**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

 **Minutes of South Dublin County Council Meeting held on 14th March 2016.**

**PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bonner, B. |  | Lawlor, B. |
| Coules, N. |  | Leech, B. |
| Dermody, A-M. |  | Looney, D. |
| Donovan, P.  |  | McMahon, R. |
| Duff, M. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Duffy, F. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Dunne, L. |  | Murphy, M. |
| Egan, K. |  | Nolan, R.  |
| Ferron, B.  |  | O’Brien, D.  |
| Foley, P.  |  | O’Brien, E.  |
| Genockey, M. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Gilligan, T.  |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Graham, J. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Higgins, E.  |  | O’Toole, L.  |
| Holland, S. |  | Richardson, D. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Timmons, F. |
| King, C. |  | Ward, M. |
| Lavelle, W. |  | Warfield, F. |
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**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function | L. Maxwell, B. Coman, F. Nevin, T. Walsh, E. Taaffe, S. Dunne, |
| Senior Executive Officers | H. Hogan, M. Maguire, Y. Dervan,P. Murphy, S. Furlong.  |
| I. T Research and Development Officer  | R. Herron. |
| Administrative Officers | T. O’Neill, E. Leech, N. Comerford. |
|  Staff Officer Clerical Officer  | P. Brennan.M. Dunne. |
| Sord | A. O’Brien. |
| AECOM | M. Fay. |
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Apologies from Councillors Vicki Casserly, Máire Devine and Paul Gogarty.

Deputies Colm Brophy, Eoin Ó’Broin, Gino Kenny and John Lahart in attendance.

The Mayor, Councillor S. Holland, presided.

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**H1/0316** **CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

a) Minutes of Meeting of South Dublin County Council 8th February 2016 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor S. Holland seconded by Councillor D. Richardson.

b) Minutes of Development Plan Meeting 4th February which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor S. Holland seconded by Councillor D. Richardson.

c) Minutes of Development Plan Meeting 5th February which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor S. Holland seconded by Councillor D. Richardson.

**H2/0316****FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO DÁIL ÉIREANN OF COUNCILLOR E. Ó'BROIN**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and was **CONSIDERED**:

“As a result of the election of Councillor Eoin Ó'Broin to Dáil Eireann on Saturday 27th February 2016, **a casual vacancy has occurred on South Dublin County Council (Clondalkin Electoral Area).**

[**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0019.html) provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the Local Authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

Mr. Mark Ward has been duly nominated by Sinn Fein, being the registered political party who nominated Councillor Ó'Broin for election, and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Mr. Ward's written consent to his proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-option of Mr. M. Ward at today’s meeting.”

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor J. Graham seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **AGREED**

“That Mr. Mark Ward be co-opted to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the election of Councillor Eoin Ó’Broin to Dáil Éireann on Saturday 27th March 2016.”

Outgoing Councillor E. Ó’Broin made a speech to thank all his Colleagues, Management and Staff of South Dublin County Council.

**H3/0316** **FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO DÁIL ÉIREANN OF COUNCILLOR G. KENNY**

Outgoing Councillor G. Kenny made a speech to thank all his Colleagues, Management and Staff of South Dublin County Council.

No Nomination was received for the Casual Vacancy.

**H4/0316 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO DÁIL ÉIREANN OF COUNCILLOR C. BROPHY**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and was **CONSIDERED**:

“As a result of the election of Councillor Colm Brophy to Dáil Eireann on Saturday 27th February 2016, a casual vacancy has occurred on South Dublin County Council (Templeogue - Terenure Electoral Area)

[**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0019.html) provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

Mr. Brian Lawlor has been duly nominated by Fine Gael, being the registered political party who nominated Councillor Brophy for election, and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Mr. B. Lawlor's written consent to his proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-option of Mr. Lawlor at today’s meeting.”

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor W. Lavelle seconded by Councillor A-M. Dermody and **AGREED**

“That Mr. Brian Lawlor be co-opted to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the election of Councillor Colm Brophy to Dáil Éireann on Saturday 27th March 2016.”

Outgoing Councillor C. Brophy made a speech to thank all his Colleagues, Management and Staff of South Dublin County Council.

**H5/0316 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO DÁIL ÉIREANN OF COUNCILLOR J. LAHART**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and was **CONSIDERED**:

“As a result of the election of Councillor John Lahart to Dáil Eireann on Saturday 27th February 2016, a casual vacancy has occurred on South Dublin County Council (Rathfarnham Electoral Area)

[**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0019.html) provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

Ms. Emma Murphy has been duly nominated by Fianna Fáil, being the registered political party who nominated Councillor Lahart for election, and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Ms. Murphy's written consent to her proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-option of Ms. Murphy at today’s Meeting.”

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Foley seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **AGREED**

“That Ms. Emma Murphy be co-opted to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the election of Councillor John Lahart to Dáil Éireann on Saturday 27th March 2016.”

Outgoing Councillor J. Lahart made a speech to thank all his Colleagues, Management and Staff of South Dublin County Council.

**H6/0316 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR ECONOMIC, DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM SPC**

AN Oral Report was presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and was put before the members for consideration

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Foley seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and **AGREED**

“That Councillor C. O’Connor be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Economic, Development, Enterprise and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee as a result of the election of Councillor John Lahart to Dáil Éireann on Saturday 27th March 2016.”

 At this point the Mayor Councillor S. Holland proposed and the Members **AGREED**

 to vary the sequence of items on the agenda in order to take Headed Item number 17 **(H17)** next:

**H17/0316 ANNUAL REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The Following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was presented by Mr. George Kennington Chair of the Internal Audit Committee.

 The Chief Executive Mr. D. McLoughlin, Councillor G. O’Connell and Councillor D. Richardson thanked the Chair of the Internal Audit Committee Mr. G. Kennington and the Audit Committee.

 [Annual Report from Audit Committee](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2016/March/March2016CountyCouncilMeeting/807235c6-54bd-4442-9843-5cb1775ef25e.pdf)

 The Report was **NOTED.**

**H7a/0316 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE AREA COMMITTEE HELD 9th FEB 2016**

*- Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries &* ***Arts,(1report – Arts Grant****) Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED**:

**“Application for Arts Grants**

Applications for Arts Grants under Section 6 of the Arts Act 2003, has been received from the organisations listed below. Payment of these grants, in accordance with the conditions of the Scheme and in the amounts set out hereunder, is recommended for approval:-

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| Ref:  | Name of Group  | Type of Application - Grant  | Date Received | Amount€  |
| Agf 859  | St. Michael’s House  | Grant towards creating an animation film  | 17/11/2015  | 650  |
| Agf 862  | St. MacDara’s Community College  | Grant towards 2016 mural project  | 2/2/2016  | 450  |

It was proposed by Councillor P Donovan and seconded by Councillor D Looney and **RESOLVED:**

“That this Committee recommends that South Dublin County Council approve payment of the above grants recommended in

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the foregoing report of The Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure Area Committee 9th February 2016 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**H7b/0316 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE HELD 17th FEBRUARY 2016**

*- Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts**Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*

It was **NOTED** that there **NO** Business under this heading

**H7c/0316 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE HELD 22nd FEBRUARY 2016**

*- Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries &* ***Art****s****, (1 report – Arts Grant****) Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED**:

**“Application for Arts Grants**

Applications for an Arts Grant under Section 6 of the Arts Act 2003, has been received from the organisations listed below. Payment of this grant, in accordance with the conditions of the Scheme and in the amount set out hereunder, is recommended for approval:-

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| Ref:   | Name of Group  | Type of Application - Grant  | Date Received   | Amount€  |
| Agf863  | Irish Marching Bands Association  | Project Grant for European Indoor Music Games   | 9/2/2015  | 1,000  |

It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor and **RESOLVED:**

“That this Committee recommends that South Dublin County Council approve payment of the above grants recommended in the foregoing report”.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the foregoing report of The Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure Area Committee 9th February 2016 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**

**H7d/0316 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE HELD 22nd FEBRUARY 2016**

*- Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts****,*** *Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*

It was **NOTED t**hat there were no reports under this Heading

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H8/0316 STANDING COMMITTEES - ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE**

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** business under this heading.

**H9a)/0316 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES – ENVIRONMENT, WATER & CLIMNATE CHANGE**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Cllr P. Kearns Chair of the SPC and were CONSIDERED**;**

**(i) Report of Meeting held 2rd February 2016**

**“In attendance**

**Elected Members**

Councillor Pamela Kearns, Chair

Councillor Danny O’Brien

Councillor Paula Donovan

**Sectoral Interests**

Connie Kiernan

Donnie Anderson

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh Director of Service

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Tom Moyne, Senior Engineer

Mary Maguire, SEO

Helen Griffin, AO

**Apology**

Councillor Ed O’Brien

Councillor Deirdre O’Donovan

Councillor Máire Devine

Cathaoirleach Councillor Pamela Kearns presided.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 3rd November 2015**

The Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 3rd November 2015 were proposed by Councillor Kearns, seconded by Councillor Danny O’ Brien following amendment to the attendee record.

**Item 2: Update on Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The following report as circulated was considered

“The proposed works for the overall scheme cross two Council boundaries and South Dublin County Council (SDCC) working in collaboration with Dublin City Council (DCC) will take the proposals forward through planning and eventual construction. Documents for the procurement of the design and environmental consultants for the Scheme are currently being finalised. The consultants will also prepare a detailed Cost Benefit Analysis for the proposed works.

It is intended to divide the scheme into two phases: the first phase is the works at Tymon Park and the second phase is the works downstream of Tymon Park.

Subject to the identification of an environmentally viable and cost beneficial scheme and successful completion of the planning process it is hoped to be in a position to commence construction of the Tymon Park works in 2017 and the downstream works in early 2018.

Construction of the works in Tymon Park will take about one year while construction of the remainder of the works will take about two years.

The Office of Public Works (OPW) has given a commitment, in principle, to funding a viable, cost beneficial and environmentally acceptable scheme for the Poddle and has made indicative provision for its cost in its Multi-Annual Capital Budget Profiles.

The works proposed to alleviate flooding on the Poddle are to be designed to the standard level of protection often referred to as the 100-year flood, which is to prevent flooding during events with a 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) for fluvial floods. The design will take account also of climate change.

Interim works carried out to date by SDCC involve new debris screens placed on culverts on the river which are monitored remotely by telemetry. Any alarms can be responded to quickly so that debris build up can be removed in good time.”

Tom Moyne, Senior Engineer and Teresa Walsh Director of Service responded to queries raised by Councillor Kearns and Donovan in relation to timelines, possibility of regular cleaning of river with appropriate approval and within prescribed periods, and incidents in the Whitehall Gardens and Wellington Lane areas.

**Item 3 Draft Recycling Strategy**

The following report as circulated was considered.

“A draft of the revised Community Recycling Strategy 2016 – 2021 was presented to the November 2015 meeting of the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC. At the meeting it was agreed that the matter would be revisited at the February 2016 meeting with a view to finalising the document. Members of the SPC were asked to make any submissions they might have on the document prior to the February meeting taking place. As no submissions have been made it is proposed that the revised strategy document is accepted without any changes.

Next steps

A number of sites have been lost in the past number of years and some others are due to be lost in the coming months, as the owners of the sites have requested removal of bring banks from their property for reasons such as security and anti-social behaviour. It is intended that every effort will be made to replace these sites in the locality nearby.

The sites lost (or soon to be lost) and to be replaced are as follows –

* Brittas Community Centre
* Avoca Hand weavers, Rathcoole
* Roadstone Social Club, Kingswood Village

The issue of a lack of recycling bring banks in the North Clondalkin area has been raised on a number of occasions in the past, however when proposed sites were examined all were found to fail the requirement to be a minimum distance of 50 metres from the nearest house. These sites will now be examined further to determine their suitability or otherwise in accordance with the changed siting criteria. These sites are as follows –

* Neilstown Shopping Centre
* Rowlagh Community Centre

Other sites proposed in the past but which also failed the siting criteria are set out below and will also now be re-examined -

* Woodford Shopping Centre
* Lidl car park, New Nangor Road
* Newcastle Village

Other proposals

* The strategy document identifies 70 bring bank sites in total which are currently in place around the County, 45 of these have glass recycling banks (25 have not) and 38 have textile banks (32 have not). All 70 sites will now be examined to determine if they are suitable for the placing of containers for both waste streams.
* The availability of recycling infrastructure around the County will now be examined in it’s totality to determine where any deficits may exist and how these can be addressed. In this regard the requirement to have a recycling facility within 1km of every house will be examined”.

Leo Magee Senior Engineer and Teresa Walsh Director of Services responded to queries raised by Councillor O’Brien and Donovan, Ms. Kiernan and Mr. Anderson. It was noted that there is an objective to increase the number of facilities from 70 to c 120 over 5 years, with an incremental increase of c 10 per annum. No Dumping signs, demountable CCTV and advanced surveillance technologies can be considered for problematic locations subject to resources.

The difficulties that arose over Christmas at certain bottle banks was due to a decision taken directly by the contractor not to provide additional servicing over the holiday period at some sites. This has been raised with the contractor, and a meeting to address this issue / ensure NON reoccurrence has been arranged.

**Item 4 Pre-consultation – Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws**

The Pre-consultation – Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws was circulated and considered.

Teresa Walsh Director of Services, Mary Maguire SEO and Helen Griffin responded to queries raised in relation to the following:

* Need for review of Byelaws
* Definition of Casual Trading
* Categories of trading and appropriate charges
* Duration of permits and designation of CT areas
* Suitability of locations from a safety perspective
* Impact on existing commercial operations

It was agreed to circulate the next draft with accompanying schedules to the committee for final consideration before embarking on the statutory public consultation process, and it is anticipated to conclude the process with consideration of the public consultation report at the May SPC, and a recommendation to the June 2016 Council meeting.

**Item 5 2016 Work Programme**

The following work programme for 2016 was considered and agreed.

1. Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws - May 2016
2. Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
3. CFRAMS - Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes
4. Green Scheme - Sports Club/ Community Centres
5. Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan / WERLA engagement

Teresa Walsh Director of Services advised that the Climate Change Adaptation Plan guidelines have not issued as yet but it is envisaged that there will be a Dublin Region approach and any draft plan will be the subject of a public consultation process.

IT was agreed to add activity associated with the Biodiversity Working Group to the work programme.

**Item 6 AOB**

* **2016 May SPC Meeting –** It was agreed on proposition of Councillor Kearns, seconded by Councillor O’Brien to schedule the May SPC meeting for **Tuesday 10th May 2016.**
* **Liffey Valley Advisory Committee -** Councillor O’Brien queried the position of the Liffey Valley Advisory Committee and it was agreed to refer to Land Use Planning / Economic Development for update

**The meeting concluded at 7.00pm”**

**(ii) Minutes of Meeting held 3rd November 2015**

**“Elected Members**

Councillor Paula Donovan

Councillor Ed O’Brien

Councillor Maire Devine

Councillor Danny O’Brien

Councillor Deirdre O’Donovan

Councillor P Kearns

**Sectoral Interests**

Donal Anderson

John O’Farrell

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh Director of Services

Brian Sheehan, Senior Parks Superintendent

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer

Jennifer McGrath, A/ Environmental Awareness Officer

Richard McCormack, Exec Scientific Environmental Officer

**Apology**

Connie Kiernan

Cathaoirleach Councillor Pamela Kearns presided.

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 29th September 2015

The Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 29th September 2015 were proposed by Cllr Ed O’ Brien, seconded by Cllr Danny O’Brien.

Item 2: Public Consultation on the Significant Water Management Issues

Exec Scientific Environmental Officer Richard McCormack delivered a presentation on the invitation to make submission on the recently published document Significant Water Management Issues in Ireland.

The presentation focused on the following:

* Terms – 2 cycles and River Basin district
* Consultation document layout
* Part 1– Introduction – Societal and Environmental Factors
* New National and International River Basin Districts
* Part 2: Current Condition of Our Waters
* Part 3: Pressures on Our Water Environment
* Part 4: River Basin Management Planning and the Challenges Ahead (societal factors)
* Part 5: The Environmental Issues to be Addressed (Environmental Pressures)
* Summary - Minister wants people to have a say and to consider the following:
* Do people agree that the issues facing Ireland’s waters are correctly set out in this document?
* Are people aware of other issues that should be highlighted?
* What do people think are the most important issues to be addressed between now and 2021?
* How do people think the challenges identified should be tackled and what would people do first?
* What happens next? Preparation of river basin management plans currently underway by the relevant authorities. Submissions received in response to this consultation will be taken into account in the preparation of these plans.
* Submit views on / before 18th December to waterq@environ.ie

A discussion ensured with contributions from committee members which focused primarily on the following issues to which Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Walsh responded:

* Sources of and contributors to river pollution
* Method of promoting the public consultation process
	+ social media
	+ email to all councillors
	+ report to December 2015 Council Meeting etc.
* Not an Irish Water project

Ms Walsh advised that following the making of the River Basin Plan, a series of detailed actions will be required at local level.

It was agreed to inform full Council of the public consultation process through the report from SPC at December 2015 full Council meeting and also to prepare a summary for circulation to all Members which would include links to all relevant website.

Item 3 Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Update

A/ Environmental Awareness Officer Jennifer McGrath delivered a presentation on Climate Change Adaptation Measures which focused on the following:

* Impacts of climate change which are ‘locked in’ for decades
* Risks of climate change can be reduced and managed
* Assessing & Managing the risks
* An outline of Climate Change for Ireland
* EU Adaptation Strategy (April 2013)
* Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill 2015
* Adaptation and Planning
* Resources for SDCC
* Adaptation Guidelines - 6 simple steps
	+ Step 1 Forming an Adaptation Team & preparing the ground
	+ Step 2 Assessing the Current Adaptation Baseline
	+ Step 3 Assessing Future Climate Risk
	+ Step 4 Identifying, Assessing & Prioritising Adaptation Risks
	+ Step 5 Developing an Adaptation Pathways Map & Drafting the Strategy
	+ Step 6 Mainstreaming, Monitoring & Reviewing
* Next Steps following enactment of the Bill

A discussion ensured with contributions from committee members which focused primarily on the following issues to which McGrath and Ms. Walsh responded:

* Recent deviation from average temperatures for time of year
* Shirt-term cost for alleviation / adaptation measures v long-term gains
* Capital projects required within the county for which there is no source of central funding
* Measurement of impact of initiatives undertaken
* Aiming for “Best Practice” – being prescriptive may prevent moving with the times.

Item 4 Recycling Strategy

Mr Magee referred to a commitment given at the September 2015 SPC meeting at which he had advised on the timely opportunity to review the existing recycling strategy for the provision of Local Community Based Recycling facilities in the county which has been in place since 2006.

A copy of the revised Draft Strategy as circulated was considered.

Mr Magee advised of the target of 120 bring banks and of most significant change proposed in the strategy to deliver this target ie a change to the requirement to site bring banks a minimum of 50 meters from the nearest housing. He stated that if this change is accepted in the final document it will open up the possibility of sites which currently are not considered to be suitable as they do not meet the siting criteria.

It is the intention to return with a final document to the February 2016 meeting.

A discussion followed with the following focus:

* Lack of kerbside glass recycling and the reasons for same
* Difficulties in securing sites and problems associated with their presence
* Implication of introduction of “pay by weight” waste regulations from July 2016 including need for communication and awareness at national and local level
* Potential for underground facilities
* Potential to condition provision of bring banks through planning process

Item 5 Potential for new Green Flag Scheme / Sports Facilities

Cllr Kearns and Ms. Maguire advised of intention to pursue potential for pilot Green Flag style initiative in 2016 and outlined benefits (outside of costs) which could potentially be derived.

Item 6. AOB

Leaves: Following query, Mr. Magee outlined current position in relation to collection of leaves by Oxigen and outlined that it was not possible to make individual collections. Arrangements as follows were agreed:

* On receipt of request for leaf removal it is listed for Oxigen to remove
* If individual customers requests that we collect leaves which they have swept up themselves they will be advised to put the leaves in their brown bin, or alternatively, the Council will offer hessian bags in which the leaves can be composted at home.

Summary of 2015 Work Programme: The meeting noted the successful completion of the 2015 Work Programme. It was agreed to set out the 2016 programme in February 2016.

The meeting concluded at 7.00pm.

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H9b/0316 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - ARTS, CULTURE, GAEILGE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor D. Richardson Chair of the SPC and **CONSIDERED**:

**(i) Report of Meeting held 3rd February 2016**

**“Attended**

Cllr D Richardson (Chair) Cllr F Warfield

Cllr B Bonner Ms D Mooney,

Cllr N Coules

**Officials present:**

Mr F Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms Bernie Meenegahn, A/County Librarian

Ms E Leech – Administrative Officer

Ms Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr Francis Timmons, Mr Peader O’Caomhnaigh, Cllr. B Leech, Cllr FN Duffy.

Headed Item 1: Minutes of Joint SPC meeting 11th November 2015.

Minutes were AGREED.

Matters arising: FN updated the members on the Dublin Mountains flagship project.

Headed Item 2 - Update on commemorations events.

EL presented the report and highlighted the main planned events and projects. DM requested that the event details be forwarded to the Chamber. EL responded to members queries.

Headed Item 3. Arts Grants & Bursary Awards.

OS presented the report and outlined the application and award processes. Members suggested that greater use of social media be utilised in the process. OS replied to members queries and noted their suggestions.

Headed Item 4. Update on Arts Strategy 2016-2020 Consultation.

OS presented the report on the consultation process and confirmed that the new Arts Strategy would be put before either the October or November Council meeting for approval. Following discussion it was noted that the Draft strategy would be considered by the SPC in conjunction with the public consultation process in April/May and prior to consideration by the full Council.

Headed Item 5: AOB

OS informed the members that a report from the Public Art subcommittee should also be available for the next SPC meeting.

 Meeting concluded at 6.40.”

**(ii) Minutes of Meeting held 11th November 2015**

Minute of Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge Heritage & Libraries and Economic,

**“Attende**d

Cllr E. Higgins Cllr B Leech

Cllr R.McMahon Cllr N Coules

Cllr B. Ferron Cllr F Timmons

Cllr F.N. Duffy Mr G. Robinson

Cllr Foley Mr D Roche

Cllr D Richardson Ms D Mooney

Cllr G O Connell

Cllr F Warfield

Cllr B Bonner

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services

Tony Shanahan – Administrative Officer

Elaine Leech- Administrative Officer

Domitilla Fagan – Senior Executive Librarian

**Apologies**: Cllr J. Lahart, (Chair of Economic Development SPC), Sean Reid, Peter Kavanagh

Frank Nevin briefed the members present on the rationale for the Joint SPC given the cross-over of themes in relation to both Arts, Heritage and Tourism and the benefits of briefing both SPC memberships on the connected activities.

Headed Item 1: Minutes of meeting of July 9th 2015

The minutes of the Arts SPC of September 2nd and Economic Enterprise and Tourism SPC of September 9th were AGREED.

Headed Item 2: 1916 Commemorations Committee

Elaine Leech delivered a presentation on the programme of activities and initiatives of the 1916 Centenary Programme as it relates to South Dublin County. Information on planned and ongoing activities under the themes below was presented;

• State Ceremonial

• Historical Reflection

• An Teanga Beo

• Youth and Imagination

• Cultural Expression

• Community Participation

• Global and Diaspora

Members were advised that the formal launch of the South Dublin programme would be on December 2nd.

Following contributions from members the report was NOTED.

Headed Item 3- Tourism Update

Tony Shanahan delivered a presentation on Tourism Strategy implementation. This item also included a separate report on review and proposals for the future development of the Redline Book Festival, delivered jointly by Domitilla Fagan and Tony Shanahan.

The tourism update related to marketing and tourism product development activity with particular emphasis on the Dublin Mountains Flagship and the Round Tower Project. Following the approval of the Village signage matrix/criteria at the September 9th SPC, the proposed order of rollout of the Village Signage, using the agreed criteria, was also presented.

The Redline Book Festival presentation covered the development of the festival over the last four years, current status, proposed future direction and related costs to develop the Festival to, at minimum, a regional status Arts Festival. It was confirmed that a meeting of the Tourism Working Group would be arranged in early 2016 to discuss festival opportunities.

Following contributions and questions from all members the reports were NOTED and Village Signage rollout and overall Redline proposals were AGREED.

The meeting ended at 7.05pm”

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H9c/0316 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT** **SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development, and were **CONSIDERED:**

* 1. **Report of Meeting held 10th February 2016**

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| “Cllr E. Higgins |  |
| Cllr F.N. Duffy |  |
| Cllr Foley |  |
| Cllr G O Connell |  |
| Mr G. Robinson |  |
| Mr D Roche |  |
| Ms T. de Buitlear |  |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services

 Stephen Deegan – Senior Executive Officer

 Colm Ward – A / Head of LEO

**Apologies**: Cllr J. Lahart, (Chair of Economic Development SPC), Cllr Ronan McMahan, Cllr Anne-Marie Dermody, Cllr B. Ferron, Sean Reid,

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| **The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Paul Foley.**  |
| **Headed Item 1: Minute of Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge Heritage & Libraries and Economic,****Enterprise & Tourism Development Meeting 11th Nov 2015**The Minutes of Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge Heritage & Libraries and Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting 11th Nov 2015 were agreed |
| **Headed Item 2: Enterprise Week****Colm Ward presented details of the proposed programme of activities and initiatives for Local Enterprise Week 2016 which is taking place on 7th to 13th March. Further details and promotional information to be circulated to SPC members when finalised.** **Following contributions from members the report was AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 3- Local Enterprise Development Plan 2016****Colm Ward presented a draft Local Enterprise Development Plan 2016 which is the annual operational plan for the Local Enterprise Office South Dublin. It was noted that the draft Plan is required by Enterprise Ireland and subject to EI guidelines.****Following contributions from members the report was AGREED.** |
| **Headed item 4 – Business Support Grant Update****Stephen Deegan delivered a presentation on the status of the Business Support Grant and plans to extend the scope of the fund for 2016. The intention is to extend the scope of the BSG offering and to produce an information booklet for publication and use by the business sector.****Following contributions from members the methodology was AGREED****The meeting ended at 6.50pm.”**  |
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**(ii) Minutes of Meeting held 11th November 2015**

**“Attended**

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| Cllr E. Higgins | Cllr B Leech |
| Cllr R.McMahon | Cllr N Coules |
| Cllr B. Ferron | Cllr F Timmons |
| Cllr F.N. Duffy | Mr G. Robinson |
| Cllr Foley | Mr D Roche |
| Cllr D Richardson | Ms D Mooney |
| Cllr G O Connell |  |
| Cllr F Warfield  |  |
| Cllr B Bonner |  |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services

 Tony Shanahan – Administrative Officer

 Elaine Leech- Administrative Officer

 Domitilla Fagan – Senior Executive Librarian

**Apologies**: Cllr J. Lahart, (Chair of Economic Development SPC), Sean Reid, Peter Kavanagh

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| **The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Dermot Richardson.** **Frank Nevin briefed the members present on the rationale for the Joint SPC given the cross-over of themes in relation to both Arts, Heritage and Tourism and the benefits of briefing both SPC memberships on the connected activities.**  |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of meeting of July 9th 2015****The minutes of the Arts SPC of September 2nd and Economic Enterprise and Tourism SPC of September 9th were AGREED.**  |
| **Headed Item 2: 1916 Commemorations Committee****Elaine Leech delivered a presentation on the programme of activities and initiatives of the 1916 Centenary Programme as it relates to South Dublin County. Information on planned and ongoing activities under the themes below was presented;** * **State Ceremonial**
* **Historical Reflection**
* **An Teanga Beo**
* **Youth and Imagination**
* **Cultural Expression**
* **Community Participation**
* **Global and Diaspora**

**Members were advised that the formal launch of the South Dublin programme would be on December 2nd. Following contributions from members the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 3- Tourism Update****Tony Shanahan delivered a presentation on Tourism Strategy implementation. This item also included a separate report on review and proposals for the future development of the Redline Book Festival, delivered jointly by Domitilla Fagan and Tony Shanahan.** **The tourism update related to marketing and tourism product development activity with particular emphasis on the Dublin Mountains Flagship and the Round Tower Project. Following the approval of the Village signage matrix/criteria at the September 9th SPC, the proposed order of rollout of the Village Signage, using the agreed criteria, was also presented.****The Redline Book Festival presentation covered the development of the festival over the last four years, current status, proposed future direction and related costs to develop the Festival to, at minimum, a regional status Arts Festival. It was confirmed that a meeting of the Tourism Working Group would be arranged in early 2016 to discuss festival opportunities.** **Following contributions and questions from all members the reports were NOTED and Village Signage rollout and overall Redline proposals were AGREED.** **The meeting ended at 7.05pm.”** |

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H9d/0316 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES HOUSING SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor C. King Chair of the SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

* 1. **Report of Meeting 10th February 2016**

**“PRESENT:**

Members Council Officials

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| **Cllr C. King** | **B. Coman** | **Director of Services** |
| **Cllr. M. Genockey** | **H. Hogan** | **Senior Executive Officer** |
| **Cllr. E. O’Broin** | **Y. Dervan** | **Senior Executive Officer** |
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| **Representatives:** |
| **Tricia Nolan Volunteer Centre** |
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| **Apologies** |
| **Cllr M. Duff, Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. T. Gilligan, Cllr. G. Kenny, Brendan MacPhiarais NABCO, Betty Tyrell-Collard** |

**H-1(1) – Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 12th November 2015.**

The minutes of the Housing and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th November 2015 were proposed by Cllr. C. King, seconded by Cllr. M. Genockey and were confirmed and approved as a true record.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 12th November 2015

B. Coman informed the meeting that dates had been agreed with the Traveller Development Groups to carry out Fire Safety Audits of Traveller Specific Accommodation within South Dublin. If the audit indicates safety concerns families may be transferred to alternative accommodation but not made homeless. A report from the chief fire officer will issue to the Department when the audits are complete and will identify needs and issues found.

It was noted that Dublin Fire Brigade are not in favour of bays being provided with water hoses to deal with fire. It is their opinion that if a tenant cannot deal with the fire using a fire extinguisher that they should leave the vicinity of the fire immediately as it is not safe. All bays are currently provided with fire extinguishers and this is checked annually.

**H-1(2) – Sub Committee Updates**

Reports of the Housing Supply & Homelessness Sub Committee dated 4th December 2015 and 28th January 2016 were presented.

In relation to this Housing Supply and sub-group meeting, Chair, Cllr King reported on work of the Committee and it was agreed that business could be concluded with another two meetings.

The Council’s land bank was discussed and B. Coman agreed to discuss any sites within the County with members. There is a Public Private Partnership for the Grange for 100 units, with Dublin City Council, Kildare and Louth County Council in the same bundle of 500 units. All social housing and will be leased back to the Council.

A brief is being prepared for Departmental approval for which expressions of interest will be sought at the Grange Site for a mix of the following:

* Social Housing
* Private Housing
* Affordable Rental.

Discussion took place in respect of looking at sites in non-traditional “social housing areas” and the need to provide social housing right across the County. Areas that already have a large number of social housing units should be considered last. While it was agreed that this would be ideal no guarantee could be given in this regard.

The possibility of locating a multi-agency facility in the Clondalkin area was discussed.

It was agreed that a meeting in respect of lands at The Grange between Management and Council Members would be arranged when we have some clarity on issues raised with the Department.

The reports was **NOTED.**

**H-1(3) - S90 following motion of Cllr. E. O’Broin**

B. Coman present report detailing the requirements of Section 90 in respect of resale of tenant purchase dwellings. Report is available to view [**here**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=50628)**.**

Discussion took place outlining that the purpose of Section 90 was to ensure that those purchasing former Council dwelling had a housing need and are not speculators. The purpose of the HPL1 form, -required to be stamped by Revenue Commissioners to confirm that purchasers and those applying for Social Housing Supports have never claimed mortgage tax relief, was discussed. Further discussion took place in respect of people trading up and how this would affect the sale of previously owned Council dwelling, it was agreed that individual cases should be examined and that the “common sense” approach be used in such cases.

The issue of couples separating and reluctance of Financial Institutions to permit one party of a joint mortgage to opt out was discussed.

The report was **NOTED.**

**H-1(4) Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme**

B. Coman presented report in respect of the new Tenant Purchase Scheme. The report is available to view [**here**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=50388). Briefings with the Department and Housing Agency to clarify issues to take place and the final draft Guidance Notes is expected to be available at end of March. It will be available in plain English and in Irish. Having regard to the best use of resources the following dwelling types will be excluded from the scheme:

* Affordable Housing
* Designated elderly specific housing
* Group Traveller Housing
* Part V dwellings provided in private estates
* Dwellings such as apartments, (including maisonettes), where there are common areas
* Dwellings that exceed the housing need of the purchaser
* Unsold Affordable Dwellings
* Dwellings provided specifically to meet the specific needs of the disabled.

The Incremental Purchase Scheme provides for exclusion of one beds designated for OAPs. Following discussion members of SPC agreed that this exclusion be extended to all one –beds and not just those occupied solely by OAP category as per the regulations.

The group requested that all one beds be excluded from the scheme due to limited number of one beds within Council existing stock.

Discussion took place in respect of providing sites in close proximity to amenities for those wishing to downsize having raised their families. It was suggested by the group that two bed accommodation should be considered for those downsizing as many have grandchildren staying overnight.

Financial stress tests in respect of peoples' ability to repay will be carried out. Cash buyers will be excluded from scheme. There will be a 30 year clawback included in the scheme, repayable on sale of purchaser.

The benefit of the scheme is that is helps builds sustainable communities.

The report was **NOTED.**

**H-1(5) Caravan Loan Scheme**

H. Hogan presented a report on the pilot Caravan Loan Scheme. The report is available to view [**here**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=51031).

€100,000.00 has being allocated to the scheme with a maximum ceiling of €10,000.00 per loan. An Assessment of Need will be conducted in determining applications and it will be necessary for all recipients to sign up for repayments through the Household Budget Scheme. It will be also a requirement for recipients who previously obtained caravan loans who have outstanding arrears to enter into an arrangement to repay arrears at the same time as signing for new loan. The scheme as proposed will in many respects be similar to the previous scheme operated by the Council.

**H-1(6) Homeless Update**

H. Hogan presented report. The report is available to view [**here**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=51034).

There were 275 homeless at 31/12/2015, (this figure does not include those housed in the transitional accommodation in Tallaght Cross). The breakdown of age is not available at present but will be available in the future especially in respect of number of children.

A review of “CBL” Choice Based Letting Scheme is taking place with a view to including transfer applications, and “HAP”, Housing Assistance Payment, transfers. It may require a percentage of stock available being reserved for those on the transfer list.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H-1(7) AOB**

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 7pm

* 1. **Minutes of Meeting 12th November 2015**

**PRESENT:**

**Members:**  **Council Officials:**

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| Cllr. M. Duff | B. Coman | Director of Services |
| Cllr M. Genockey      | H Hogan | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. T. Gilligan | Y. Dervan | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. G. Kenny | M. Kavanagh | A/Administrative Officer |
| Cllr C. King |  |  |
| Cllr. K. Mahon |  |  |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
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| **Representatives:** |
| Brendan Mac Phiarais, NABCO |
| Tricia Nolan, Volunteer Centre |
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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. E.O’Broin, Betty Tyrell-Collard |
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| The meeting was chaired by Councillor C. King  |
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**H-I (1) - Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 10th September 2015**

The minutes of the Housing and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 10th September 2015 were proposed by Cllr. C. King, seconded by Cllr. M. Genockey and were confirmed and approved as a true record.

**H-I (2) Updated reports on Sub Groups - Anti Social Behaviour and Homeless & Housing Supply**

**Anti-Social Sub-Committee**

Cllr. C. King discussed the minutes from the first Anti-Social Sub Committee which was held on the 10th of November 2015.

Cllr. King reported on the discussions held at the meeting in relation to the changes required and implementation to SDCC anti-social policy following the new Part 2 Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014. It was agreed that experienced anti-social officer/s would be invited on to the committee for their input on the implementation side of the policy.

H. Hogan provided a report in relation to the commencement of Part 2 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014.

 A summary report was provided outlining the warnings process, rents and review process.

There was general discussion around abandonment notices and the securing abandoned/vacant property. Cllr. L. Dunne commended the Anti-Social Behaviour section for their quick responses via the membersnet system. B. Coman advised Junior Counsel is currently advising SDCC on this new legislation and legal templates are being provided.

Mr. H. Hogan responded to the Members’ queries relating to the changes in procedure on abandonment notices.

The reports were **NOTED**.

**Housing Supply and Homeless Sub-Committee**

Cllr. King reported on the Housing Supply and Homeless Sub-Committee held on the 11th of November 2015.

It was reported that discussions were held in relation to Housing Supply where the following issues were addressed: availability and identification of sites for social housing purposes, the parliamentary question regarding the capping of developments at 50 units and the various vehicles for delivery and funding of social housing discussed.

It was reported in respect of Homelessness that discussions were held in respect of the increase in SDCC budget 2016 towards homeless services, modular housing and the concern of lack of one bedroom units available within the County.

It was noted that Simon Brooke of Cluid is to be requested to present at the next sub- committee meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the South Dublin Co. Co.’s Homeless Budget 2015 and the issue of poor standard of accommodation was discussed. B. Coman advised any complaints regarding the standard of a property should be reported to the Housing Department and this would be followed up with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive. B. Coman stated the current system of central management for the region works well as a whole and confirmed all complaints are inspected immediately. B. Coman also provided an overview of the Statutory Management Group meeting. Cllr. Kenny requested clarification whether 50 units is the cap of units allowed within a social housing construction development. B. Coman advised the DECLG consideration for applying a cap is to possibly avoid anti-social behaviour and managing sustainable living conditions of larger developments and also the direct build limitations of larger schemes for funding. It was confirmed that South Dublin Co. Co. do not have any Social Housing Developments greater than 50 going to the DECLG for approval.

The Grange, Kilcarberry was discussed in relation to social housing site possibility. B. Coman advised the Affordable Housing Initiative for the Grange was postponed in 2009 due to the downturn in the market. SDCC are currently proposing for 100 units to be built on this site and the NDFA will be requested to work with SDCC on this development design. It has not yet been determined the mix of tenure for this scheme. The model for affordable renting is currently being prepared by the DECLG and it is yet unclear whether there will be an affordable element of this development. C. King commented the Kilcarberry lands will be part of the agenda for the next Housing Supply Sub-Committee meeting.

B. Coman presented regarding the Firhouse sites which was raised as a possible location for social housing at the September 10th SPC meeting. He confirmed that only a small number of sites can be considered at this location and advised services on these sites need to be reviewed.

B. Coman updated the Members regarding the Modular Housing Programme for the Dublin Region. Dublin City Council have a rapid accelerated process and are proceeding with 22 modular units before the end of 2015. Dublin City Council will be managed the procurement process for modular housing in the Dublin Region. He confirmed that the Department have set targets for each of the Dublin Authorities with the requirement of 500 for the region. DCC to provide 150 units. SDCC will be expected to provide a percentage of the 500 units and the specifics of these numbers will need to be agreed across the four Local Authorities.

Mr. B. Coman responded to the Members’ queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H-I (3) - Social Housing progress update**

M. Kavanagh presented the report detailing the various mechanisms for the provision of social housing for 2015 and units delivered as at 30th October 2015. She outlined each of the delivery mechanisms and advised we were on target for delivery of the leasing and RAS properties in 2015. She also outlined the position regarding Part 8 Social Housing developments which led to a general discussion around the Departmental decisions at each stage of the Part 8 process. M. Kavanagh provided an update regarding each of the Part 8 projects which have been approved by Council.

There was general discussion the Capital Assistance Scheme and the timeline for delivery. M. Kavanagh advised that due to delays in Departmental approval received for the CAS projects in 2015 most of the acquisitions first identified by the relevant AHB’s were gone but new properties have been identified and are due to allocations from SDCC housing list in respect of homeless and disability housing need.

M. Kavanagh responded to member’s queries regarding the Social Housing Build Programme, the procurement process and the Capital Assistance Scheme acquisitions.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H-I (4) Traveller Accommodation – Report from LTACC**

H. Hogan gave an overview regarding Circular 8/2015 Fire Safety in traveller accommodation.

A discussion followed regarding the Traveller Accommodation and the issues and concerns around fire safety where H. Hogan responded to member’s questions.

The report was noted.

**H-I (5) – AOB**

* Cllr. Genockey raised a query regarding the caravan loan scheme and it was agreed that this will be reported on and discussed at an upcoming Housing SPC before presented to Council.
* T. Nolan requested a schedule of meetings for the next SPC and it was agreed this would be forwarded once the calendar of meetings is agreed at the next OP&F meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6.55

**(iii) Report on Incremental Purchase Scheme**

**Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme**

**Summary**

The new Incremental Tenant Purchase scheme came into operation on 1st 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 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. Where the tenant purchaser resells the property before the end of the charge period, he or she must pay back to SDCC a portion of any profits arising from the sale, thereby generating funds for this local authority to invest in new social housing or the refurbishment of existing housing.

**Tenant Eligibility**

A house may be sold only to its tenant (including joint tenants);

The tenant (or one of the joint tenants) must be in receipt of social housing support for a minimum of at least a year in order to apply to purchase;

The tenant must have minimum reckonable income of at least €15,000 per annum;

A tenant is not entitled to purchase under the scheme if he or she –

* previously purchased a dwelling under a tenant purchase scheme,
* has significant rent arrears and is not complying with arrangements agreed with the Council to pay off those arrears,
* has failed to pay all outstanding water charges due and owing to Irish Water; or
* has or is engaged in anti-social behaviour (this prohibition also applies to household    members),

**The Chief Executive may also at his discretion exclude the following:**

* **Tenant (or one of the joint tenants) subject to a Debt Relief Notice which is inclusive of rent arrears**
* **Tenant who has not submitted all relevant income details for an up-to-date Rent Assessment (this applies to all household members)**

**Properties that can be sold under the scheme**

All local authority houses may be sold to tenants, other than the following classes of houses:

Affordable Housing;

Houses designed for occupation by elderly persons;

Houses provided for persons with disabilities making the transition from congregated settings to community based living under the National De-institutionalisation Programme,

Group traveller housing,

Caravans, mobile homes, etc.,

Part V dwellings provided in private estates,

Local authority apartments and other dwellings (including maisonettes) that require regular upkeep and management of common areas etc., in conjunction with other dwellings or properties are excluded from sale under the scheme.

***The Chief Executive may at his discretion in the interest of proper estate management or on account of their structural condition exclude:***

* Houses that are under-accommodated
* Unsold Affordable Houses
* Remedial works proposed

**Calculation of Reckonable Income**

SDCC will include the reckonable income of all joint tenants and any tenant’s spouse, civil partner or cohabitant who is resident in the house when calculating reckonable tenant income for the purposes of the scheme;

Reckonable income will be calculated as **gross** income, i.e. before deduction of income tax, USC, pension contributions, pension-related reductions and PRSI, etc.,

Social welfare payments (including pensions) by DSP may be included in reckonable income where they constitute a secondary source of income, i.e. a social welfare payment to a tenant in receipt of income from employment is reckonable income, as is a social welfare payment to the spouse, civil partner or cohabitant of a tenant in employment;

Certain types of payments will be disregarded for the purposes of calculating reckonable income, including Child Benefit, Carer’s Allowance and Benefit and Family Income Supplement.

**Purchase Price**

The purchase price of a house is the value for the purposes of calculating the applicable discount and will be calculated as the **greater** of –

* the market value of the house (which reflects its prevailing state of repair and condition), or
* half the estimated cost to the council of providing a replacement house to modern standards in its housing stock to accommodate a household in the same class as that for which the house was designed. Replacement cost will only come into play where, due to localised factors, the market value of a house is very low.

The purchase price is calculated in the first instance by the council. If the tenant purchaser disagrees with the council’s purchase price, he or she may pay for a suitably qualified professional (e.g. an estate agent in the case of market value) who is acceptable to the council to make a determination of the purchase price, which is binding on both parties.

**Tenant Purchase Discounts**

The discount given to a tenant purchaser depends on reckonable tenant income, as follows:

* A discount of 60% off the purchase price applies where reckonable tenant income is in the range €15,000 to €20,000;
* A discount of 50% off the purchase price applies where reckonable tenant income is in the range €20,001 to €29,999;
* A discount of 40% off the purchase price applies where reckonable tenant income is equal to or greater than €30,000.

**Condition attached to sale of the property**

On receipt of the discounted purchase price from the tenant, the Council will transfer ownership of the house to the tenant by means of a transfer order that expressly excludes any warranty as to the state of repair or habitability of the house. The transfer of ownership is subject to the terms of the housing authority’s incremental purchase charge and the following conditions:

* The house must be occupied as the normal place of residence of the purchaser or a household member, unless the council gives its prior written consent,
* The house or any part of it must not be sold, assigned, let or sublet without the council’s prior written consent,
* The purchaser must not cause any nuisance or engage in anti-social behaviour or allow any person residing in the house to do so,
* The purchaser must keep the house and all parts of it in good order, repair and condition,

**Financing purchase of property**

The tenant is not required to pay a deposit to the council as part of the tenant purchase process;

The tenant may pay the discounted purchase price to the council by one, or a combination, of the following:

* His or her own resources or those of his or her spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, which may include funds provided by family members, etc.,
* A local authority house purchase loan, if approved under the Housing Agency’s credit policy. The examination of a loan application will involve a separate assessment of tenant income by the council;

The possibility of private financial institutions providing loan finance to tenant purchasers under the new scheme is currently being examined.

**Incremental Purchase Charge**

On sale of a house under the scheme, the council will place an incremental purchase charge on the house equivalent to the discount granted to the tenant off the purchase price. Therefore, if the council gives 50% discount to the purchaser, the incremental purchase charge will be 50% of the value of the house;

The period for which the charge applies to the house (i.e. the charged period) depends on the level of the charge:

* If the charge is 60% of the value of the house, the charged period is 30 years,
* If the charge is 50% of the value of the house, the charged period is 25 years,
* If the charge is 40% of the value of the house, the charged period is 20 years;

The incremental purchase charge will wither away to nothing over the charged period in annual incremental releases on 2% of the value of the house, provided the purchaser complies with the terms and conditions of the transfer order. The incremental releases for the first 5 years of occupancy will not be applied until that period has expired;

If the council suspends an incremental release during the charged period for failure to comply with a sale condition, the tenant purchaser must, within 2 months of expiry of the charged period, pay to the council the amount of the outstanding incremental purchase charge, based on the current market valuation of the house;

The tenant purchaser may pay one or more than one incremental release (other than a suspended release) or the entire outstanding charge on the house to the council at any stage after the fifth anniversary of the vesting date, based on the current market valuation of the house. Where part only of the outstanding charged share is paid to the council, the charged period will be reduced by the number of years equating to the number of incremental releases represented by the payment.

**Tenant Purchaser Resells the house during the Charge Period**

The council will have first refusal on buying back a tenant purchased house resold during the charging period, in which case the resale price is the current market value of the house less the value of the outstanding charge on the property;

If the tenant purchaser resells the house in the market within 5 years of purchase, he or she must pay the current value of the total charge back to the council. If he or she sells the house later in the charged period, he or she must pay to the council the current value of the outstanding charge. The charge only applies where the tenant purchaser makes a profit on resale of the house (net of selling expenses) and the amount of the outstanding charge payable by the tenant purchaser will be reduced to avoid, as far as possible, him or her incurring a net loss on the resale;

A housing authority may refuse to consent to resale of a tenant purchased house in the market during the charged period where –

* The proposed sale price is less than the market value,
* The new purchaser is or was engaged in anti-social behaviour or the sale is not the in interest of good estate management, or
* The sale would leave the vendor of a household member without adequate housing.

**Examples of Incremental Purchase Charge in operation**

**Example 1:**                                                                             **Tenant purchases house and retains it for charged period**

Purchase price at date of sale:                                                                     €200,000

Incremental Purchase Discount:                                                                         50%                    (based on tenant income)

Purchase monies paid:                                                                                  €100,000

Incremental purchase charge on house:                                                          50% of value of house

Charge period                                                                                                25 years                  (based on IP discount)

Incremental purchase charge is reduced by 2% of house value each year, with the charged reduced to zero after 25 years.

**Example 2:                                                                                              Tenant purchased house is sold in the market after 10 years**

***Tenant purchase of house***

Purchase Price:                                                                                                 €200,000

Incremental purchase discount:                                                                          50%                        (based on tenant income

Purchase monies paid:                                                                                       €100,000

Incremental purchase charge on house:                                                              50% of value of house

Charged period:                                                                                                25 years                   (based on IP discount)

***Resale of house in the market***

Market value of house on resale:                                                                         €150,000

Outstanding incremental purchase charge:                                                           30%                        (50% - (10 x 2%))

Payment due to SDCC to clear IP charge:                                                            -€45,000                  (€150,000 x 30%)

Less selling costs (estate agent/sols):                                                               -€10,000

Net proceeds from resale:                                               €95,000   (< original purchase money so IP
                                                                                                                                                      charge reduced to break even)

Actual payment to SDCC to clear IP charge:                                                          €40,000                 (Reduced IP payment to avoid loss

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H9e/0316 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by the Chair of the SPC Councillor D. Looney and were **CONSIDERED:**

* 1. **Report of Meeting 16th February 2016**

**“Attendance:**

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| Members | Officials |
| Cllr. D. Looney | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. C. O’Connor | P. Murphy Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. J Graham | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | P. Swayne Sports Officer |
| L. Kelly PPN | A.Silke Sports Officer |
|  | T. McDermott SDC Sports Partnership |
|  | A.Byrne Administrative Officer |
|  | A. Coogan Sports Disability Officer |

In attendance: Grace Hill and Anthea Corrie, Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force

**Apologies:** Cllr. V. Casserly, Cllr. K. Egan, Cllr S. Holland

**Introductions**

The Chair, Cllr. Looney introduced all members and visitors.

**Minutes of May 2015 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2015 which have been circulated were approved.

**Healthy County – Alcohol Presentation TDTF**

Grace Hill and Anthea Corrie gave a comprehensive presentation on the inclusion of alcohol in the remit of the Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force. The Task Force received funding under the Dormant Accounts Fund to employ an Alcohol Support Worker who will work with local communities and groups dealing with alcohol abuse. Anthea Corrie was introduced to the members. A discussion followed regarding links with Health and Wellbeing Week, the link between alcohol prevention and physical activity. Tallaght ‘Healthy City’ and South Dublin as a ‘Healthy County’ will work in partnership with this new initiative and benefit from it. It was also recognised that this work is difficult and many involved are ‘hard to reach’. The commitment of any new Government to support a minister with responsibility for this area is encouraged.

**Sports X Country Schools Programme**

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| Paula Swayne and Alison Silke gave a detailed presentation on this schools programme and its success to date. The members present were impressed with both the numbers involved, the quality and value for money of the programme. This is now the largest cross country event for this age group in the country.**Sports Disability Programmes**Alison Silke and Paula Swayne gave details of the many disability programmes run by the Sports Officers in conjunction with the Sports Development Officers. A number of short videos were shown which showed the involvement of disabled and able bodied children interacting and playing together through sport. The programmes were commended by the members present. The Chair requested that these videos be made available via the Council website and social media sites. The PPN members offered the new PPN website as an avenue to display this type of information. The lack of statistics available regarding the number of children in the county with a disability was highlighted as the information is not easily accessible, collected in different ways and often data protected.**National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP)**The national Physical Activity Plan has recently been published. This was available to members. Disappointment was expressed that Local Authorities are only included as lead in a limited number of actions. However the LA is included as partners in a number of actions. It was agreed that members would look at this plan before the next meeting and it will be tabled for discussion again.**Million Pound Challenge**It was explained that this is an initiative following Operation Transformation. It was agreed that the SPC members would bring ideas back to the next SPC to tie in with the Healthy County Initiative which would in turn support the Million Pound Challenge. The recommendations and subsequent workplan from the HANA Report will also support this when implemented using all the agencies and resources available in the County. Shared Multi-use FacilitiesB. Coman gave an update on the Council’s application to the recently advertised Fund to support Local Authorities provide Swimming Pools. An application has been made on behalf of South Dublin County Council toward the provision of a swimming pool in Lucan.An update was also provided regarding negotiations between the Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board and the developers in Adamstown regarding the provision of a sports hall in the Community School and the possibility of providing community space in this facility. Any decisions made in this regard may influence the need/provision for other community space in the area.Any other businessThe PPN members raised the following:* Appeals Process for Community Grants
* Assessment of Grants, funding and awards
* Workshop on funding available
* Workplan for 2016

A discussion followed where the internal review process was explained. The request of the PPN members to be involved in the assessment was discussed at length and the concerns of the members noted. The Community Grant Scheme and the 2016 Community Initiative Fund are to be advertised in the second half of March.The funding workshop/s is/are scheduled for March and PPN members will be notified.The development of a workplan for 2016 was discussed. The 2015 workplan was developed as a request from the CPG. The situation for 2016 will be clarified.It was agreed representatives of the Community Team will meet with the PPN representatives to explain in greater detail the working of the system and to explore how the PPN’s input can be more accurately reflected in the reviews.  |  |

The meeting concluded at 7.50 p.m.

**(ii) Minutes of Meeting 17th November 2015**

**Attendance:**

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| Members | Officials |
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| Cllr. D. Looney | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. C. O’Connor | A.Byrne Administrative Officer |
| Grainne Ní Mhuirí | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| Cllr. K. Egan | A. Silke Sports Office |
| L. Kelly PPN |  |
| Cllr. V. Casserly |  |

**Apologies:**

**Minutes of September 2015 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September, 2015 which had been circulated were approved.

**Community Initiative Fund**

Paul McAlerney gave an update to the SPC and reported that a total of 118 Application were received with a cumulative total request for funding of just over €1.3 Million. Funding amounts requested ranged from the minimum amount of €1,000 up to the maximum amount of €50,000.

Following independent evaluation, 21 applications received funding. Unsuccessful applicants were directed towards other funding streams as appropriate. A photoshoot with the Mayor took place in the Council chamber which was attended by most of the successful groups. €250,000 has been included in the 2016 budget for this fund. An internal assessment will take place and it is expected that the fund will be advertised and awards made in the first half of 2016.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that it might be useful to have a general funding workshop in the New Year to assist groups in preparing applications and providing information on different funding streams in advance of another round of CIF. The involvement of the SPC was appreciated in the development of the fund and the SPC will be advised of the findings of the internal review.

**Sportivate**

Alison Silke gave an update on the new Sportivate Programme which is run from Brookfield. 19 participants have begun training and is now at a steady 17, The participants are learning many aspects and requirements of the sports industry and will develop the necessary practical skills to enable to secure employment in the industry or enhance their prospects of going onto further education. This is a partnership between the DSP, DDL Education and Training Board and South Dublin County Council. It was agreed to have a small launch/photoshoot of this project.

**Endeavour Awards**

The Awards were advertised starting the week of 19th of October with a closing deadline of Friday 13th of November. There were 12 categories and 140 applications received. The awards will be made at a ceremony on Friday the 11th of December in Moran's Red Cow Hotel. All SPC members are invited.

Following discussion the members agreed with the Trophies and to look at certificates in future schemes. All groups who sent in applications and nomination will be invited to the awards ceremony.

**Healthy Ireland Nomination**

Cllr. Charlie O’Connor was nominated by Cllr. Dermot Looney and seconded by Cllr. Vicky Casserly and was selected by the Committee as the nominee to the Health County Project. Cllr. O’Connor agreed to report back regularly to the SPC.

**Hospitality Initiative**

Billy Coman reported on the development of this initiative. Meetings are ongoing with the IT Tallaght and the Education and Training Board. Issues to be ironed out include: fetac level, location, kitchen space, lecture rooms, timing of project etc. It is hoped to have this initiative running by the spring. Money has been provided by the Council in the 2016 budget to support this initiative. A report will be given to the next SPC meeting.

**Community Centre Capacity**

Paul McAlerney give a presentation highlighting the range of Community Facility Infrastructure in the County. A discussion was held on the usage rates and availability of space in community centres throughout the County. It was acknowledged that there are differences in the centres layout, size, finances, management, staffing and usage. This is due to a wide variety of reasons such as local history, community groups active in the areas, current local demand, age of building etc. The new buildings are much more flexible to change of use which is due to learning acquired over the years. The use of the major leisure centres was also discussed and reported on. Community usage has changed also in line with current demands. It was reported that the Community Centre Network is being redeveloped to support centre management. The availability of space throughout the county in suitable vacant buildings will also be looked at where there is specific demand as will the use of modular buildings to deliver space.

The provision in the budget for additional community space was discussed and will be reported on at the next SPC meeting.

**Any other business**

**Education Bursaries**

The Education bursaries which the SPC revamped earlier in the year will be awarded to students on 24th November and all members are welcome.

**Tallaght Person of the Year**

It was agreed that the timing of the Tallaght Person of the Year and the Endeavour Awards are close and confusing and may result in fewer applications. It was noted that the Sports Partnership and SDCC support this event. This will be looked at next year.

**Timing of meetings**

It was agreed to begin the meetings in future at **6 p.m.**

The meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.”

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H9f/0316 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES LAND USE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. Eddie Taaffe Director of Land Use, Planning & Transportation and were **CONSIDERED:**

* 1. **Minutes of Meeting 26th November 2015**

**“ Present:**

 **Elected Members:** Councillor W. Lavelle

 Councillor L. O’Toole

 Councillor P. Gogarty

 Councillor C. Brophy

 **Council Officials:**  Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use

 Planning & Transportation

 Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer

 Ms. Laura Leonard, SEO

 Mr. Gary Walsh, Road Safety Officer

 Mr. Brian Leonard, Staff Officer

 **Non-Elected** Ms. Siobhan Butler

 **Members:**

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor R. Nolan, Mr. Denis Sherwin and Mr. Neil Durkan.

 **An Cathaoirleach, Councillor W. Lavelle presided.**

 **H.I. 1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 17th September 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Lavelle, seconded by Cllr. Brophy and AGREED.

It was agreed to vary the order of business on the agenda and to take HI.3 as the next item.

**H.I. 3. Speed Limits Review - Update**

Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer presented the report to the Committee:

A countywide speed limit review and update is currently underway as directed by Circular RSD 01/2015 issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in April. The review and update is to be in accordance with "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland" issued by the DTTS.

SDCC is working on the review of speed limits on Non-National Roads. It is hoped to bring proposals to the Area Committees in January.

TII (formerly NRA) is working on the review of speed limits on National Roads and will liaise with Local Authorities early in 2016.

The making of Special Speed Limit bye-laws is a Reserved Function and will also involve public consultation and liaison with An Garda Siochana.

As indicated in Circular RSD 01/2015 the process is to be completed and implemented through bye-laws, where required, by end of April 2017.

Mr E. Taaffe, Director of Services clarified some of the points made and further outlined the procedure for the Speed Limit Review.

Councillors W. Lavelle, C. Brophy, P. Gogarty and L. O’Toole and Ms. S Butler raised questions which were responded to by Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services.

Councillor W. Lavelle requested that the item be listed on the agenda for the next SPC and this was **AGREED.**

**H.I. 4 Update on Parking Ticket Technology**

Mr. W. Purcell presented the report on this item.

**Update on Parking Ticket Technology**

It is not possible to adapt the existing pay parking machines to issue a ticket indicating the end time of the free 30 minute period.

The possibility of replacing the machines over a 3 year period is being investigated subject to research on available and appropriate technologies.

Meantime if you have come across examples of this technology in use, please advise Traffic Section in order that we can investigate the application further in conjunction with the appropriate authority.

Councillors W. Lavelle, P. Gogarty, L. O’Toole and C. Brophy and Ms. S. Butler raised questions to which Mr. E. Taaffe and W. Purcell responded.

Cllr. W. Lavelle requested that a report be brought back to the next meeting outlining plans to improve public awareness and information on this matter. This was AGREED.

It was agreed at this point in the meeting to take H.I. 2

**H.I. 2. Draft Development Contribution Scheme Report**

Mr. E. Taaffe, presented the report [Report](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=87211ce2-cdf4-468d-b8e0-a56000efedf6) which sets out details of the 6 submissions received during the public consultation process and the Chief Executives response.

Councillors W Lavelle, C. Brophy, P Gogarty and L O’Toole and Ms. S. Butler contributed and raised questions. E Taaffe responded to all questions raised.

Cllr. W. Lavelle proposed to the SPC that they agree to recommend the Report of the Chief Executive to the County Council for adoption. This was AGREED.

**H.I. 5 Cycle Forum Update.**

Councillor W. Lavelle presented the report on this item.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Cycling Forum, a sub group of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee took place in the Council Chamber on 26th May 2015.

Elected members and nominated members were welcomed by the Chairperson of the Strategic Policy Committee, Councillor William Lavelle. The Chairperson stated that this was the first such group to be set up in South Dublin and that he looked forward to positive and effective outcomes.

**Members:** Cllr. William Lavelle, Cllr. Liona O’Toole, Cllr C. Brophy, Cllr M. Murphy, Cllr Paul Gogarty, Wendy Mantle, Neil Durkan, Denis Sherwin, Cllr Ruth Nolan, Mairead Forsythe, Dublin Cycling Campaign, Michele Ui Bhuachalla, Paul Corcoran, Dublin Cycling Campaign, Ally Menary, An Taisce Green Schools.

**Executive:** Eddie Taaffe, Laura Leonard

The Cycle sub group has met on 4 occasions since its establishment and have agreed the following work plan.

**Work Plan 2015-2016**

**1. Promoting cycling to school, particularly school**

1.1Review SDCC Green Schools Pilot and other initiatives

* 1. Examine possible measure to support cycling to school
	2. More generally, Promote increased research to identify of journeys currently being made by car that could be made by bicycle / walking / public transport

**2. Improving cycling facilities**

2.1 Review SDCC policy & practice in relation to design and maintenance of cycle facilities (e.g. cycle paths, bicycle parking, kissing gates, etc)

 2.2 Input to planned review of speed-limits and residential areas and near to schools

2.3 Review NTA & SDCC Cycle Network plans and input in future plans

* 1. Identify priority areas for improvements, including addressing gaps in cycle network

**3. Enhancing safety, education and enforcement**

3.1 Examine possible measure (in conjunction with Gardai and other stakeholders) to enhance cycle safety and education among both children and adult cyclists

* 1. Meet with Gardai and other stakeholders to review enforcement measures.

**4. Developing the Cycling Forum**

* 1. Review and agree enhanced Terms of Reference
	2. Develop Work Plan for 2016
	3. Review and formalise structure and membership of Cycling Forum from start 2016 onwards
	4. Examines links to Healthy Ireland Initiatives
	5. Prepare regular reports to SPC and Council
	6. Input to planned SDCC Mobility Strategy

**Matters addressed /discussed at meetings to date include:**

1. Presentation on Green Schools Cluster
2. Bike Week 2015
3. Cycle Infrastructure and Projects
4. Promotion of cycling to school
5. New Schools building programme
6. Countywide Speed Limits Review
7. Smart Cities initiative update

**Presentation by Cycling Ireland**

The group have met with a representative from Cycling Ireland who gave a detailed overview of the vision, values and ambitions of Cycling Ireland. Members were made aware that there is a process ongoing to deliver a National Standard for cycle training and that the group will be kept informed of progress on this.

**Increased Budget for cycle training**

Following a recommendation from the Cycling Forum, an amendment was made to the Council’s Budget for 2016 to double the budget for cycle training.

**Presentation by NTA**

At its meeting on 23rd November, representatives from the NTA gave a presentation on the strategic cycle network and future proposals for cycle infrastructure in South Dublin. [NTA Presentation](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=6c95cb3e-e06f-458c-8b72-a58c01048cbc)

This was very informative and was well received by members of the group. A question and answer session was facilitated.

**Future Meetings**

It is proposed to hold a meeting with An Garda Siochána in early 2016 to discuss safety and enforcement matters.

Members welcomed the report and it was NOTED. The Cycle group will meet again at the end of January 2016.

**H.I. 6 Road Safety Strategy /Road Safety Together Working Group.**

Mr. G. Walsh delivered a presentation on the Draft Road Safety Plan [Presentation on Draft Road Safety Strategy](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=7d387d61-03d3-48e7-9771-a59800bf29e9) and outlined the proposed structure of the Plan. [Draft Road Safety Plan](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=6d38db15-5e95-4c66-b5aa-a56000f362cd)

Councillors W Lavelle, P Gogarty and L O’Toole and Ms. S. Butler contributed and raised questions. G. Walsh and E Taaffe responded to all questions raised.

Councillor Lavelle requested the members’ feedback on the Draft Plan and that the matter be brought back to a future meeting of the SPC. This was AGREED.

**H.I. 7 Update on N4 – N7 Study**

Mr. E. Taaffe presented the report

The N4 & N7 Corridor Study is currently in the final stages of testing based on the recently received input from the NTA GDA Strategy and SDCC Planning Department in respect of population growth forecasts.

To date the study has recommended a suite of junction improvements and road infrastructure proposals, aimed at managing transport demand in the study area in the medium term (5-10 years). The final stage of the study is examining the longer term scenario (10-20 years) and to what extent the NTA public transport proposals can cater for further growth in the study area.

The Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) hopes to have a draft report in late January 2016 and intend meeting with SDCC to present and discuss the draft findings of the study.

Councillors W Lavelle, P Gogarty and L O’Toole contributed and raised questions. E Taaffe responded to all questions raised.

Councillor Lavelle requested that a further report be brought to the SPC when progress has been made on the study.

**The meeting concluded at 7.25 p.m.**

The Reports were **NOTED**.

**H10/0316 REPORT OF JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE 29th JANUARY 2016**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. Billy Coman Director of Housing, Social & Community Development SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

The Joint Policing Committee met on 29th of January 2016 in County Hall

Documents presented at the meeting are available on the CMAS system.

**Attendance: Committee Members**

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| Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan (Chair) | Cllr. Máire Devine  |
| Cllr Paula Donovan | Cllr. Kenneth Egan |
| Cllr Paul Foley | Cllr. Sarah Holland |
| Cllr Cathal King | Cllr. Liona O Toole |
| Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin | Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin |
| Billy Coman, SDCC | Michael Noonan, PPN |
| Tara Deasey, PPN |   |

**In attendance:** Cllr Fintan Warfield, Superintendent Peter Duff, Superintendent Brendan Connolly, Superintendent Dermot Mann, Detective Superintendent Christy Mangan, Philip Murphy, Andy Lane, Noreen Byrne, Sarah O Gorman

**Apologies:** Cllr. Nicky Coules, Cllr. Paul Gogarty, Ann Corrigan, PPN

The following is a summary of the business of the JPC:

**Presentation: Garda Siochana**

Detective Superintendent Christy Mangan gave a presentation on the work of Operation Thor which focusses on crime investigations and operations including crime prevention, victim support, education and awareness and working in partnership. National aims are to increase visibility in communities, high visibility checkpoints, enhanced use of intelligence, strong focus on working with communities and a national awareness campaign. In DMR West there have been 21 operations conducted across the Division that included searches, checkpoints, patrols, arrests, execution of warrants and the charging of offenders.

In the discussion the issues of CCTV in rural areas, the impact on existing Garda resources, tagging and bail conditions were raised.

**Garda Reports**

Reports were circulated by Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin on behalf of the DMRS region and by Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin on behalf of the DMRW region.

**Residents Associations and Social Media**

The restrictions on the Garda legislating on what isn’t a criminal offence was stated. Concern was voiced about what some people are posting on social media and how it can affect a Garda investigation. It was agreed to raise with Neighbourhood Watch schemes and the Public Participation Network.

**Underage Joyriding**

This matter was discussed along with the impact of scramblers bought by parents at Christmas. It was recognised that chasing those engaged in underage driving or dangerously using scramblers was not appropriate as the risk to innocent bystanders, the Gardaí and the perpetrator was too great. The Gardaí reported that they have been putting a policing plan in place to deal with instances, but that there was a real need for the community to address the matter and for parents to consider the implications for their children. It was reported that an initiative is starting in the Clondalkin area around the feasibility of a scrambler project in partnership with Ballyfermot.

It was agreed to consider this matter further at the September JPC when ideas for action would be discussed and an information campaign linked to Christmas could be implemented.

**Local Policing Fora**

Reports were circulated on behalf of the three local policing fora in Tallaght, Clondalkin and North Clondalkin.

**JPC Sub-groups**

A meeting of the Parks Working Group needs to be called.

The Intimidation Working Group has met and they are proposing a Seminar on the matter to be held in May 2016

 **Other Issues**

* A submission had been made in the County Development Plan regarding the drafting of guidelines for extensions to homes.
* Bans on children at Supervalu Lucan and Liffey Valley shopping centres was raised
* Gardaí support in registering people to vote was discussed
* An update on the Home Security Initiative was given
* Neighbourhood Watch stickers are now available
* A query around the perceived rise in burglaries in the Ballycullen area was clarified as the Gardaí had no evidence that there had been any increase.

 **Next Meeting:**

 Friday 27th May 2016. “

The Report was **NOTED.**

**H11/0316 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES**

 It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this heading.

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor D. Richardson and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q21 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Q1/0316 SCHOOL WARDENS**

**QUESTION: Councillor M. Duff**

Could the Chief Executive report if any new School Wardens have been employed in the County in 2016 and if so, how many?

**REPLY:**

14 Relief School Wardens were recruited and 8 permanent appointments were made in 2015. Competitions were held in February 2016 for Relief School Wardens and panels are in place.

**Q2/0316 FOOTPATHS**

**QUESTION: Councillor M. Duff**

To ask the Chief Executive if a schedule exists of footpaths repairs/upgrading for each area in the County and will provision be continued to be put in place to facilitate wheelchair and mobility scooter users, when upgrading footpaths.

**REPLY:**

The Roadworks and Footpath programme has been presented to each of the Area Committees and is included as a Headed Item at this meeting. Footpaths will be lowered at junctions to allow wheelchairs and mobility scooters to cross

**Q3/0316 DISABILITY PROOFING TOOLKIT**

**QUESTION: Councillor M. Duff**

Could the Chief Executive report if the Disability Proofing Toolkit, designed by members and staff of SDCC in 2010 is still in use today and could he ensure that all staff and members are aware of the Toolkit and it's importance to our County.

**REPLY:**

The Disability Proofing Toolkit that was designed by Members and staff of South Dublin County Council with the Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer in 2010 is still available through a link on the Membersnet Homepage.  The Toolkit will be updated during 2016 and Members and staff will be invited to contribute to this process.  The updated Toolkit, its' importance, and how to use it effectively will be promoted amongst Members and staff when the update is completed.

**Q4/0316** **ENFORCEMENT**

**QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on progress made in resolving and clearing the serious backlog of 405 open planning enforcement files (as reported in December), particularly in relation to 125 files opened prior to 2013?

**REPLY:**

From 1st January 2016 to 4th March 2016 thirty four (34) files have been closed.  Sixteen (16) of the files closed were files which were opened prior to 2013.

The examination of all live files is ongoing to establish what, if any action is necessary or possible to bring the matters complained of to a conclusion.

**Q5/0316 ARCH CONSERVATION**

**QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the planned 2016 programme of remedial repair and conservation work to Council owned Protected Structures?

**REPLY:**

The following Projects are under consideration for the 2016 remedial Works Programme on Council Owned Protected Structures:-

**Palmerstown Church and Graveyard** – Conservation and repair works to the perimeter wall of the site, vegetation and site clearance.

* Phase one of works were completed during Nov/Dec 2015.
* Phase two of the works will commence in the next few months – stabilisation works to include repair works and repointing of stone church.

**Killininny Tower, Tallaght** – Structural repairs and stabilisation works to stone ruins and localised repair and repointing to commence during 2016.

**Kiltalown House, Tallaght** – Existing boundary wall (N81) Vegetation clearance and removal completed during Dec 2015. Phase two of works will include remedial repair and conservation works of the entire section of perimeter wall by specialised conservation contractors.

**King Johns Bridge**, Lucan – Condition survey to be carried out during early 2016 - Works to be identified and schedule of works to be agreed between Architectural Conservation Officer and Consulting Conservation Engineer in order to assess if works can be facilitated under budget for 2016.

**Kilcarberry** (outbuildings) – Temporary roofs being put in place. Localised repair and structural work being carried out at present.

Funding is also available under the additional allocation agreed in late 2015 and a list of potential works is currently being formulated for consideration by theArchitectural Conservation forum (Historic buildings committee).

**Q6/0316** **IMPROVEMENTS TO PITCHES**

**QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any proposed works planned for 2016 to improve the surfaces and drainage of playing pitches in the County

**REPLY:**

The Council’s Public Realm Section has in place an ongoing programme of pitch maintenance works which includes the replacement of goal mouth areas on playing pitches as required.  A large number of pitches have had this work completed over the past few years and this work will continue to be carried out as required.  Also included in the annual pitch maintenance programme are works to improve the surface drainage of playing pitches by verti-draining and this is also an ongoing programme of maintenance.  There is also an ongoing programme of fertilising of playing pitches to improve grass growth and thereby improve the playing surface.

The full list of playing pitches requiring goal mouth replacement works, drainage improvement works or fertilising works during 2016 is currently being collated. Those which have been identified to date are as follows –

* Pitch nos 6, 8, 29 & 30 Tymon Park
* Development of playing pitch at Colaiste de hIde in Tymon Park
* Pitch no 96 Dodder Valley/Old Bawn
* Pitch no 39 Collinstown Park
* Pitch at Hermitage Park (let to Esker Celtic)

**Q7/0316 PLAYSPACE**

**QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report, including timelines, on the processes for planned playspace and playground projects which are to be progressed during 2016?

**REPLY:**

The play space programme 2016 includes some play spaces from the 2015 programme which were not completed in that year. The total number of play spaces proposed to be progressed in 2016 is 19. The Consultation phase has proven to be challenging but the Council has been successful in providing 12 new play spaces since the programme commenced in 2014.

**Play Space Programme 2016**

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| **LUCAN**  | **TYPE**  | **Proposed year of construction**  |
| Finnstown (Newcastle Road area as agreed with the Elected Members)  | Local  | 2016  |
| **CLONDALKIN**  |    |    |
| Neilstown (site to be agreed with the Elected Members)  | Local (2015)  | 2016  |
| Ashwood estate  | Local  | 2016  |
| Collinstown Park  | Local  | 2016  |
| **TALLAGHT CENTRAL**  | **TYPE**  | **Proposed year of construction**  |
| Kilnamanagh Parkhill Rd (and incorporatingKilnamanagh Tree Park Road from the 2018 programme and arising from the local consultation process)  | Local (2015)(Consultation commenced)Local 2018  | 2016  |
| Kingswood open space  | Local(Consultation commenced)  | 2016  |
| **TALLAGHT SOUTH**  | **TYPE**  | **Proposed year of construction**  |
| Jobstown Park  | Neighbourhood (2015)  | 2016  |
| Seán Walsh Park, Marlfield (it is proposed to substitute this play space in 2016 with an upgrade of the existing Seán Walsh Park play space and which is need of refurbishment)  | Local  | 2016  |
| Springbank Cottages Saggart  | Local  | 2016  |
| **RATHFARNHAM**  |   | **Proposed year of construction**  |
| Marian Road  | Local (2015)  | 2016  |
| Longwood/Stonepark Abbey Rathfarnham  | Local (2015)  | 2016  |
| Glendoher Park  | Local (2015)  | 2016  |
| Elkwood  | Local  | 2016    |
| **TEMPLEOGUE TERENURE**  |   | **Proposed year of construction**  |
| Delaford  | Local  | 2016  |
| Glendown Park  | Local  | 2016  |
| Firhouse Park  | Local  | 2016  |
| Perrystown (Substitute for Idrone as agreed with the Elected Members)  | Local  | 2016  |
|   |   |   |   |   |

In addition, the following Regional Park Play Spaces will be progressed in 2016:

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| **LUCAN**  | **TYPE**  | **Proposed year of construction**  |
| Griffeen Valley Park  | Regional  | 2016  |
| **TALLAGHT**  |    |    |
| Tymon Park (Tymon North)  | Regional  | 2016  |

**Q8/0316 HEADSTONE APPLICATION FEE**

**QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the current review of Burial Ground Systems and Procedures and to ask if a decision has yet been made in relation to requests for a reduction in the costs charged for erection of a headstones in SDCC burial grounds.

**REPLY:**

The cost of a headstone permit is currently €490 per headstone in each of the South Dublin County Council operated cemeteries.

A review of the Council’s Burial Ground Policy is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed in the second quarter of 2016. All aspects of the current policy is under review, including the Councillor’s request to review the cost of the fee for processing a headstone permit application.

**Q9/0316 STAFF HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’ Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the recent report in the Irish Times which noted that access to fitness programmes in the workplace improve the overall health and well-being of employees and that many employers are now offering free fitness regimes to their staff, will he state if he has any plans to introduce such a programme in this Council in view of his sector leading approach to overall health and well-being initiatives.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council currently run a number of initiatives designed to encourage health and wellness in our staff

**Healthy Workforce Challenge**

HR organise a Healthy Workforce Challenge every year, in 2016 60 staff members participated in this 8 week challenge, it is currently in its 7th  week, teams of 5 get points for every challenge that they achieve with weekly prizes and on overall prize to the team who tops the leader board at the end of the 8th week. Teams receive weekly emails with information on exercise plans, recipes, healthy food blogs etc.

**Staff Health Screening**

A Health Screening Programme was rolled out to staff in January 2016, 564 staff members availed of this free service. A report on the general health of the workforce based on the findings of the health screening programme will be presented to the Management Team shortly.

**Health & Wellbeing week**

A Health and Wellbeing Week is organised by the Council's Community Department which sees various sessions organised throughout the week for staff members to avail off i.e. Reiki, work life balance techniques, breast cancer awareness, meditation sessions, how to deal with stress etc. This is usually held annually in September.

South Dublin County Council will continue to examine opportunities to encourage health and well-being in our staff.

**Q10/0316 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’ Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the provision of both social and affordable housing in 2016, if he will set out the planned number of completions and acquisitions for the calendar year and if he will break down these numbers in each of the respective categories by area committee.

**REPLY:**

 The following three social housing build projects with are due for completion in 2016:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Scheme Address** | **No. of Units** | **Estimated Delivery   Date** | **Area**  |
| Suncroft Tallaght | 10 | 2nd Quarter 2016 | **Tallaght** |
|  St. Finians, Lucan |   2 | 2nd Quarter 2016 | **Lucan** |
| Belgard Road   Tallaght (traveller accommodation) |   3 | 1st Quarter 2016 | **Tallaght** |
|  Total | 15 |   |   |

The Council's Housing Procurement Section has committed to purchase a total of 38 units to date in 2016 which are distributed through the County as outlined below. The acquisitions programme is ongoing in support of the overall delivery of social housing. There is currently no Affordable Housing Scheme in operation.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Scheme** | **Clondalkin Area Committee** | **Lucan Area Committee** | **Tallaght Area Committee** | **Total** |
| Acquisition | 12 | 5 | 8 | 25 |
| Part V | 0 | 6 | 7 | 13 |

**Q11/0316 CLEANING OF MAIN ROADS**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’ Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will confirm that staff are still deployed to litter picking throughout the County and especially along the main road arteries of the County and I n reporting will he confirm the frequency of such litter picks and the schedule being followed and will he respond to the view that has been expressed that the main roads leading to our towns in the County require particular attention.

**REPLY:**

The main road arteries around the County including the main road approaches to villages and towns are scheduled for litter picking on a fortnightly basis.  This scheduled frequency is in keeping with the grass cutting schedule for main road margins which is also fortnightly, with litter picking scheduled to take place just ahead of grass cutting.  In addition to the cleansing work carried out by the Council's own staff, which includes staff currently assigned to the Gateway scheme, all main roads in the County are also included in the Oxigen road sweeping and litter picking programme.  In accordance with the Oxigen programme all main roads are swept and litter picked by them once a month, with all dual carriageways swept and litter picked once every two months.

The Outdoor Work Force Plan has been agreed and recruitment at General Services and Driver grades is underway, after which a restructuring of Public Realm crews will be put in place to provide an enhanced cleaning and litter bin collection service in the County's towns, villages and approach roads as provided for in the budget for the current year.

**Q12/0316 HOMELESS REGISTER**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’ Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would confirm the number of families who have registered as homeless with the Council so far this year and will he detail what action has been taken in respect of these applications.

**REPLY:**

There are 291 on the Councils homeless list.  These consist of 151 Single Males, 36 Single Females, 1 Couple and 103 Families.  The 64 families in Tallaght Cross are not included

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| --- | --- | --- |
|    | Jan  | Feb  |
| **No. Registered Homeless**  | **275**  | **291**  |
| 1 bed  | **175**  | 177  |
| 2 bed  | **45**  | 51  |
| 3 bed  | **48**  | 52  |
| 4 bed  | **7**  | 11  |

All of the homeless persons on our list have been provided with emergency accommodation either in hostels or hotels.  They have all been provided with HAP Packs to enable them to access private rented accommodation.  All the families are linked in with accommodation finders to assist in the securing of HAP Accommodation.  Homeless families can attract a 50% increase in the rent caps for private rented accommodation on a case by case basis.

**Q13/0316 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O’ Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive will he please confirm the number of Planning Applications submitted so far this year and will he detail how many relate to Housing accommodation and business, will he give such detail in respect of each electoral area.

**REPLY:**

The table below illustrates the number of planning applications received between 1st January 2016 and 26th February 2016.

It is not possible to provide a breakdown between applications for housing accommodation and business other than indicating the number of applications which have been received for residential units.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Area**  | **No. of Applications**  | **Residential Apps/Units**  |
| Tallaght Central  | 18  | 4apps/6 units  |
| Tallaght South  | 10  |    |
| Rathfarnham/Terenure/Templeogue  | 57  | 10 apps/67 units  |
| Lucan  | 19  |    |
| Clondalkin  | 19  | 3 apps/18 units  |

**Q14/0316 DAMAGED FOOTPATHS**

**QUESTION: Councillor L. O’ Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of claims taken against SDCC in relation to damaged footpath, how many have been successful to the claimant and how much has this cost the council, over the last two years.

**REPLY:**

Since 1st January 2014, the Council are fully insured by Irish Public Bodies who manage all public liability claims. As such and since that date the cost to the Council is the cost of the Insurance Policy.

In 2014 we had 115 Road/footpath related claims and in 2015 the number of claims was 93.

**Q15/0316 LETTERS TO MINISTERS**

**QUESTION: Councillor L. O’Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of official letters that have been sent to various Ministers from this Council within the last two years and how many have been replied to.

**REPLY:**

Following an Agreed Motion from the Council to write to a Minister or Government Department the Meetings Administrator forwards correspondence with details of the Motion and requests a response.  Since May 2014 61 items of correspondence have been sent by the Meetings Administrator.  A number of Acknowledgements have been received and 27 full replies which have been brought to the attention of Members under the correspondence heading at Council Meetings. All outstanding correspondence is being followed up by the Meetings Administrator and when replies are received they will be included in the correspondence heading at the appropriate Meeting.

**Q160316 DOG LITTER FINES**

**QUESTION: Councillor L. O’ Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive how many dog litter fines have been issued over the last two years per area and how many have resulted in successful payment.

**REPLY:**

Dog fouling is an offence under [**Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/22/enacted/en/html)997, as amended (the Act).

The Act provides that the person in charge of a dog is subject to a fine or prosecution if he/she does not immediately remove any faeces deposited by their dog in certain places, and/or if that person fails to ensure that the dog litter is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.

The difficulty with enforcement of this particular section of the Act is the requirement for witness testimony, to report that the offence happened and that an identified person is the person in charge of the dog.  The Council continues to encourage residents groups and/or individuals to assist the Warden Service in this regard.

In 2014 three fines were issued, two of which were paid.

In 2015 five fines were issued, one of which was paid.

In the other cases, the fines had to be cancelled due to the unwillingness of the witnesses in question to attend Court.

However, it is an objective in the Litter Management Plan 2015 - 2019 to examine emerging technologies to deter incidences of dog littering and dog fouling and to promote targeted anti-litter and litter prevention campaigns, including dog litter.

Programmable audio messaging devices were piloted in late 2015 at three (3) locations across the County to deter dog litter which proved to be very successful. Accordingly, a rolling programme has been agreed for 2016 where these devices will be deployed at a number of locations which are considered suitable, in order to optimise the use of this technology and maximise its effectiveness.

A quarterly report on implementation of the 2016 Litter Management Action Plan will be given at Area Committees.

**Q17/0316 LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY**

**QUESTION: Councillor L. O’ Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on question submitted reference no. 44834 regarding HGV restrictions.

**REPLY:**



**Q18/0316 PEOPLE LIVING IN HOTELS AND B & B’s**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated report on the number of People living in Hotels and B & B's in January 2016.

**REPLY:**

As at the 31st of January, 2016 this Council had placed 81 families in Hotels and B&BS.  This figure does not include the 64 families based in Tallaght Cross.

By the end of March an additional 25 case workers across the Dublin Region will be employed by Focus Ireland and it is envisaged that each family will be assigned a worker who will aid in the process of finding Private Rented Accommodation.

**Q19/0316 HOMELESS NUMBERS**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmins**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the Homeless numbers in SDCC?

**REPLY:**

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|    | Jan  | Feb  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Total Presentations**  | **563**  | **559** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Unique Individuals/Family  | **267**  | **58** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| No. of New Presentations  | **188**  | **121** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| No. of Repeats Presentations  | **375**  | **438** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

  **HOMELESS REGISTER**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|    | Jan  | Feb  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **No. Registered Homeless**  | **275**  | **291** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Single Male  | **149**  | **151** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Single Female  | **38**  | **36** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Couples  | **1**  | **1** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Family  | **87**  | **103** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

The 64 families in Tallaght Cross are not included in the family figure above

**Q20/0316 AUDITS ON TRAVELLER SITES**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on what issues have arisen in traveller sites in SDCC following recent inspections and what proposed solutions are in place?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council have been working closely with both the Clondalkin and Tallaght Traveller Development Groups in relation to carrying out the required Audits in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade.

An open information session was held in Clondalkin and in Tallaght to discuss issues arising in relation to the carrying out the Audits. The Audits commenced on the 18th February and continued on the 22nd and 25th of February and one site remains to be examined.

No reports have yet been received in relation to the Audits. The Council's position from the outset is that should a situation arise from the Audits in relation to safety of the tenants, nobody will be made homeless as a result. The Audit is necessary as a health and safety measure for the residents of the developments.

**Q21/0316 VILLAGES**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the update for the village Initiatives?

**REPLY:**

The following is the current Status of the Village Initiative Programme:-

 Works are now completed at Palmerstown and Manor Road.

Work is substantially complete in Rathcoole.

The first phase of works in Newcastle- the new footpath linking Aylmer Road to Peamount UTD. is on site. Works on the gateway roundabout at the village entrance including pavements, kerbing and planting will issue to tender soon. The developed design for a public plaza at the Community Centre was not acceptable to community groups and will be revisited later in 2016.

Tender documents are being prepared for the plaza adjoining the historic cemetery in Rathfarnham and are scheduled for issue in March. The design for a new plaza at Wolfe Tone Terrace is in consultation with traders. Works to the forecourt at the Castle requires permission from OPW which will be the centre of discussions with them in the New Year.

Pavement repair works in Lucan and Tallaght have gone to tender and will be on site by the end of the month.

Preparation of tender documents for works in Tallaght village are in progress and tender will issue in March.

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 Area Committee when complete.

Good progress has been made with stakeholders in Templeogue village in an ongoing series of meetings and subject to agreements, a Part 8 process will commence in March 2016.

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.

A recent joint meeting of the Arts/Culture and Economic Development SPCs agreed a strategy for the roll-out of signage across the 9 villages in the first instance. This is included under the SPC report section of the December Council meeting

**Q22/0316 COUNCIL WAITING LISTS**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the numbers waiting on Council lists for social housing by area and years on the list?

 **REPLY:**

At 29/02/2016 there were 9,254 applications on the Council’s housing waiting list, the table below gives a breakdown of type of accommodation required and average time on list.  It should be noted that some applicants have expressed interest in both housing areas

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  HOUSING AREA  | 1 BEDROOM  | 2 BEDROOM  | 3 BEDROOM  | 4 BEDROOM  |
| Nos. on Lis  | Average Years on List  | Nos. On List  | Average Years on List  | Nos. on List  | Average Years on List  | Nos. on List  | Average Years on List   |
| North of the Naas Road  | 1577  | 4  | 2223  | 4  | 1455  | 6  | 154  | 7  |
| South of the Naas Road  | 2237  | 4  | 2274  | 4  | 1512  | 6  | 155  | 7  |

**H12/0316 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS**

It was **NOTED that** there was **NO** Business under this heading

**H13a/0316 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY /SITES - ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE - 5 SCHOOL ROAD, RATHCOOLE, CO. DUBLIN**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

The following have applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No 2) Act, to acquire the fee simple in the property

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| --- | --- | --- |
| ADDRESS | LESSEE(S) | PURCHASE PRICE |
| 5 School Road Rathcoole Co. Dublin | Liam and Dorothy Murray | €41.65 |

It is proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

**H13b/0316**  **DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY /SITES - ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE - 25 CASTLE PARK, TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

The following have applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No 2) Act, to acquire the fee simple in the property

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| --- | --- | --- |
| ADDRESS | LESSEE(S) | PURCHASE PRICE |
| 25 Castle Park Tallaght Dublin 24 | Ms. Sarah Duggan | €125.83 |

It is proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

**H13c/0316 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY /SITES - ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE - 57 CASTLE PARK ESTATE, TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

The following have applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No 2) Act, to acquire the fee simple in the property

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| ADDRESS | LESSEE(S) | PURCHASE PRICE |
| 57 Castle Park Estate, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Emma and Andrew Daniel | €123.85 |

It is proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

**H13d/0316** **DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY /SITES - PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT JUNCTION OF OUTER RING ROAD AND CITYWEST AVE., CHEEVERSTOWN, DUBLIN 24**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. F. Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

Chief Executive’s Order DEV/51/15 dated 26 June 2015 recommended the disposal of a plot of land at junction of the Outer Ring Rd., and Citywest Ave., Cheeverstown, Dublin 24 outlined in red on Indicative Drawing No. LA/04/15, to Rohan Holdings Limited. The disposal was approved at Council meeting on 13 July 2015 – Minute No. H8a)/0715 refers.

During the course of preparing the legalities for completion of the transfer, difficulties arose by which it was not practical to complete within the 3 month timeframe as outlined in condition 6 of the disposal resolution.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Council disposes of the plot of land as shown outlined in red on Indicative Drawing No. LA/04/15, to Rohan Holdings Limited, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Condition No. 6 of terms and conditions for the approved disposal at Council meeting 13 July 2015 (Minute No. H8a)/0715) to be amended as follows:-

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| --- | --- |
| **From** | **To** |
| 6. That the transaction is completed within three months of the date of the Council’s approval of the disposal. | 6. That each party to the disposal shall use their best endeavours to complete the transfer as soon as practical. |

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

The lands being disposed of form part of the lands acquired from Roadstone Holdings Ltd. in 2008 for road development works.

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**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

**H13e/0316** **DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY /SITES PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND ADJACENT TO 2 LEALAND WALK, CLONDALKIN, DUBLIN 22**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Frank Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

The houseowner at 2 Lealand Walk, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, Mr. James Fleming, applied to the Council to acquire a plot of Council owned land adjacent to his property.

The matter was referred to the Council’s Valuer for examination and he has recommended the following terms which he considers to be fair and reasonable and which have been accepted by the Applicant.

Accordingly, I now recommend that the Council dispose of the plot of land measuring 0.015 hectares (150 square metres) or thereabouts adjacent to 2 Lealand Walk, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA/11/15 to the respective houseowner, Mr. James Fleming, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions as recommended by the Council’s Valuer:-

1. That the subject plot comprises an area of circa 0.015 hectares (150 square metres) as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA/11/15.
2. That the Council dispose of the subject plot for the consideration of €5,000 (five thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).
3. That the land is disposed of with full freehold title and vacant possession.
4. That any proposed building will be set back a minimum of 2 metres from foul sewer located on footpath adjacent to subject site.
5. That the Applicant shall incorporate the area and construct a 1.8m high boundary wall of solid blocks laid on the flat, suitably rendered and capped in situ. All works to be carried out in accordance with the Planning & Development and the Building Control legislation.
6. That the Applicant holds the freehold or equivalent interest in No. 2 Lealand Walk.
7. That the Applicant shall pay the Council’s legal fees plus VAT and outlay.
8. That the Applicant shall pay the Council’s Valuer’s fees of €800 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT.
9. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within 3 months of adoption of the disposal resolution.
10. That the A/Law Agent shall draft the necessary legal agreements and shall include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
11. That no contract enforceable at Law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
12. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands to be disposed of were acquired from Deansrath Investment Company Limited for housing purposes in 1972.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

**H13f/0316 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY /SITES - PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LANEWAY TO REAR OF 1 DRUMCAIRN DRIVE, TALLAGHT, D. 24**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Frank Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

Order No. Dev/78/15 dated 23 September 2015 recommended the disposal of laneway to the rear of 1 Drumcairn Drive, Fettercairn, Tallaght, Dublin 24 to Ms. Carol Stamps. The disposal was approved at Council meeting on 12 October 2015 – Minute No. H8a)/1015 refers.

During the preparation of the legal transfer it was brought to Council attention that Ms. Carol Stamps is the joint registered houseowner of 1 Drumcairn Drive (Folio DN 97741F) with her spouse, Mr. David Stamps. Through their legal representative they have both now confirmed that they wish to purchase the subject plot of ground in joint names.

Accordingly, I now recommend that the Council disposes of the portion of laneway comprising an area of 15 square metres or thereabouts to the rear of 1 Drumcairn Drive, Fettercairn, Tallaght, Dublin 24 as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA/24/15 to the respective joint houseowners, Carol and David Stamps, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

All other terms and conditions are as already approved at Council meeting on 12th October 2015.

The lands being disposed of form part of the lands acquired from Dublin City Council (formerly Dublin Corporation) in 1997 under the Scheme of Transfer of Lands pursuant to the Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1993.

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**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

The proposed Disposals were proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and seconded by Councillor J. Graham and **AGREED.**

**H14/0316** **MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

 The following reports by the Chief Executive which had been circulated were presented by the Mr. Daniel Mc Loughlin Chief Executive and were **CONSIDERED**:

 “Finance Report

 **Billing and Collection Statement**





**Use of overdraft facility**

Approved overdraft facility = €13,000,000

No of days in Overdraft from 1st January to 29th February = 0

**Draft Revenue Account Outturn 2015**



**Draft Capital Account Outturn 2015**

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**Strategies Report**

Council Report Generator **MENU**

“Housing, Social & Community Development

Land Use Planning & Transportation

February Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan - 07/03/2016

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 - 3Dwellings, 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 andleading 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 2016Community 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.

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.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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.

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 though 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 Green school 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

Corporate Performance and Change Management 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 &amp; 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 green schools 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 Dublin 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 mand 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.

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 Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development 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. My Plan 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; Safe pass; Management and Supervisory Training for Middle Managers; CPC Modules 1, 2 & 3; Needle stick 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.

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 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 Michael 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 e-zine issued for Q4 2015 with additional e-zines 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.”

 **Statistics Report**

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| **“Corporate Performance and Change Management** |  |
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| **Statistic Name** | **Dec-15** | **Jan-16** |
| Customer Contacts processed through CMS | 4787 | 8199 |
| Average CMS response time | 3.04 | 1.53 |
| Members reps processed | 428 | 769 |
| Members reps Av. Response time (days) | 14.37 | 10.285 |
| Telephone calls answered | 10342 | 19050 |
| Answered within 20 seconds (%) | 85.7 | 87.8 |
| Media queries responded to | 15 | 32 |
| Fix your street queries responded to | 332 | 580 |
| Web pages opened | 169119 | 258158 |
| Social media followers | 13020 | 13647 |
| Staff employed - WTE | 1139 | 1155 |
| Apprenticeships/graduates | 4 | 3 |
| No. of Gateway participants | 203 | 199 |
| % of Gateway participants allocated | 94.4 | 92.5 |
| No. of CE participants | 98 | 98 |
| % of CE participants allocated | 77 | 78 |
| Training programme - No of participants | 241 | 131 |
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| **Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development** |  |
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| **Statistic Name** | **Dec-15** | **Jan-16** |
| LEO - jobs supported | 0 | 8 |
| LEO - projects approved | 0 | 7 |
| LEO - training participants | 44 | 44 |
| LEO - mentoring sessions | 22 | 31 |
| Business support grants spend | 373155 | 0 |
| Business support grant spend (projects) | 0 | 0 |
| Business initiative with Chamber meetings held | 12 | 18 |
| Shopfront grants paid | 0 | 0 |
| Grange Castle jobs sustained | 1977 | 2051 |
| Library - visitors actual | 96104 | 78423 |
| Library - visitors online |   | 44281 |
| Library - items borrowed | 65206 | 93559 |
| Library - computer sessions | 12563 | 17262 |
| Libraries - events hosted | 360 | 383 |
| Library wi-fi users | 3995 | 5391 |
| Arts grants paid | 2 | 3 |
| Arts events hosted | 1 | 1 |
| Visitors civic theatre | 24097 | 11451 |
| Visitors Rua Red | 8961 | 12131 |
| GC Jobs (Construction) | 533 | 723 |
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| **Environment, Water & Climate Change** |  |  |
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| **Statistic Name** | **Dec-15** | **Jan-16** |
| Grass cut - Hectares | 0 | 0 |
| Trees inspected | 346 | 536 |
| Trees pruned | 88 | 94 |
| Trees removed | 89 | 106 |
| Trees planted | 0 | 103 |
| No. of stumps removed | 112 | 0 |
| No. of locations of hedge cuts | 2 | 41 |
| Hectares of park land maintained | 1750 | 1,750 |
| No of allotments provided | 433 | 433 |
| Playing pitches provided/Maintained | 163 | 163 |
| Playgrounds provided/maintained | 27 | 28 |
| Tonnage of waste collected - street bins | 32.96 | 32.44 |
| Tonnage of waste collected - litter/illegal dumping | 257.78 | 272.16 |
| Tonnage of waste collected - road sweeping/gullies | 395.95 | 417.14 |
| No. of bring banks provided | 74 | 74 |
| No. of recycling centres | 2 | 2 |
| No. of green flag schools | 100 | 131 |
| Km. of roads swept monthly | 930 | 610 |
| Derelict site/Dangerous building inspections | 10 | 40 |
| No. of sites on derelict sites register | 11 | 12 |
| No. of environment inspections | 179 | 19 |
| Environment enforcement procedures commenced | 6 | 10 |
| Environment enforcement - cases closed | 27 | 12 |
| Litter - fines issued | 24 | 34 |
| Litter - court appearances | 4 | 2 |
| Litter - cases closed | 1145 | 480 |
| Total number of waste permits in force | 39 | 38 |
| No. of waste enforcement notices issued | 13 | 4 |
| Water Quality (%) | 100 | 100 |
| % of unaccounted for water | 21.39 | 36.12 |
| Water maintenance repairs completed | 32 | 48 |
| Water pollution incidents dealt with | 1 | 4 |
| No. of dogs impounded | 50 | 74 |
| Number of dog licences in force | 9371 | 9235 |
| DFB fire incidents mobilised | 138 | 129 |
| DFB Ambulance incidents mobilised | 1157 | 1138 |
| Number of horses impounded | 10 | 11 |
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| **Housing, Social & Community Development** |  |  |
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| **Statistic Name** | **Dec-15** | **Jan-16** |
| Total housing stock | 9016 | 9023 |
| Construction starts | 0 | 0 |
| Construction completions | 0 | 0 |
| Total housing needs assessed | 8944 | 9022 |
| Allocations - Homeless/Other | 23 | 10 |
| No. of voids | 45 | 41 |
| Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks) | 7.7 | 8.23 |
| Total RAS units | 1537 | 1540 |
| Total HAP units | 548 | 569 |
| Total units leased | 728 | 728 |
| No. of housing grants approved | 9 | 11 |
| Housing Maintenance requests received | 1417 | 2382 |
| Housing maintenance requests completed | 771 | 1765 |
| Planned Maintenance - units completed | 0 | 0 |
| Total PPN registrations | 0 | 13 |
| No. of community grants issued | 0 | 27 |
| No. of sports programmes | 88 | 74 |
| No. of sports programme participants | 4979 | 7288 |
| No. of community events | 18 | 1 |
| No. of community event participants | 3811 | 90 |
| Visitors to leisure facilities | 32358 | 49873 |
| Visitors to Community halls |   |   |
| PRTB inspections | 0 | 0 |
| PRTB called no access | 0 | 0 |
| BER inspections | 0 | 0 |
| BER Certs published | 54 | 0 |
| Mechanical Inspections | 182 | 217 |
| Energy upgrades completed | 174 | 0 |
| Electrical inspections completed | 199 | 179 |
| No of anti-social incidents reported | 29 | 53 |
| No of actions taken in response to reports | 257 | 498 |
| JPC and Policing Fora meetings held | 1 | 4 |
| No of Local Festivals supported | 3 | 0 |
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| **Land Use Planning & Transportation** |  |  |
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| **Statistic Name** | **Dec-15** | **Jan-16** |
| Planning applications received - new housing | 13 | 1 |
| Planning applications received - new housing (units) | 260 | 2 |
| Planning granted new houses - applications | 8 | 2 |
| Planning granted new houses - applications (units) | 147 | 48 |
| Planning applications housing - applications | 13 | 1 |
| Planning applications housing - applications (units) | 260 | 2 |
| Planning Refused - no of houses | 1 | 81 |
| Planning applications - other | 54 | 38 |
| Planning other - no granted | 42 | 30 |
| Planning other - no. refused | 6 | 3 |
| Additional information requests - all classes | 7 | 7 |
| % decisions upheld by ABP | 75 | 89 |
| Pre planning meetings held | 15 | 10 |
| Planning enforcements initiated | 6 | 1 |
| Enforcement files closed | 5 | 15 |
| Building control inspections | 21 | 22 |
| Commencement notices received | 13 | 27 |
| TIC requests received | 0 | 0 |
| TIC completions | 0 | 0 |
| Area of footpath repaired in m2 | 1860 | 0 |
| Area of road repaired in m2 | 4600 | 0 |
| No of public lights in charge | 29269 | 29269 |
| No of public lights repaired | 615 | 867 |
| Traffic lights repaired | 98 | 104 |
| % of Dodder Valley Greenway completed (annual) |   |   |
| Children participating in cycling initiatives (quarterly) |   |   |
| KM of cycleway completed (quarterly) |   |   |
| Value of Village improvements (quarterly)” |   |   |
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 The reports were **NOTED.**

**H15/0316 PART 8 ON PROPOSED GRANGE ROAD CYCLE AND WALKING SCHEME AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE STREETSCAPE ALONG GRANGE ROAD, RATHFARNHAM, DUBLIN 14 AND DUBLIN 16**

The Following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated were presented by Mr. Eddie Taaffe Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and was C**ONSIDERED:**

[Part 8 On Proposed Grange Road Cycle And Walking Scheme And Enhancement Of The Streetscape Along Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 And Dublin 16](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=48421&itemTxt=H-I15)

[Link to public Notice](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=48421&itemTxt=H-I15)

 <http://www.sdublincoco.ie/index.aspx?pageid=939&pid=34044&type=Public%20Notices&q=&from=09-09-2015&to=09-03-2016&>

Councillor P. Donovan on behalf of Cllrs. S. Holland, A. Dermody, E. Murphy, D. O’Donovan and F. Duffy proposed and Councillor F. Duffy seconded an amendment to the part 8 as follows:

“That this Council, in seeking to improve pedestrian and cycle safety and to enhance the streetscape along the Grange Road, agrees to approve the Part 8 proposals as recommended by the Chief Executive, subject to the following modifications:

1.  Omission of the proposed pedestrian route through Beaufort Downs Estate, which was previously extinguished as a right-of-way in 1997; and

2. Omission of the proposed public seating from outside residential properties at 8 and 9 The Priory, Rathfarnham.”

A vote was taken on the amendment to the part 8 by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 32 (THIRTY TWO)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Donovan, S. Holland, D. O’Donovan, A-M. Dermody and P. Kearns.

Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning & Transportation responded to the Member’s queries.

The part8 on proposed Grange Road cycle and walking scheme and enhancement of the streetscape along Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 was **APPROVED as** **AMENDED.**

**H16/0316 ANNUAL ROADS PROGRAMME**

The Following report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was presented by Mr. Eddie Taaffe Director of Land Use Planning and Transportation and was C**ONSIDERED:**

“Presented to

Rathfarnham Templeogue/Terenure ACM 9/2/2016
Clondalkin ACM 17/2/2016
Tallaght ACM 22/2/2016
Lucan ACM 23/2/2016

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| **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016** | **COST** | Comments |
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| **Roadworks- Clondalkin Area** |   |   |
| New Nangor Road- Phase 2 | € 45,000 | Resurfacing- From Nangor rd. /Ninth Lock rd. junction to Nangor rd. /Park West junction |
| New Rd Clondalkin | € 60,000 | Resurfacing- Remainder of New rd. Clondalkin 350LinM |
| Slademore Rd/Slade Valley rd. | € 50,000 | Resurfacing- Section of Slademore Rd and Slade Valley rd. Surface Dressing |
| Harelawn Park | € 60,000 | Resurfacing |
| Aylmer Road | € 80,000 | Edge Strengthening & Resurfacing |
| Dunawley Estate / Oakwood Grove | € 45,000 | Resurfacing Oakwood Grove, Dunawley Way & Grove |
| Outer Ring Roundabout  | € 25,000 | Resurfacing Roundabout at Adamstown Link Road- Also Antiskid at Grange Castle R/A |
| Peamount Cross Newcastle Main St. | € 50,000 | Resurfacing Junction |
| Station Rd/ Crag Avenue | € 30,000 | Resurfacing Junction |
| St Marks Avenue | €30,000 | Resurfacing |
| Lyons rd | €25,000 | Surface Dressing to final section |
| Oakcourt Park | €35,000 | Resurfacing |
| Moorfield Estate | €35,000 | Resurfacing |
| Cycle tracks | €20,000 | Re-instate red surfacing- misc locations. |
| Gullies at Kavanagh Garage | €8,000 | Install gully to remove ponding at Junction |
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| **Total Roadworks- Clondalkin Area** | **€598,000** |   |
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| **Footpath Repairs- Clondalkin Area** |   |   |
| Harelawn | € 30,000 | concrete path repairs |
| St Johns Park East | € 30,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Oakwood Grove | € 11,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Woodford Downs/Heights | € 10,000 | concrete path repairs |
| St Marks Garden. | € 10,000 | Reinstate macadam verges. |
| Cloverhill rd | € 25,000 | concrete path repairs- near prison |
| Glenfield | € 12,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Shancastle Lawns | € 15,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Greenfort | € 10,000 | concrete path repairs |
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| **Total Footpath Repairs- Clondalkin Area** | **€153,000** |   |
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| **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016** | **COST** | Comments |
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| **Roadworks- Lucan Area** |   |   |
| R148 | € 220,000 | Resurfacing- from the Oval to County Boundary -2 lanes both sides |
| Palmerstown Main st | € 20,000 | Resurfacing Junction with Kennelsfort Road |
| Hermitage Road | € 30,000 | Resurfacing 400m |
| Ballydowd Grove | € 35,000 | Repair / Replace Concrete bays |
| Ballyowen Lane | € 35,000 | Resurfacing Roundabout near apartments |
| Liffey Valley Rnd | €45,000 | Resurfacing Roundabout near B & Q |
| Gullies at ORR at Willsbrook bus stop. | €5,000 | Install gully to remove ponding at bus stop |
| Gullies at Dodsborough. | €15,000 | Install gully to remove ponding |
| Cycletracks | €20,000 | Re-instate red surfacing- misc. locations. |
| Kennelsfort rd Upr | € 65,000 | Resurfacing- From Silver Granite towards Coldcut Rd Junction |
| Balgaddy Road | €50,000 | Resurfacing in front of school- 300m |
| Tubber Lane | €35,000 | Resurfacing final section |
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| **Total Roadworks- Lucan Area** | **€575,000** |   |
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| **Footpath Repairs- Lucan Area** |   |   |
| Whitethorne | € 15,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Esker Drive | € 30,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Esker Park | € 30,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Esker Glebe | €15,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Westbrook Park | €10,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Palmerstown Drive | € 15,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Ballydowd | € 34,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Westbrook Park | € 15,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Kennelsfort rd | € 60,000 | concrete path repairs |
| Beechpark Lucan | € 20,000 | concrete path repairs |
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| **Total Footpath Repairs- Lucan Area** | **€244,000** |   |
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| **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016** | **COST** | Comments |
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| **Roadworks- Rathfarnham Area** |   |   |
| Bohernabreena Cottages | € 30,000 | Resurfacing- Access road at Cottages |
| Newtown Lane | € 20,000 | Resurfacing sections |
| O’Rourke’s Lane (Castlekelly) | € 20,000 | Resurfacing |
| Sloggers Lane (Glass mucky Brakes) | € 20,000 | Resurfacing-  |
| Butterfield Ave | € 20,000 | Resurfacing- Sections |
| Dodder Pk Rd | € 30,000 | Resurfacing- Rathfarnham Road to County Boundary |
| Fairways | € 6,000 | Resurfacing to Laneway |
| Grange Rd/Taylors Lane | € 35,000 | Resurfacing junction including cycle tracks |
| Hilltop Lane | € 5,000 | Resurfacing -Entrance to Cemetery off Edmondstown Road |
| Knocklyon Rd | € 15,000 | Resurfacing near Gaelscoil |
| Lower Dodder Rd (incl cul de sac) | € 20,000 | Resurfacing various sections incl cycle track in cul de sac |
| Pinewood Pk | € 10,000 | Resurfacing & Patching |
| Rathfarnham Wood | € 12,000 | Resurfacing & Patching |
| Scholarstown Rd | € 20,000 | Resurfacing -Orlagh Grove to Knocklyon Road |
| Silverwood Rd | € 10,000 | Resurfacing  |
| Tibradden Rd | € 30,000 | Resurfacing various sections. |
| Piperstown  | € 80,000 | Install drainage line & Road Reinstatement |
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| **Total Roadworks- Rathfarnham Area** | **€383,000** |   |
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| **Footpath Repairs- Rathfarnham Area** |   |   |
| Aranleigh Estate | € 20,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Ballyroan Pk | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Butterfield Avenue | € 24,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Dodder Park Rd | € 20,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Edmondstown Rd | € 30,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Fonthill Abbey | € 15,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Springvale Estate | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Whitecliff | € 12,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Whitehall Close | € 6,000 | Concrete Path repair |
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| **Total Footpath Repairs- Rathfarnham Area** | **€147,000** |   |
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| **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016** | **COST** | Comments |
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| **Roadworks- Templeogue-Terenure Area** |   |   |
| Ballymount Rd Upper | € 20,000 | Resurface- Fashion City -Greenhills Road  |
| Cherryfield Estate1 | € 35,000 | Resurfacing various sections. |
| Rushbrook Ave | € 10,000 | Resurfacing various sections. |
| Templeogue carpark (Hollingsworth Cycles) | € 25,000 | Drainage- 25m of drain line -connect to existing |
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| **Total Roadworks- Templeogue-Terenure Area** | **€90,000** |   |
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| **Footpath Repairs- Templeogue-Terenure Area** |   |   |
| Ann Devlin Pk/Rd/Drive | € 18,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Ballycullen Drive/Ave | € 8,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Cherryfield Estate2 | € 40,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Cypress Grove Rd | € 20,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Fernwood/Mountdown | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Glendown Estate | € 20,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Glenvara Pk | € 20,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Limekiln Road/Ave | € 60,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Muckross Ave | € 8,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Orwell Pk Glen | € 6,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Rockfield Ave/Drive | € 30,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Rossmore Drive | € 11,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Rushbrook Estate | € 20,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Silverwood Drive  | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| St Finbarr’s Close | € 6,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| St. Peters Crescent | € 8,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Templeville Rd  | € 15,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Wainsfort Rd | € 20,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Wellington Lane/Orwell Road | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Willington Lawn | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| **Total Footpath Repairs- Templeogue-Terenure Area** | **€350,000** |   |
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| **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016** | **COST** | Comments |
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| **Roadworks- Tallaght Central Area** |   |   |
| Belgard Rd (incl Old Tallaght Rd junction) | € 150,000 | Near Luas Junction & other locations |
| Belgard Heights - The Rise | € 30,000 | Resurfacing  |
| Castletymon Rd | € 15,000 | Patching & Resurfacing  |
| Katherine Tynan Rd (between Belgard & M50) | € 65,000 | Patching & Resurfacing  |
| Old Bawn Rd | € 80,000 | Patching & Resurfacing  |
| Tallaght Village | € 10,000 | Resurfacing TSB to Dragon Pub |
| Tymonville Avenue | € 20,000 | Patching & Resurfacing  |
| Sylvan Drive | € 10,000 | Resurfacing Junction with Ballymount Road |
| Greenhills Road | € 65,000 | Fence repairs |
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| **Total Roadworks- Tallaght Central Area** | **€445,000** |   |
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| **Footpath Repairs- Tallaght Central Area** |   |   |
| Alpine heights  | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Balrothery Estate  | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Bancroft Close | € 12,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Birchwood Area  | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Colberts Fort  | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Oldbawn Park  | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Oldbawn Pk/Drive | € 10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
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| **Total Footpath Repairs- Tallaght Central Area** | **€72,000** |   |
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| **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016** | **COST** | Comments |
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| **Roadworks- Tallaght South Area** |   |   |
| Carrigmore Drive | € 5,000 | Patching & Resurfacing  |
| Connors Lane (off Mt Seskin) | € 20,000 | Macadam overlay |
| Cullen’s Lane (off R114) | € 35,000 | Patching & Resurfacing  |
| Drumcairn Avenue | € 20,000 | Patching & Resurfacing  |
| Kiltalown Cottages | € 20,000 | Patching & Resurfacing  |
| R114 Gullies | € 15,000 | Move gullies from wheeltrack to road edge |
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| **Total Roadworks- Tallaght South Area** | **€115,000** |   |
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| **Footpath Repairs- Tallaght South Area** |   |  |
| Cushlawn Estate | €10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Knockmore Estate | €10,000 | Concrete Path repair |
| Heatherview | €8,000 | Concrete Path repair |
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| **Total Footpath Repairs- Tallaght South Area** | **€28,000** |  |
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| **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016** |   |  |
| **SUMMARY** |   |  |
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| **BALLYMOUNT AREA** |  |   |
| Ramp repairs | €100,000 |   |
| Patching | €100,000 |   |
| Sweeping | €20,000 |   |
| Over banding | €50,000 |   |
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| **PALMERSTON AREA** |   |   |
| Ramp Repair-  | €80,000 |   |
| PATCHING- Contingency | €150,000 |   |
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| **TOTAL Roads & Paths** |   |   |
| Clondalkin | €751,000 |   |
| Lucan | €819,000 |   |
| Rathfarnham | €530,000 |   |
| Templeogue-Terenure | €440,000 |   |
| Tallaght Central | €517,000 |   |
| Tallaght South | €143,000 |   |
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| **TOTAL** | **€3,700,000** |   |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, G. O’Connell, D. O’Brien, C. King, R. Nolan and E. O’Brien.

Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use Planning & Transportation responded to the Member’s queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**H18/0316 ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and was **CONSIDERED**:

  [Annual Service Delivery Plan](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2016/March/March2016CountyCouncilMeeting/6623b84b-0455-4f9e-861f-98e0146d2fd6.pdf)

 The Report was **NOTED**.

**H19/0316 UPDATE ON DUBLIN MOUNTAINS PROGRAMME**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED**

[Dublin Mountains Update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=48427&itemTxt=H-I19)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Looney, E. Higgins, D. Richardson, P. Foley, D. O’Donovan, M. Duff, B. Bonner, C. King, F. Duffy, L. Dunne, P. Kearns, R. McMahon, N. Coules, B. Leech, K. Mahon and S. Holland.

Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development responded to the Member’s queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Councillor D. Richardson proposed and Councillor D. Looney Seconded that Motion No 12 be MOVED without debate.

Councillor D. Looney asked if Motions No 7 and 14 could be **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED.**

**H20/0316 PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN WOOD DALE CRESCENT AND PARKLAND ROAD. MAP REF 5003**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Eddie Taaffe Director Land Use, Planning and Transportation and was **CONSIDERED**:

“The attached report was considered at the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting on 9th February 2016.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland seconded by Councillor F. Duffy and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends to the Council that the public right of way between Wood Dale Crescent and Parklands Road as shown coloured red on Map Ref: 5003 be extinguished.

The extinguishment is to be effected by means of a railing.

If the Council agrees to the recommendation, the following resolution is required:

“South Dublin County Council in pursuance of its power under Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993 hereby orders that the public right-of-way between Wood Dale Crescent and Parklands Road Map Ref: 5003 be extinguished.



**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



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

**Tuesday 9th February 2016**

**Headed Item No. 15**

**REPORT ON PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN WOOD DALE CRESCENT AND PARKLAND ROAD. MAP REF: 5003**

At the Rathfarnham/ Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting held on 8th September 2015, the members recommended the initiation of the procedure to extinguish the pedestrian right of way between Wood Dale Crescent and Parkland Road.

The approval of the Full Council was sought to initiate public consultation process for the extinguishment of this right of way.

At the Council Meeting of 12th October 2015 it was proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor P. Foley to initiate the procedure to extinguish the pedestrian right of way between Wood Dale Crescent and Parkland Road.

The proposal to extinguish the public right-of-way was advertised in the Tallaght Echo on Thursday 5th November 2015 and signs were erected on site in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993. The latest date for receipt of objections, representations and requests for an oral hearing was Thursday 17th December 2015

7 representations were received in response to the public advertisement /notice in support of the extinguishment.

No objections were received.

**Utility Reports**

Public Lighting – No services

Water & Drainage – No foul sewer/water implications

Eircom – No objection

Correspondence has been received from Bord Gais, ESB and Virgin Media indicating their requirements should the public right-of-way be extinguished.

The decision regarding the extinguishment of a public right-of-way is a reserved function of the Council.

The recommendation of the Committee will be brought to the attention of the Council.”

The proposed Extinguishment of public right of way was proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan and **APPROVED.**

**H21/0316 2 NOMINATIONS FOR THE** **SDCC ROAD SAFETY WORKING TOGETHER GROUP**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Eddie Taffe Director Land Use, Planning and Transportation and was **CONSIDERED;**

“The aim of this committee is to develop a unified approach to road safety from among the main stakeholders. This is done by agreeing a strategy aimed at reducing the number and severity of road collisions through multi-agency co-operation and support.

**Proposed members of the Road Safety Working Together Group in South Dublin**

* Chair of Strategic Policy Committee
* Two nominated councillors
* Director of Services for Roads Section
* Senior Engineer of Traffic Section
* SEO of Roads
* Road Safety Officer
* Representative from;
	+ RSA
	+ TII
	+ An Garda Síochána
	+ Dublin Fire Brigade, Tallaght Station
	+ HSE

**Inaugural meeting required to;**

* Nominate a Chair *(Chair of SPC proposed)*
* Identify any other stakeholders that should be included in this Working Group
* Discuss, edit and agree the draft SDCC Road Safety Plan
* Agree schedule for meetings *(twice yearly proposed)*
* Develop specific strategies with regards to the objectives within the plan

**Key Stakeholders:**

* Dublin Bus/Luas
* Community representatives
* Cycling Ireland
* Schools representative
* Driving Instructor representative

While these groups would add a wider spectrum of opinions to the Working Together Group they are considered to be too specific and it would be recommended that we should interact with these groups through sub groups.”

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor B. Ferron and **AGREED** that **Councillor D. Richardson** be nominated to The SDCC Road Safety Working Together Group.

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor C. O’Connor, seconded by Councillor P. Foley and **AGREED** that **Councillor E. O’Brien** be nominated to The SDCC Road Safety Working Together Group.

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor K. Egan, seconded by Councillor E. Higgins and **AGREED** that **Councillor P. Donovan** be nominated to The Road Safety Working Together Group.

**H22/0316 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FROM NEW HOPE RESIDENTIAL CENTRE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 9 DROMCARRA AVENUE, TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24.**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Billy Coman Director of Housing, Social & Community Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

“On 19th March 2015, the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government advised all Local Authorities by Circular Housing 15/2015 of its intention to progress a limited programme of acquisitions to be funded from within the overall 2014-2016 capital funding provision for the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS).

 Local Authorities were requested to prioritise those CAS proposals which will:

1. Focus on the provision of accommodation for homeless persons, older people and people with a disability.
2. Focus on ensuring access to an appropriate range of community based housing services, including any necessary supports, with particular regard to the specific needs of people with mental health and intellectual or physical/sensory disability.
3. Be completed, with funding fully drawn or substantially drawn down by November 2017.

In response to the Department's Circular, an application was received from New Hope Residential Centre for a grant in the sum of **€172,550** under the Capital Assistance Scheme in respect of the purchase of a property at 9 Dromcarra Avenue, Tallaght, Dublin 24. The Association is an approved Voluntary Body under [**Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1988.**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1988/en/act/pub/0028/sec0005.html)

The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, by letter dated 31st of July 2015 approved in principle a grant in the sum of **€172,550** to New Hope Residential Centre. The property involved is a 3 bedroom house. The property will be used to accommodate homeless people from South Dublin County Councils homeless list allowing them to live independently and receive support from New Hope Residential Centre if required.

Under [**Section 6 (8) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1992/en/act/pub/0018/sec0006.html) the granting of assistance under the Capital Assistance Scheme is a reserved function of the Council and is subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

Accordingly, the following motion is required:

“That this Council recommends that the application for a grant in the sum of **€172,550** which will not exceed the final amount approved by the Department under the Capital Assistance Scheme to New Hope Residential Centre for the purchase of a property at 9 Dromcarra Avenue, Tallaght, Dublin 24 in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992 be approved”.Bottom of Form

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Leech, L Dunne, C. King, N. Coules, D. Richardson, M. Duff, K. Mahon, M. Genockey, J. Graham, B. Ferron,

Mr. B. Coman Director of Housing, Social & Community Development, replied to the Members queries.

**H23/0316 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FROM FOCUS IRELAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 117 KILTIPPER GATE, TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24.**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Billy Coman Director of Housing, Social & Community Development SPC and was **CONSIDERED:**

“On 19th March 2015, the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government ` advised all Local Authorities by Circular Housing 15/2015 of its intention to progress a limited programme of acquisitions to be funded from within the overall 2014-2016 capital funding provision for the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS).

 Local Authorities were requested to prioritise those CAS proposals which will:

1. Focus on the provision of accommodation for homeless persons, older people and people with a disability.
2. Focus on ensuring access to an appropriate range of community based housing services, including any necessary supports, with particular regard to the specific needs of people with mental health and intellectual or physical/sensory disability.
3. Be completed, with funding fully drawn or substantially drawn down by November 2017.

In response to the Department's Circular, an application was received from Focus Ireland for a grant in the sum of **€169,350** under the Capital Assistance Scheme in respect of the purchase a property at 117 Kiltipper Gate, Tallaght, Dublin 24. The Association is an approved Voluntary Body under [**Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1988.**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1988/en/act/pub/0028/sec0005.html)

The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, by letter dated 31st of July 2015 approved in principal a grant in the sum of **€169,350** to Focus Ireland. The property involved is a two bedroom apartment. The property will be used to accommodate homeless people from South Dublin County Councils housing list allowing them to live independently and receive support from Focus Ireland if required.

Under [**Section 6 (8) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1992/en/act/pub/0018/sec0006.html) the granting of assistance under the Capital Assistance Scheme is a reserved function of the Council and is subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

Accordingly, the following motion is required:

“That this Council recommends that the application for a grant in the sum of **€169,350** under the Capital Assistance Scheme to Focus Ireland for the purchase a property at 117 Kiltipper Gate, Tallaght, Dublin 24 in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992 be approved”.

Councillor S. Holland proposed and Councillor D. Richardson seconded both Headed Items 22 and 23.

A vote was taken by a **show of hands vote** was taken on both H22 and H23 and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 29 (TWENTY NINE)**

**AGAINST: 1 (ONE)**

**ABSTAINED: 1 (ONE)**

Application for Financial Assistance under the Capital Assistance scheme in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 for 9 Dromcarra Avenue and 117 Kiltipper Gate was **AGREED.**

 **CORRESPONDANCE FOR NOTING**

**Co1/0316** Letter from Minister for Justice& Equality dated 01/02/2016 re M02/0715 HGV Incursion.

**Co2/0316** M15/0116 Letter from Minister for Department of Children and Youth Affairs

**Co3/0316** Email received from Minister for Defence re M1/0915

**Co4/0316** Letter from Minister for Children & Youth Affairs dated 19/02/2016 re Cuan Álainn Centre M01/1015

**MOTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

**M1/0316 AUDIT OF TRAVELLER SITES**

**Mayors Business**

It was proposed by **Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor D. Richardson**:

“That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to provide culturally appropriate emergency accommodation for the families from the Travelling community whilst remedial work is carried out on the possible sites that may have health and safety issues, following the results of the ongoing audit of Traveller accommodation.”

At the outset of the discussion Councillor P. Kearns proposed and Councillor M. Duff seconded an amendment to the Motion as follows:

“That this Council will endeavour to provide culturally appropriate emergency accommodation for the families from the Travelling Community whilst remedial work is carried out on the possible sites that may have health and safety issues, following the results of the ongoing audit of Traveller accommodation.”

 **REPORT:**

South Dublin County Council have been working closely with both the Clondalkin and Tallaght Traveller Development Groups in relation to carrying out the required Audits in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade.

An open information session was held in Clondalkin and in Tallaght to discuss issues arising in relation to the carrying out the Audits. The Audits commenced on the 18th February and continued on the 22nd and 25th of February and one site remains to be examined.

No reports have yet been received in relation to the Audits. The Council's position from the outset is that should a situation arise from the Audits in relation to safety of the tenants, nobody will be made homeless as a result. The audit is a preventative measure for the health and safety benefit of the residents of the developments.

A vote was taken on the Amendment to the Motion by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 20 (TWENTY)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The Amendment was **PASSED**.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllrs. S. Holland, M. Genockey, P. Foley and F. Timmons.

 A vote was taken on the Motion by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 20 (TWENTY)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The Motion was **PASSED**.

**M2/0316 NTA**

It was proposed by **Councillor W. Lavelle and seconded by Councillor S. Holland**:

 **“**That this Council requests the Chief Executive to present a report, for discussion, outlining details of all applications made by SDCC to the National Transport Authority under each of 2014, 2015 & 2016 Sustainable Transport Measures Grant schemes, including any applications made for projects to be progressed over the next three years; and to outline the consultations held with the elected members leading to the selection of projects being applied for”

 **REPORT:**

The National Transport Authority (NTA) have made grants available to SDCC in past years in accordance with the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants Scheme.

These schemes have been the subject of discussion with the Land Use, Planning and Transportation Department over the last number of years and local elected members have been part of the discussions and make suggestions at area meetings and at various public consultation events during this time.

The scheme of assistance forms part of the multi-annual funding arrangements put in place by the NTA since its inception under a programme of sustainable measures to enhance modal shift and to provide additional safety to vulnerable road users.

The allocation for 2016 has not been received as yet.

In previous years a report is brought to each area committee on the scope of the year's allocation. The various schemes are managed by a multi-disciplinary team within the Land use Planning and Transportation Department. Some of the individual schemes are carried over from previous years where the contract or design was not fully completed in a single year; so though the scheme may have been live in 2014 or 2015 a new application may not be made for that scheme.

The following list details new applications made in 2014 and 2015; these arise from a variety of sources, among them the need to implement the following agreed plans and policies:

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL “DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2010-2016”**

**Policy T14: Pedestrian and Cyclist Movement**

“It is the policy of the Council to ensure sustainable forms of movement and the use of the street by pedestrians and cyclists and to promote permeable pedestrian and cyclist networks connecting to shops, community facilities, employment areas and desired places to go.”

**National Transport Authority, Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan,**

[**https://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/transport-planning/gda-cycle-network-plan/**](https://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/transport-planning/gda-cycle-network-plan/)

**Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future 2009 - 2020**

This policy document sets its key targets as:

* Nationally, 500,000 more people will take alternative means to commute to work to the extent that the total share of car commuting will drop from 65% to 45%;
* Alternatives such as walking, cycling and public transport will be supported and provided to the extent that these will rise to 55% of total commuter journeys to work; and
* A reduction will be achieved on the 2005 figure for greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector.

**National Cycle Planning Policy Framework 2009-2020,**

The Government is committed to developing cycling as one of the most desirable modes of travel, it being good for your health, the economy and the environment. The National Cycle Policy Framework (NCPF) sets out objectives to the year 2020 to achieve its vision. The vision is that all cities, towns, villages and rural areas will be bicycle friendly. Cycling will be a normal way to get about, especially for short trips. Next to walking, cycling will be the most popular means of getting to school, university, college and work. The objectives presented in this framework cover the interventions relating to our physical environment that need to be made in order to encourage cycling.

The objectives are presented moving, broadly, from the largest scale (urban / regional planning) to a detailed level (provision of cycling parking etc.) and are not necessarily related to their priority. In promoting cycling, we need to have cycling-friendly urban planning and cycling-friendly road design / traffic management measures and integration with public transport and plentiful cycling parking and the other measures described in this document. It is a very broad package of measures that is required, not just single, specific interventions.

**The basis for applications also came from the following sources:**

Consultations with elected members during the development of various plans and schemes for instance:

The review of **Adamstown SDZ** and consultation with local elected members gave rise to the Lucan Access Study Application,

The **County Development Plan** consultative processes,

**Lucan Access Study** process gave rise to a number of project suggestions,

The roll out of the **County Tourism Strategy.** Driven by a Tourism Working Group comprising of industry stakeholders, Councillors and key Council staff, a number of suggested projects arose that were applied for in 2015.

[**http://www.sdublincoco.ie/index.aspx?pageid=939&pid=32383**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/index.aspx?pageid=939&pid=32383)

**Local need**

**Requests from locally elected councillors** via ACMs, SPCs etc. or otherwise

**Requests from members of the public** during various projects,

Please find below a list of recent applications (Not all of the applications below were successful in achieving funding):

**Applications made in 2013 for funding in 2013 / 2014:**

Permeability Project from Bewley / St. Andrews to Mount Bellew Way

Permeability project along the Esker between Castle Riada and Moy Glas

Permeability project between Grange Road and Loreto Park (DLR CoCo)

Permeability projects: Best Practice Guide

Sarah Curran Avenue

Trial Access Gates at Haydens' Lane

Cycle parking at local centres

Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycle Route (SO5) Phase 2

Woodstown Permeability project

Feasibility of Public Bikes Scheme; Tallaght

Tallaght Town Centre Movement Framework including Transport Interchange

River Dodder Greenway

Transport Counters

**Applications made in 2014 for funding in 2014 / 2015:**

Clondalkin Town Centre Main Street/Orchard Road Improvements

Lucan Access Study

Tallaght to Ballyboden Part 8 Cycle Route Junction at Knocklyon Road

Walking and Cycling to School Pilot Project (including cycle parking)

Cycle parking at Workplaces

**Applications made in 2015 for funding in 2015 / 2016:**

Bicycle Stands and Shelters for schools

River Camac Greenway

Tallaght to Bolbrook; Greenway along riverside

Tallaght village to N81 SO5 cycle scheme

Bawnogue Permeability Project

Lucan Area Cycle Network Improvements

Hayden’s Lane pedestrian and cycle improvements.

Dodder Greenway

Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycle Route Knocklyon Junction

Grange Road permeability project; extension of cycle scheme to Grange Road

Roll out of Projects derived from Walking and Cycling to School Pilot Project in Ballyroan

Further schemes meeting the specific requirements of the scheme of assistance can be added to the list as they are identified during the year.

Councillor W. Lavelle Spoke on the Motion.

Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use Planning & Transportation responded to the Member’s queries

A vote was taken on the Motion by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 18 (EIGHTEEN)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The Motion was **PASSED**.

**SM01/0316 SUSPENSORY MOTION – LUAS DISPUTE**

The following **Suspensory Motion** in the names of Councillors, Cllrs M. Duff, B. Bonner, M. Genockey, P. Kearns, J. Graham, M. Ward, B. Ferron, C. King, D. Looney, D. Richardson, R. McMahon, S. Holland, E. O’Brien, F. Timmons, E. Murphy, F. Duffy, A-M. Dermody, E. Higgins, C. O’Connor, W. Lavelle, D. O’Brien, F. Warfield, D. O’Donovan, G. O’Connell and B. Leech, was proposed by Councillor G. Kenny seconded by Councillor R. Nolan and was **CONSIDERED:**

**“**That this Council Calls upon the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, to act decisively and as a matter of urgency in the public interest by intervening in the Luas dispute by demanding that Transdev re-enter talks, in an effort to prevent travel chaos on our National Holiday.”

The Motion was **PASSED**.

**M3/0316 RIVER DODDER**

It was proposed by **Councillor P. Donovan and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor**:

“That this Council advocated to establish a single interagency oversight committee for the River Dodder to maximise and enhance the management of this valued amenity from the Mountains to the Sea and harness the Economic, Biodiverse and Social Wellbeing that that this river can and does bring to the Communities of South Dublin.”

**REPORT:**

A number of State Agencies and Authorities have a role in the operation and management of the River Dodder.  All of the various roles and responsibilities of these Agencies, (e.g. OPW, NPWS, EPA, SDCC, DCC, DLRCC,) are assigned to them under National legislation.  Therefore for any Single Agency to have oversight as suggested in the Motion, new or amending legislation would have to be enacted.

It should be noted that South Dublin County Council routinely and regularly liaises with the other relevant Agencies, (e.g. OPW, NPWS) to ensure that the River Dodder is maintained in accordance with best environmental practice and will continue to do so in the future.

Councillor P. Donovan spoke on the Motion.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**M4/0316 QUALITY BUS CORRIDORS**

It was proposed by **Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor**:

“This Council calls on the Chief Executive to instigate a review of the utilisation of all bus lanes and quality bus corridors in the County. With traffic levels back to pre-recession levels it is important that our road space is utilised to the maximum. As bus routes sometimes change it could well be that some of the bus lanes and QBCs in our County are underutilised and no longer represent an efficient use of that road space.”

**REPORT:**

Bus lanes in the Greater Dublin Area have been provided over the years in association with various agencies such as the Dublin Transportation Office, the Quality Bus Network Project Office and the National Transport Authority. In many cases, the "Bus Lane" element of road improvement projects has been funded directly by these agencies.  It should be noted that the provision of Bus Lanes is a mandatory requirement under the Planning Consents for Certain Road Projects and the Local Authority has no discretion to remove these bus lanes in these cases.

In some instances the operation of Bus lanes can be temporarily suspended where no Bus Service is in operation.  This is kept under ongoing review and consultation with Dublin Bus and the NTA.

 A discussion followed with contributions from Cllrs. P. Foley and C. O’Connor.

Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use Planning & Transportation responded to the Member’s queries

A vote was taken on the Motion by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 18 (EIGHTEEN)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The Report was **NOTED**.

**M7/0316 BIN LOCKING**

 The following Motion in the Name of Councillor D. Looney was **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED:**

“That this Council, noting the high levels of litter resultant from green, brown and black bins blowing over in windy conditions, seeks to enforce a requirement for all companies involved in bin collection to provide devices or mechanisms to keep bins closed even in the case of falling, and for such a requirement to be implemented via the Environment SPC.”

**M8/0316 DOG FOULING**

The following Motion in the Name of Councillor L. O’Toole was **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED:**

“That this Council introduces an “on the spot” fine for dog walkers that do not have in their possession a dog litter bag. Dog fouling is a scourge in our parks and on our footpaths throughout our county.

Dog waste possess a health risk particularly to young children because it contains dangerous parasite. Dog fouling is one of the most offensive forms of litter.”

**M12/0316** **DUBLIN MOUNTAIN WALKWAY**

Councillor D. Richardson proposed and Councillor D. Looney Seconded that Motion No 12 be **MOVED** without debate.

“That this Council call on the Chief Executive to update Members on the Dublin Mountain walkway as part of our tourism strategy, currently the signs to the Dublin mountain walkway are damaged falling down and walkers are getting lost. I believe if we are serious about bringing tourists in to our county we need more than a wooden stake in the ground with a directional arrow on it where do people park for this walk, are the Council engaging with walking clubs in the county we are coming into the summer months and we should be attracting more visitors to this county.How serious are we about Tourism in our County.”

**REPORT:**

There is a full update report in relation to the Dublin Mountains flagship feasibility study and draft masterplan listed for presentation and discussion on the agenda for this Meeting. The feasibility study indicates that the project potentially delivers an opportunity to attract very significant visitors to the County.

Members will be aware that a County wide signage strategy is being developed and rolled out.  The local signage issues along the Dublin Mountains Way raised in the Motion will be examined in conjunction with the Dublin Mountains Partnership

**M14/0316**  The following Motion in the Name of Councillor D. Looney was **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED:**

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Education and Skills to make provision in the Technological Universities Bill for the nomination of representatives for the South Dublin County Council area to the governing body of the new Dublin Technology University, either through SDCC or Dublin-Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, given the importance of the current IT Tallaght within and to our administrative area.”

The Meeting Finished at 6.55 pm

**Motions Not Reached**

**(M5) HOUSING CRISIS**

**Councillor R. Nolan**

That this Council recognises the deepening national housing crisis and immediately calls on Central Government to declare Housing as an emergency status

**(M6) SWIMMING POOLS**

**Councillor P. Gogarty**

That the Chief Executive presents this Council with a report on any applications made on foot of the temporarily reopened swimming pool programme at national level, outlines the likely percentage cost of any overall projects this will cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**(M9) AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Councillor C. O’Connor**

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to present an update on progress being made in this County in respect of the Council's social and affordable housing projects which form part of the major social housing programme to be delivered as part of our Council's response to the social housing emergency and will he detail the exact progress being made on each of the categories including direct build, direct acquisition, affordable housing and the various rental initiatives in this County since the initiation of the programme and in reporting will he also detail the exact expenditures which have been incurred on each of the facets of the overall programme and will he also provide estimates as to what units will completed/acquired in 2016 and will he also supply full details of the number of staff hours by grade and department which have been assigned to the delivery of this programme in each of its years so that this Council can evaluate whether the current plan and the allocated resources will have an impact on housing waiting lists in the short and medium term.

**(M10) STEM SUBJECTS**

**Councillor E. Higgins**

That this Council asks the Chief Executive to investigate how we can encourage more children and young people to develop an aptitude for and interest in STEM subjects."

**(M11) POSTERS**

**Councillor F.N. Duffy**

That this Council, in order to support a cleaner and safer local environment, agrees in principle to restrict the number and locations of election posters to be erected throughout South Dublin County Council for future elections and in respect of same hereby commits to engaging forthwith in a consultative process with all interested Local Community Organisations and Constituents, Elected Members of South Dublin County Council and all other interested parties, in order to identify the number of posters and specific designated public areas within the County where election postering for Candidates would only be allowed.

**(M13) MOTHER AND BABY HOMES**

**Councillor F. Timmons**

That all previous Motions on the Mother & Baby Home and Magdalene Laundries issues be addressed with immediate effect by the new Minister for Children Youth & Family Affairs and in addition that a review to add Westbank Home to the 14 homes already listed.

**(M15) CYCLING OFFICER**

**Councillor P. Donovan**

That the Council appoints a dedicated cycling officer to develop policies and programs to support the implementation of the Development plan that contributes to medium and long benefits of increased cycling in our county including:

* 1. Initiatives and incentives that use cycling to combat rising levels of obesity
* 2. Reduced traffic congestion
* 3. Reduced transport emissions
* 4. More vibrant living spaces

**(M16) PARK BYE-LAWS &SCRAMBLERS**

**Councillor W. Lavelle, Councillor K. Egan**

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to seek legal advice and to consult with An Garda Síochana with a view to bringing forward amendments to the Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2011 to clarify the legislative basis for Section 3.1 of the bye-laws (which allows An Garda Síochána to remove scrambler bikes from park/open space) and to further explicitly make provision for the detention, return and/or disposal of vehicles which have been removed

 **Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Mayor**

 **Date;\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**