs to treat public roads with Salt. Salt supplies are fully stocked for Christmas period. The 2015 Roads Programme is complete with the exception of 2 projects. Resurfacing works on the n81 at Jobstown are complete. Works to remove vegetation from "Palewall" beside N81 at Jobstown will be completed by mid December and will allow a full assessment of the condition of the stonework underneath. Public Lighting upgrade works at St. Dominic's River Walk / Charlie O'Toole Footbridge in Old Bawn are 99% Complete (ESB Connection required). New Lighting on the Existing footpath at Carraigmore Park, Citywest is also 90% complete.

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

The Chief Executives Report on the Draft County Development Plan Public Consultation process is being finalised and will be issued to members in Mid December. The Planning Department is finalising a new publication that will form a comprehensive guide to the Pre-planning process. The Guide will be published in the New year and will give potential applicants useful information on the type of information to be submitted to the Planning Authority at both preplanning and application lodgement stage.

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

Construction work is continuing on the Tallaght to Templeogue Cycleway. Construction works have also commenced on a section of Cycleway on Monastery Rd, Clondalkin. Detailed design works are also progressing on N4 Cycleway (Woodies Junction) and Tender Process is underway for Willsbrook Phase 3 works.

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

Rathcoole Village enhancement are progressing. During December it is anticipated that Contractors will be appointed to undertake footpath Works on Alymer Rd, Newcastle, Tallaght village Phase 1 and Lucan Village Phase 1 -with all of these works commencing in early New Year.

### Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

LECP for consideration and approval at December Council meeting. Training from Business Training Survey undertaken with South Dublin Chamber.

#### 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 held for December 2nd • Pfizer jobs announcement for all Ireland sites • Eirgrid – consultations ongoing re 220kv upgrade • Interxion – access road commenced • Google access road opened .

### 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 • Draft LECP approved by SPC and now referred to Regional Assembly 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

November/December 2015 South Dublin Libraries have lots of delightful free events to celebrate the festive season which include craft fairs, story times, craft workshops, music, dance, drama and poetry..... to mention a selection: Events for all the family Craft Fair at the County Library 27th and 28th November Christmas Craft Fair at Lucan Library 11th & 12th Christmas Craft Fair at Clondalkin Library 7th December Events for adults Christmas Craft session Clondalkin Library 8th December Dramatised Reading of James Joyce's The Dead, 10th December @7.30pm Events for children Christmas Puppet Show Saturday 19th December @12noon in Lucan Library Christmas Pyjama Party - plenty of festive fun! Dec 15th at the County Library All events advertised on the Library website, [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) Twitter @sdcclibraries and Facebook. Castletymon Roof The remedial work to the roof of Castletymon Library will likely now take place in early 2016. Palmerstown Hub A potentially 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 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: 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 held on 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 agreed at SPC Nov 11th.