

## March Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Mar 2016

## 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 the following are examples of actions being implemented: LMP promotional booklet sent to print. Promotion will be part of National Spring Clean with the Mayor. ALAG: Grant Applications currently being processed. ALAG poster comp. Presentation of prizes with Mayor on 9th March 2016 Posters printed and will be distributed shortly. Off leash Promoted #our council day. Gum Litter Survey completed and returned for SDCC inclusion in National GLT campaign. National Spring Clean: Press release and photo call with Mayor and Newcastle Tidy Towns to include recycling centres and Tackle Waste and LMP. 183 Social Credit applications received in March. Paint materials added to the Social Credit supports. 131 total no. of registered Green schools Green schools 3 Green school assessments took place this month on the Litter and Waste theme. Prize ceremony took place on 9th March for the ENV poster competition (themes for the poster this year were Anti Gum Litter and Anti Dog Fouling). Press release and social media will be updated after Easter. Plastic Bottles Bottles and pop up delivered. Dates for campaign to be confirmed. This will be carried out as part of awareness stand re plastic bottles in Clondalkin, Tallaght and Lucan leisure centres. Seasonal Recycling Message Recycling message on till receipt focusing on Easter and national spring clean month running March to May. Enforcement and Licensing: Meeting held with contractor to discuss assessment of locations for suitability for installation of audio devices - 3 locations to deter dog fouling, 3 to deter illegal dumping and 1 to deter graffiti. Quotations sought and received with installation due to commence in April as well as analysis. N81 Improvement Scheme: Tender 14-day standstill notice period completed. Documentation re insurances etc. requested from successful tender and awaiting receipt. Roundabout Sponsorship: Tenders are invited from interested parties for the 2016 Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme which is currently advertised on the Councils website. A promotional brochure is in preparation and businesses throughout the county are being contacted and circulated with the tender documentation. The closing date for receipt of tenders is Friday, April 15th. There are currently 16 roundabouts available for sponsorship across the county. Tree Maintenance Programme: 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme has been presented to the Area Committee Meetings. The primary focus of this programme is whole estates. As grass cutting has now commenced, there are now two tree crews in operation, one North of N7 and one South of N7. Work is currently ongoing on estates in Castleside Drive, Rathfarnham and The Coppice, Palmerstown. Public Realm: Review of Public Realm Functions is underway. This will include the restructuring of crews to carry out village cleansing and approach roads (once additional staff are in place). Derelict Sites: Derelict Sites - 37 Inspections Dangerous Buildings - 1 inspection

### 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 and recommendation made to appoint IGSL. 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 in mid-February and is in the final stages of completion, final site works should be completed this week. Surface Water Schemes: New Road Surface Water Scheme was completed on 05/02/2016. The following is the list of Schemes proposed for 2016: Jobstown Stream North Aug 16, Owendoher River Clearing May 16, Jobstown stream 5th April 16, Old court Stream Apr 16, Monastery Road May 16, Newcastle Main Street & Peamount Road Dec 16, Hazelgrove/Jobstown Oct 16, Chapel Hill & Lucan Heights Nov 16. Monastery Road is being prepared for tender, Archaeologists appointed. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. UFW -36.92%, Quality -100%, Repairs of leaks and bursts - 40. World Water Day 22nd March - info stands in Tallaght and Clondalkin. Stop running water video playing in Tallaght and Libraries. Conservation competition advertised on website, Facebook and twitter. RBD Plans and Measures: Ongoing - presentation and workshop

delivered by EPA to progress WFD 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 Climate Change: Climate Change Strategy under review in conjunction with the SPCs and the other three Dublin Local Authorities with a view to adopting a Climate Change Strategy for the region. Awaiting guidelines on Climate Adaptation Plans from the Department of the Environment.

### 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 application to surrender COR being processed, 2 applications for review of WFP validated and being processed, 2 Section 14 Directions and 3 Warning Letters 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 – 20, Dogs impounded - 44. Implement the Dublin Noise Action Plan: The Environmental Health Office, in conjunction with the Traffic Section (Technical), LUPT Department is involved with the preparation of the 3rd Noise Action Plan as part of the European Noise Directive on behalf of this council. The current plan, round 2, covers the period 2013 - 2018, and this council, in liaison with the other 3 authorities, produces the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Plan. This plan is a very detailed computerised modelling exercise with vehicular traffic being the dominant noise source. The council currently has 10 fixed noise monitoring locations throughout the county which are updated on a continuous basis on the SDCC website and which is used as a comparator with the modelling results and predictions. To Protect good air quality standards in accordance with EU Air Quality Directives: The level of air quality in the county of South Dublin is of a consistently good standard. Our fixed monitoring site in Old Bawn measures Sulphur Dioxide and Particulate Matter below 10 microns/cubic metre of air (PM10). Both parameters are at very low level indicating a very acceptable standard of air quality. This site is connected to the EPA national grid of monitoring sites. Communication Programmes/Environmental information: Think Reduce, reuse, recycle message on till receipts for 7 Dunnes Stores and 2 Supervalus in the county - from 17/03/16 to 09/05/2016. Environmental schools competition posters printed and ready for distribution. Environmental Education Awareness: Preparation on-going for Eco-Week (18th - 22nd April)

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

Playspace Programme: The following play space consultations are currently under way: Glendoher, Longwood Stonepark Abbey, Kilnamanagh, Kingswood, Marian Road. Brookview construction will commence in April. Quarryvale is substantially complete and is being snagged. Allotment Scheme: Design documents in preparation for the new allotments at Corkagh and Tymon Parks. Pavilion Programme: Tender documents for Pavilions being prepared. Equine Facility Funding commitment given by Department of Agriculture - detailed design being finalised with a view to going to tender. Review of Casual Trading By-Laws: Public Consultation on Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws commenced on 18th Mar with closing date for submissions on 29th April. Report to be presented to May SPC.

## Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Congratulations to Deputies Colm Brophy, Eoin O'Brion, Gino Kenny and John Lahart on their recent elections as they resign from their Council roles. Councillors Emma Murphy, Brian Lawlor and Mark Redmond co-opted onto the Council, and Cllr Charlie O'Connor becomes chair of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC. Proclamation Day Ceremony in Civic Offices, Clondalkin on the 15th March 2015. Launch of South Dublin 1916 Oral History Collection- 23rd March. Books of condolences opened by Mayor for victims of the attacks in Brussels and the tragedy in Buncrana. Annual Service Delivery Plan draft presented to the March meetings of the Corporate Policy Group and full Council. Invitation received from South Dublin Chamber of Commerce for the Mayor to lead a delegation to visit Tampa in late May/early June.

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

Chair of Audit Committee presented AC's annual report 2015 to March Council meeting. Audit Plan on-going. CCTV Code of Practice finalised for adoption following an implementation phase. Draft AFS figures were presented to OPandF in March and are due to be presented to the April Council meeting.

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

Implemented significant reorganisation of internal electronic filing providing additional resilience on internal systems and as an ongoing risk reduction strategy against current ICT security threats. Planning of firewall replacement continues & beginning re-evaluation and forward planning of the internal server technology base in advance of a future tender. SDCC Website tender evaluations continuing. New Online Public Consultation facility now live and in use <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie> - Three consultations now live via the portal - Part VIII - Construction of Walking and Cycling Scheme at Ballyroan and Old Orchard, Public Consultation Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2016 and Pre-Draft Consultation on the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone - Planning Scheme. Evaluation of pilot of new Mobile Libraries facilities provided via the national Library Management System continues. Community GIS portal on schedule for go live during April 2016. Migration of internal geographic information systems - OASIS in progress. Training in new policy/consent system taking place Mid-April. Redevelopment and re-assessment of the system to manage capital projects under way. FOI model publication scheme in progress in accordance with statutory deadlines. Launch of Smart Dublin Initiative March 8th. Technology Supports for County Development Plan continue to be provided as it advances through the statutory process.

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

Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated with a countywide programme of events from the 1st - 17th March promoting Irish Language and Culture in South Dublin. The Commemorations Fund reopened for Templeogue, Terenure and Rathfarnham Electoral Areas. Meeting of the Corporate Communications Network on 15th March to monitor implementation of the internal and external communications strategies. Online Consultation Portal launched for all public consultations run by South Dublin County Council at <https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/>. Twitter Day for the local authority sector took place on the 2nd March. This is now an annual promotional campaign to raise awareness of the work done by local authorities and was a great success. The level of activity nationally increased 28% from 2015 and South Dublin was placed 7th of all local authorities nationally in this. Smart Dublin was officially launched on 8th March by the four Dublin local authorities to engage with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens to solve challenges and improve quality of life across the city region. South Dublin's Third Irish Language Scheme accepted by the Department of the Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht.

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

Recruitment campaigns are ongoing on a range of positions across the organisation, with 13 appointments made in March. Delivery of Training and Development Programme is ongoing. Preparation of records for joining the Superannuation Shared Service ongoing. Knowledge Management Plan initiated within the organisation. Occupational Health Screening Programme completed for 2016 and preparation of Action Programme underway. Ongoing implementation and monitoring of the Health and Safety Management System. Agreement of Team Plans and Personal Development Plans for 2016 complete across the organisation.

**Land Use Planning & Transportation**

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

The Annual Roadworks Programme has been agreed by the members and is now underway. The first phase of the 2016 Programme of Public lighting Energy Efficiency upgrade works has been finalised and involves the replacement of over 900 lanterns with LED's.

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

The deadline for Public submissions on the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan 2016-2022 passed on Tuesday 29th March 2016, c80 submissions have been received and are currently being

assessed. The pre-draft, non-statutory public consultation process for the proposed new Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme was launched by the Mayor on 14th March. The number of planning Applications received in the first two months of 2016 has increased by c10% over and above the same period in 2015. The increase is across all categories and sizes of Development and is evidence of continued growth in Construction Activity.

### 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 has been received. The allocation will fund continued Design work on the Dodder Greenway, N4 to City Centre, Tallaght to Liffey valley and Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycleways. Construction of Cycle and Pedestrian Improvement works under the Green Schools Cluster programme is also provided for. Tenders have also been received for Willsbrook but final approval to award the Contract is still awaited. Finally the allocation also allows for construction works to proceed on Improved Pedestrian /cycling facilities at Scholarstown Rd / Knocklyon Rd / Idone Avenue Junction, these works are being scheduled for the summer months when schools are closed.

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

Village Enhancement Works have been completed in Rathcoole and works are also approaching completion on a significant section of footpath and new public lighting on Alymer Road in Newcastle. Preparation of Tender Documents for works in Lucan and Rathfarnham are progressing. Repair works to footpaths in Lucan and Tallaght villages are also due to commence shortly.

## Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

LEO training schedule for Spring 2016, started January, and will continue through March. Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 22nd March 2016, approving 3 new jobs, sustaining a further 1 job, with grant amount of €69,700 approved. The projects included 4 Feasibility, 1 Priming & 1 Business Expansion grant applications. The 6 projects have the potential to create 28 jobs within 3 years. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th, 2016. Additional training, in co-operation with South Dublin Chamber commenced November 2015, and continuing into March 2016, as a result of the training survey. Local Enterprise Week, held from 7th March to 13th March 2016. County Enterprise Awards held on 11th March, as part of Local Enterprise Week. The Co. winner will go forward to the National Final in June.

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

Commence DRAFT masterplan for landbank at Grange Castle West.

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

Commence planning for at least two festivals in 2016

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

Continue process to provide Hub at Palmerstown and library at North Clondalkin. Planning and delivery of events programmes: 1916/2016 Centenary, SnaG, Enterprise Week, Eco Week, Bealtaine, Ruaille Buaille Lucan Childrens Music Festival, NOISE Youth Film Festival, NOISE YouDance festival. Planning of Red Line Book Festival: contracting events management company, liaising with authors, publishers and stakeholders. Mobile library delivered; new service due to start in February. In Context 4: Public Art curators research progressing across the county. Arts Strategy consultation progressing. Public Art Public Art Strategy and briefing document to be completed in March. Collaborating in the development of the Grange Road Commission artist briefing document. Music Generation Thirteen primary schools, 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 & Events Dance Performance Residency 2016 with Micheal Keegan Dolan confirmed for October – Partnership project with the Civic Theatre. Production commenced for NOISE Youth Dance festival in April Arts Development Strategy 2016-2020 Focus group consultations and networking events completed. Literature review and drafting to be completed.

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

Presentation given to March CPG & Council on Dublin Mountains Flagship project- meetings ongoing with Coillte. Contract for tourism marketing awarded on 15th March, and phase 1, 10 wks commenced. Tourism website developers selected and to be engaged. Liffey Heritage project commenced, 75% funded by Heritage Council, also involves other LAs. • Draft timeline for prioritisation of Village Signage agreed with Nov 2015 SPC. • Logo for County (and Villages) as a tourism destination to be developed Selection of an events company to expand the Red Line Festival to be confirmed.. Tourism Working Group to identify 2nd flagship festival for the County to be supported initially by SDCC – meeting planned early April. Discussions ongoing with package Activity and events companies and site visits to Parks to be arranged early April. Dublin Mtns Walking Festival held end March. Tallaght Phase 1 - Programme agreed for Nov 15– March 16, some works completed. Part 8 may be required to progress next stages. Round Tower: • Café concession Stage 2 (final stage) tender ready to issue pending clarifications from Law Dept. • Construction to commence April/May. • Research, interpretative and design tender for exhibition area to issue in April

### 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 2 approval from DECLG to Dromcarra, Letts Field and Owendoher, Ballyboden projects. Stage 3 pre tender applications submitted to Department for approval. Three projects are on site – Suncroft Tallaght - 10 dwellings, Belgard Road Tallaght - 3 Dwellings, St Finians - 2 Dwellings -Total 15 Units and due for completion by end Qtr. 2 2016.711 on HAP at 29th March 2016. New Tenancy Training programme for new tenants now in place with follow up training after 3 and 6 months. New Tenant Purchase Scheme as presented to Housing SPC at its February meeting Noted at March Council meeting.291 Homeless Register at end of February 2016 (103 families and 151 single males). 559 presentations during February (438 repeats). 262 Emergency Bed Placements during February and 25 Homeless Allocations made. Viewing of the Dublin City Council 22 Rapid Build Units at Poppintree is arranged for elected members for Monday 4th April 2016.

#### 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 SDCC and DRL LCDC submitted the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the Dublin Rural Area to the Department at the end of January 2016. Feedback on the draft strategy expected late April 2016. The Healthy County Strategy Group promoting Physical activity and leading actions from the National Physical Activity Plan on an interagency basis. The Quit Campaign for Women is currently running and based at Fettercairn. Two projects (Workforce and Community) on healthy living and activity agreed and to be delivered in 2016 with evaluation of process and outputs by Trinity Research.

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

Annual Bealtaine Festival Brochure on events now available at this link: F:\SOCIAL INCLUSION UNIT\Maria Finn\Bealtaine 2016\B22841 Bealtaine Brochure.pdf 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. The SDCC Healthy County Strategy Group promoting and supporting Health Gatherings – interactive sessions for people to consider health issues that are important to them - to be held by the Adelaide Health Foundation at Tallaght Stadium 26th April 2016.

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

The first round of Community Grants will be advertised in April 2016 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. PPN relaunched in November 2015 and new website now active. Link: <http://www.sdcpn.ie/>