

December Council Report

Update On Annual Service Plan - 05/01/2016

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 as temperatures have been higher than normal for this time of year as a result Salt supplies are fully stocked. Resurfacing works on the n81 at Jobstown are complete. Works to remove vegetation from "Palewall" beside N81 at Jobstown are complete and full assessment of the condition of the stonework underneath will be undertaken in January.

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 has been issued to members in Mid December, and a schedule of meeting dates is to be finalised. Data on planning activity in 2015 is currently being compiled but preliminary figures suggest an increase in planning applications of c25%.

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. The allocation from the NTA for the 2016 Sustainable Transport measures programme is expected in January and a programme for 2016 Activity will be formulated upon receipt.

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

Tender documents are being prepared for the plaza adjoining the historic cemetery in Rathfarnham and are scheduled for issue in February. The design for a new plaza at Wolfe Tone Terrace is also being prepared. Works to the forecourt at the Castle require permission from OPW and discussions will be held in January. Contractors will be appointed in January for Pavement repair works in Lucan and Tallaght. Preparation of tender documents for remaining works in Tallaght village will commence early in 2016. Preparation of tender documents for the new public-stairway adjoining Lucan Bridge will commence in the second quarter of 2016. Revised proposals for the Village Green will be brought to the February Lucan Area Committee. Contractors will be appointed for the extension to the footpath on Alymer Road in Newcastle and construction is expected to commence in February. In Saggart the proposed closing/refurbishment of Mill Lane has not been approved by Area Committee. As this constituted the spine of the overall proposal a redesign and re-evaluation is now required and revised proposals will be brought back later in 2016.

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, and continued to year end. New training programme for Spring 2016 being examined. Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 17th November 2015, with next meeting scheduled for January 26th, 2016. 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. As a result, additional training, in co-operation with South Dublin Chamber commenced November 2015, and continuing into January 2016. County Final for IBYE was held on 7th October 2015. The Dublin Regional Final was on 4th November 2015, in the Conrad Hotel. National IBYE Final was held on 6th December 2015 in Google HQ.

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 – SID application for 220KV station lodged with An Bord Pleanála on Council owned lands • Interxion – access road construction 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 • LECP approved at December Council meeting. Opportunities for strategic use/expansion of asset bank identified during 2015.

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

January 2016 NEW Quarterly events newsletter “What’s Happening at South Dublin Libraries” to be distributed in all libraries and Council venues. This newsletter highlights some of the main events for Jan – March 2016. Planning for Red line Book Festival to commence and to be developed further taking into account Council Tourism objectives. Adult events: Health and Mindfulness events will be held in Branch Libraries. Children’s events: Talk and workshops on challenges for Secondary Schools for Students and Parents. All events advertised on the Library website, 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 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 • Curators contracted to develop new Public Art programme. Research to commence in January. Public Art Steering Group activated. • Collaborating in the development of the Grange Road Commission artist briefing document. Music Generation • Thirteen primary schools confirmed for next programmes commencing in January. 1400 children and young people will benefit from the programme. • 106 new instruments to be purchased, adding to the existing instrument bank of over 400 items. • 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. Unsuccessful application to the Arts Council for funding. Feasibility of smaller scale residency being examined. • Dance Performance Residency 2016 with Micheal Keegan Dolan to be confirmed in January – Partnership project with the Civic Theatre. Arts Development Strategy 2016-2020 • Consultation process initiated with Artist focus group in December 2015. Further consultations to take place between January and March 2016.

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.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Launch of South Dublin County Centenary Programme on the 2nd December 2015 by Mayor Sarah Holland

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

2016 overdraft accommodation and borrowing for housing purposes were approved by members at the December meeting. Q3 Revenue and Capital reporting was delivered to the DECLG and OPF in November and was included in the December Management Report. Audit Plan 2016 was approved by the Audit Committee at their December meeting. Chair of Audit Committee reported to the December council meeting on the Committee's consideration of the Audited Financial Statement 2014 and Auditor's Report. Audit Committee's charter and work programme 2016 approved by members at the December Council meeting.

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

All network equipment upgraded to latest firmware. Additional storage acquired to expand server capacities and capabilities. Helpdesk work orders completed at 21.12.2015 = 16580. Laptop refresh underway through OGP Framework. New versions of Keyhouse and APAS installed. Significant work ongoing on standardising GIS infrastructure and recent development of our on line Maps Gallery including the Winter Gritting routes. Work on going on community, general election 2016, playing pitches, burial grounds, allotments, playgrounds, derelict sites and retail GIS projects.

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

Citizens Newsletter South Dublin County Today published and distributed.

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

Training completed for Line Managers to ensure awareness and understanding of the changes to the PMDS system. Staff Service Recognition and Innovation Awards held. Recruitment on the Outdoor Workforce Plan continues. Effective Communication Across Language Barriers and Excellent Customer Care and Telephone Techniques training delivered. Award of contract for Health Screening for all staff and agreement on delivery in January.

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 of 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 and now tenanted. A further 17 at Millrace in Saggart completed and final units to be tenanted by early 2016. 7 of these completed in October. 566 on HAP at 14th December 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 now approved. Minister and DECLG has requested 500 units be provided in Dublin region with 150 immediately by Dublin City Council and balance of 350 in 2016 between all 4 Dublin local authorities. 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. 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. 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 was included under correspondence for the December Council meeting. Details of the scheme and exclusions to be presented to the Housing SPC in February 2016. Homeless: 100 emergency bed facility for 80 single men and 20 single women in Brú Aimsir, Dublin 8. Cold Weather Initiative in operation with further units provided. Rough Sleeper Count in November indicates a drop in rough sleeping in the region.

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. LAG which has met on three occasions. 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: December 24th -the date for completion and approval by the LAG. This deadline to be extended beyond 28th January 2016 to allow more time for consultation. 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 early 2016 and the final LDS will be submitted by end of February 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 and approved by Council at its meeting on 14th December 2015.

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

Discussions on proposed Hospitality programme for 2016 continuing with ITT, DLETB and DSP. Successful Social Inclusion Week 16th November to 22nd November 2015. The late night league 2015 was run at 4 venues – Friday Nights– Lucan & Tallaght, Saturday Nights- Clondalkin & Collinstown. Regional finals held on 11th December 2015 with two teams for the South Dublin County league participating.

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

Endeavour Awards ceremony held December 11th 2015 at Red Cow Hotel. Very successful night with over 300 guests attending including special guests Ballyboden St Endas, St Judes and Sam Maguire cup. An evaluation of Community Initiative Fund and Endeavour Awards will be conducted with Social Community SPC to prepare for 2016 programmes.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Litter Management Plan - Action Plan for the implementation of the LMP is being developed for roll out in 2016. Litter/Illegal Dumping - To determine ongoing effectiveness of Audio Messaging Devices, analysis of all 6 locations has been carried out which has demonstrated significant reduction in dog fouling and illegal dumping incidents. Dog fouling was found to have reduced overall by 76% at 3 specified locations. Illegal dumping at the bring banks at Ballyowen S.C., which has experienced consistent illegal dumping, was found to have reduced by 81%. It is intended to roll out a programme in early 2016 with relocation of these devices to 6 alternative locations. Letters were issued to all political parties and Councillors reminding them of their responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, in relation to signage. N81 Improvement Scheme -Tender seeking multidisciplinary landscape services to design and project manage the implementation of an innovative design proposal of hard and soft landscape works along the N81 road corridor is currently advertised on E-Tenders. Tenders to be returned by January 21st. Roundabout Sponsorship- Phase 1 Roundabout Sponsorship to be available from January 2016. Roundabouts in Phase 1: Junction Nangor / Fonthill Road - 1, Junction Nangor / Fonthill Road – 2, Newcastle Road outside Supervalu, Lucan, Belgard Square North at Tallaght Hospital, Belgard Road at Tallaght IT, Scholarstown Road at Orlagh Estate, Junction Ballyboden Road / Taylors Lane, Junction Templeville Road / Wainsfort Road, Junction Monastery Road / Woodford Hill, Junction Kiltipper Road / Kiltipper Way. Phase 2 Roundabout Sponsorship to be available from June 2016 (these roundabouts require significant improvement works planned for early 2016 to bring them to a standard for sponsorship). Roundabouts in Phase 2: Junction Scholarstown Road / Ballyboden Way at Templeroan, Walkinstown, Junction Belgard Square East /Belgard Square North. Roundabout Sponsorship to be available post proposed N81 Landscape Improvement Scheme (upgrading completed possibly late 2016). Roundabouts in this Phase: Spawell and

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 use their framework to procure consultants on for the detailed design and contract documents. The OPW has approved the appointment of a Project Engineer to oversee the project. 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 from the Council's framework are being advanced. It is planned to advertise for a Resident Engineer in the new year. A meeting was held with the OPW on the 18th December to discuss progress to date on the above schemes. A €20k scheme has been completed to alleviate flooding in Hunterswood. 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. A presentation on Climate Change Adaptation Measures was given to the Environment SPC in November. In line with all other Local Authorities, South Dublin County Council is required to achieve 30% energy savings by 2020 under the natural Energy Efficiency Action Plan. To this end the Council has participated in Energy Management Action Plan (MAP) training by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. All the Council's major buildings are linked to the SEAI database who issue an annual evaluation of the Council's performance towards its 2020 targets. The Department of the Environment is the lead authority for Climate Change in Ireland and were in attendance at the Climate Change Summit in Paris, they have yet to issue guidance to Local Authorities in relation to council activities. The Climate Change section of SDCC are frequently engaged with the DoE and are awaiting their direction on this matter. The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill 2015 which will provide for the approval of plans by the Government in relation to climate change for the purpose of pursuing the transition to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy and to establish a National Expert and Advisory Council on climate change and matters connected therewith was passed by both the Dáil and Seanad Éireann with all party support. The Bill has now been referred to the President for signature and enactment. Among the provisions of the Bill are the preparation and adoption of successive 5 yearly National Mitigation Plans which will specify the policy measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ireland and successive 5 yearly National Adaptation Frameworks which will specify the national strategy for the application of adaptation measures in different sectors and by local authorities to adapt to the inevitable effects of climate change in Ireland. When enacted the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill 2015 will be the first ever dedicated climate change legislation in Ireland.

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. One (1) new WFP application received and being processed, One (1) WFP Review application processed and issued, Two (2) WFP Review application received and being processed, One (1) new Certificate of Registration application received and being processed, Thirteen (13) Section 14 Directions and nineteen (19) 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. Q3 claim for grant assistance approved and paid by DAFM. Development of Urban Horse Project in Ballyowen Park approved at December Council Meeting.

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, Completed-2, Under Construction-1, Design Stage-2, In Consultation-5, 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. The deadline for receipt of submissions was 18th December 2015. A report on the Part 8 Consultation is being prepared for presentation at the February Council Meeting.