

## February Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan - 07/03/2016

### 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

Council has received Stage 3 approval to progress 3 projects in respect of St. Marks Green - 11 dwellings, Mayfield - 18 dwellings, Mac Uilliam - 28 dwellings -Total 57. Stage 1 approval issued in respect of 4 Projects through Part 8. Three projects are already tendered and on site – Suncroft Tallaght -10 dwellings, Belgard Road Tallaght - 3 Dwellings, St Finians - 2 Dwellings -Total 15 Units due for completion by Qtr. 2 2016. Meeting held with Department officials on 26th February to update and progress all proposals. 673 on HAP at 29th February 2016. New Tenant Purchase Scheme presented to Housing SPC at its February meeting setting out details of the scheme, exclusions by Regulation and those put forward by Council. 275 ON Homeless Register at end of January 2016 (87 families and 149 single males). 563 presentations during January (375 repeats). 385 Emergency Bed Placements during January and 14 Homeless Allocations made.

#### 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 submitted the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the Dublin Rural Area to the Department at the end of January 2016. Healthy County Strategy Group to promote Physical activity and leading actions from the National Physical Activity Plan on an interagency basis.

#### 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. Preparations underway for 2016 Social Inclusion and Health and Wellbeing Weeks in addition to the Annual Bealtaine Festival and Summer Projects. Disability Sports programme presented to the Social and Community SPC. Work on the HANA project continues following publication of the findings of the Survey last September. The Council is proactive and leading on 3 of the 12 actions on focus on positive aspects of Tallaght area, greater awareness of available facilities and services and promotion of their use and finally develop an evidence based approach to community led initiatives to tackle petty crime.

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

An evaluation of Community Initiative Fund and Endeavour Awards currently underway with the Social Community SPC to prepare for 2016 programmes particularly to review the application and categories.. The first round of Community Grants will be advertised in March with the second round for 2016 in September. It is proposed to advertise the 2016 Community Initiative Fund in April with Assessment in May and announcement of winners notified in June. SPORTIVATE – the training and employment sports project was officially launched by the Mayor on 23RD February 2016 at Brookfield Family and Youth Community Centre. Disability Sports Officer has started on project jointly with SDCC and Kildare Co Co.

### Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

The Annual Roadworks Programme has been presented to all Area Committees and is on the Agenda for the March council Meeting. Routine Footpath works have been ongoing throughout the County during February. The Tendering process for a new Public Lighting maintenance Contract is underway – the process is expected to be concluded in early Summer. The 2016 Public lighting Improvement programme (i.e. LED upgrade) is also being finalised.

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

The Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan 2016-2022 were agreed with the Council during February and have been now advertised for public Consultation. The deadline for Submissions by the public is Tuesday 29th February 2016. A pre-draft, non-statutory public consultation process for the proposed new Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme will be launched by the Mayor on 14th March. At the National Planning Awards 2015-2016, which took place at Dublin Castle on Friday 19th February, South Dublin County Council took the top prize in both the Smart Travel and the Planning for Climate Change categories. The Draft County Development Plan 2016-2022 was also commended in both the Plan Making and Planning Media and Communications categories.

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

Works are continuing on the Tallaght to Templeogue Cycleway. As part of the scheme the existing Cycleway ramp under the M50 / N81 is being reconfigured and is closed temporarily while these works are ongoing. Official Confirmation of the Sustainable Transport Measures Grant from the NTA is awaited, however in the interim design work is continuing on the Dodder Greenway, Green Schools Cluster. Tenders have also been received for Willsbrook Road Phase 3 in Lucan and Improved Pedestrian /cycling facilities at Scholarstown Rd / knocklyon Rd / Idrone Avenue Junction, but approval from the NTA is awaited prior to awarding both Construction Contract.

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

Village Enhancement Works have been completed in Rathcoole and works have commenced on a significant section of footpath on Alymer Road in Newcastle. Preparation of Tender Documents for works in Lucan and Rathfarnham are progressing.

# Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Litter Management Plan 2016 LM Action Plan has been agreed and is being implemented through the following; Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant advertisement placed in local papers and on website etc. deadline for submissions 16th March. Anti Litter Poster competition winners chosen and posters are currently being printed. prize presentation on 9th March with Mayor in County Hall. "Tackle Litter and "Man with a van" adverts are in The Vue Liffey Valley and IMC Tallaght from 11/09/15 to 19/02/16. Anti-Litter workshops taking place in schools this month (29 workshops in total, reaching roughly 900 young people with the Anti Litter message). Till receipt recycling message running until 11th March. The Dog Litter Campaign includes eight actions e.g. free dog bags with licences, two trial dog bag dispensers in parks, GDW, dog signage, Responsible Dog Ownership info, anti dog fouling hotline, audio lamp posts in 3 parks. Quotes for bags and dispensers have been received. Preparation for National Spring Clean has commenced and this year will include promotion of recycling centres and the LMP. The PURE project was promoted through the Greenschool newsletter. Two locations have been agreed for the Street Gallery project. Litter/Illegal Dumping - Enforcement and Licensing examining feasibility of using Programmable Audio Messaging Devices to deter graffiti "artists" as well as illegal dumping and dog fouling. Locations subject to persistent graffiti being examined for suitability of mobile CCTV cameras. 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 have been received and the evaluation process has commenced. Roundabout Sponsorship: Phase 1 Roundabout Sponsorship to be launched in March 2016 - 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. Derelict Sites: Derelict Sites - 2 Inspections carried out. 12 sites on DS Register. Dangerous Buildings - 4 inspections carried out, 4 warning letters and 2 Section 3(1)(a) Notices issued.

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

Flood Alleviation Schemes Tenders have been received for ground investigation for Ballycullen scheme. A meeting was held with Knocklyon United on pipeline route. DCC finalising brief for Poddle scheme. The regrading and clearing

of the channel on the Oldcourt Stream commenced mid February and is just complete. Surface Water Schemes: A 400m long Surface Water Scheme on New Road, Clondalkin was completed on 05/02/2016. The following is the list of Schemes proposed for 2016 and their delivery dates:- Jobstown Stream North Aug 16, Owendoher River Clearing May 16, Jobstown stream Sth April 16, Oldcourt Stream Apr 16, Monastery Road May 16, Newcastle Main Street & Peamount Road Dec 16, Hazelgrove/Jobstown Oct 16, Chapel Hill and Lucan Heights Nov 16. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and bursts, 80 completed year to date. Schools Water forum attended by EAO Schools Water pack issued to St Peters Apostles SNS for World Water day. Two greenschools water assessments have been carried out. RBD Plans and Measures: Ongoing - presentation and workshop delivered by EPA to progress Water Framework Directive characterisation approach and sub catchments assessments. WERLA: Work commenced with DCC (as lead authority) to develop and implement Action Plan for delivery of objectives and targets as outlined in the Waste Enforcement Regional Waste Plan /WERLA Plan. Site visit organised with the Square shopping centre for 4th March re Eco Merits. Meeting with WEEE Ireland regarding 2016 programme. Plastic Bottle tender awarded and bottles should be delivered in two weeks. Stop Food Waste- Stand arranged for 23rd March in Liffey Valley SC. Climate Change: Review Climate Change Strategy in conjunction with the SPC and the other Dublins to be completed. Guidelines on Climate Adaptation Plans awaited.

#### 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. 1 WFP amended and issued, 1 new application for WFP processed and issued, 1 application to surrender WFP processed and completed, 1 application to surrender COR being processed, 1 Section 14 Direction issued in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended. Control of Animals legislation being actively enforced with regular inspections of horse pound and dog pound, ongoing monitoring of contractual performance. Horses seized – 11, Dogs impounded - 74.

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

Playspace Programme continuing - interim review currently underway. Pavilion Programme: Chief Executive's report on Part 8 Public Consultation Proposals for Old Bawn Park, Corkagh Park and Griffeen Valley Park approved at the February 2016 Council Meeting. Review of Casual Trading By-Laws: Review initiated to enhance the economic development and revitalisation of parks and villages. Working group, with representatives from LEO/relevant departments established. Pre-consultation draft document presented to Environment February SPC. Second draft of Casual Trading Bye-Laws circulated to SPC Members and PPN chair for final observations/comments with view to go to public consultation in early March.

### Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Mayor Holland awarded the Freedom of the County to Jim Gavin followed by a reception on 8th February. The Mayor's Schools 2016 Poetry Competition was also launched on the 8th February. The 2016 Electoral Register was published on 1st February and a new interactive mapping system with Polling Stations, Dail Constituencies, Local Electoral Areas, South Dublin County Boundaries, and Electoral Divisions available online. All SPCs held meetings in February.

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

Audit Plan on-going. Close of submission period for declaration of interest forms by all Councillors and relevant staff. Corporate Procurement Steering Group meeting held on 5th February. Preparation of the Model Publication Scheme is underway. Draft Knowledge Management framework agreed for further development. CCTV Code of Practice final draft policy circulated for preparation of implementation schedule and online inventory. Preparation of Public Spending Code underway. Quarter 4 reporting including Revenue & Capital was delivered to the DECLG by the end of February with Revenue figures on target with revised budget 2015 outturn.

#### Objective 3: Exploit advances in information and communications technology (ICT) to become more

## efficient and to improve services for local people

New on line Consultation Portal system selected by the Council, to be launched in March 2016 in conjunction with the Clonburris SDZ public consultation process. This will be the hub for all future consultations being engaged with by the council. Development and data capture work on new Community GIS (to be launched April 2016) now incorporates; Parks, Playing Pitches, Playgrounds, Adult Exercise Equipment, Pavilions, Allotments, Burial Grounds, Churches, Electoral Boundaries, CSO data, Bring Banks, Accessible Parking, RSA Road Collisions now available on the Council's maps gallery. Electoral Register – All ICT tasks completed effectively and efficiently within statutory timelines for General Election. New polling station GIS launched prior to the election via the Council's map gallery. Evaluation work on internet site redesign continues. Statutory Inspections System deployed with the Council. Hedge dataset capture complete for import to Scheduler system. myPlan maps now included in Council's map gallery.

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

Commemoration Programme events in February included the South Dublin and the Rising Exhibition launch on 18 February; Seachtain na Gaeilge launch and Women of the Rising Exhibition launch 22 February; and Paths to Freedom Conference - Flagship Event in Tallaght Stadium on Saturday 27 February. Communications Network meeting held 10 February. Agenda included analysis of results of Communications Survey. Chief Executive Staff Talks with all staff held across 23/24 February.

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

All staff completed their Team Plans and Personal Development Plans for 2016. Preparation of the Corporate Training Plan is now underway. 42 staff volunteered to do Irish Language Training and assessment of proficiency levels carried out. Recruitment is ongoing with new appointments starting including General Operatives, Bricklayer, Administrative Officers and Executive Solicitor. Training delivered in February included: Retirement Planning; Manual Handling; Safepass; Management and Supervisory Training for Middle Managers; CPC Modules 1, 2 & 3; Needlestick Awareness; Combi Course; QQI Hand Held Pesticide; SLG, Advanced RG11 Training & Assessment; SSWP; Engineers Ireland LG Seminar; and Bridge Maintenance Course. We currently have 192 Gateway Participants and Interviews for further recruitment were held on 29 Feb.

## Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC meetings scheduled in February 2016. LEO training schedule for Spring 2016, started January, and will continue. Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 26th January 2016, approving 8 new jobs, sustaining a further 10 jobs, with grant amount of €119,000 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22nd, 2016. Additional training, in co-operation with South Dublin Chamber commenced November 2015, and continuing into February 2016, as a result of the training survey. South Dublin Student Enterprise Awards final held in the ITT on 4th March 2016. Local Enterprise Week, held from 7th March to 13th March 2016, in the LEO offices, Libraries, and other venues throughout the County.

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

R120 CPO confirmed 23rd December 2015 and CPO made on 9/2/16.

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

Interexion disposal at Grange Castle for February meeting

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

Events Programme: The 1916 Exhibition on display in the County Library in Feb – May 2016. Schools tours available. Paths to Freedom Conference created by RTE broadcaster Myles Dungan. (fully booked - 230 people) Saturday 27th

Feb 2016. Hosted in the Tallaght Stadium. Seachtain na Gaeilge launch on February 22nd in Ballyroan Library. Planning for Red line Book Festival to commence and to be developed further taking into account Council Tourism objectives. The 1916 Rising Commemoration Papers reprinted as they were in the 1966 Capuchin Annual. This reproduction is for sale. 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](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) Twitter @sdcclibraries and Facebook. 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 now selected – contract to be awarded in mid-March • Tourism website tender now selected and contract to be awarded in mid-March • Review of all printed tourism related brochures and collateral ongoing, trial brochure stands in place. Further suitable sites sought. • Tourism business ezine issued for Q4 2015 with additional ezines to be issued. 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, due to finalise feasibility stage in March. Topographical surveys completed. Trails: • Tallaght Phase 1 - Programme agreed for Nov 15– March 16. Part 8 may be required to progress next stages. Liffey: Letters issued to other LAs inviting re-formation of Liffey Valley Advisory Cttee and possible festival development. Positive response from Fingal, awaiting Kildare reply. Meeting to be arranged. Round Tower: • Café concession Stage 2 (final stage) tender to issue in March. • Construction to commence March/April. • Research, interpretative and design tender for exhibition area to issue in March • Liaison with OPW and others ongoing to develop materials/archive Festivals: • Selection of an events company to expand the Red Line Festival due in mid March. • Tourism Working Group to identify 2nd flagship festivals for the County to be supported initially by SDCC. • Discussions ongoing with package Activity and events companies and site visits to Parks to be arranged.