

April Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

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

Housing, Social & Community Development

Objective 1 : Put in place a three year programme to supply social housing in the context of the Social Housing Strategy 2020

Council has received Stage 2 approval from DECLG to Dromcarra, Letts Field and Owendoher, Ballyboden projects. Stage 3 pre tender applications submitted to Department for approval. Three projects are on site – Suncroft Tallaght - 10 dwellings, Belgard Road Tallaght - 3 Dwellings, St Finians - 2 Dwellings -Total 15 Units and due for completion by end Qtr. 2 2016. Report on schedule of Part 8s for 2016 presented at Council Meeting April. Rapid Delivery Homes Reported to Council Meeting - 105 units to be included in proposed Part 8s as presented to Council. Other Sites being investigated also. 740 on HAP at 22nd April 2016. Details of New Tenant Purchase Scheme as presented to Housing SPC at its February meeting and Noted at March Council meeting now available on Council Website. 296 on Homeless Register at end of March 2016 (103 families and 149 single males). 516 presentations during February (401 repeats). 215 Emergency Bed Placements during March and 7 Homeless Allocations made. Agreement reached with DECLG for funding for RESPOND for the reopening of 9 units for homeless women and children at Cuan Alainn.

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

'Super LAG' (Local Action Group) established comprising the Fingal LCDC and representatives from SDCC and DRL LCDC - submitted the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the Dublin Rural Area to the Department at the end of January 2016. Preliminary feedback on the draft strategy received in April 2016 with a number of technical queries and been responded to and approval now awaited from evaluation committee. The Healthy County Strategy Group promoting Physical activity and leading actions from the National Physical Activity Plan on an interagency basis. The SDCC Healthy County Strategy Group promoting and supporting Health Gatherings – interactive sessions for people to consider health issues that are important to them - held by the Adelaide Health Foundation at Tallaght Stadium 26th April 2016. It was an opportunity for the comment to come together and share their views through a 'World Café method' on issues relating to health and wellbeing in Tallaght. It went very well. We will use this information at our upcoming Health Summit in Spring 2017 which will bring together senior officials from the HSE and the Department of Health to discuss health and wellbeing in Tallaght and also nationally. Further such event being organised for Health and Wellbeing week. Sub-committee formed re supply and fitting safety door locks/patios met on 7th April and agreement reached on scheme. Tender being prepared. Age Friendly new Facebook page now live: https://www.facebook.com/search/str/SouthDublin+Afc/keywords_top#!/southdublinagefriendlycounty/

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

Annual Bealtaine Festival Brochure on events now available at this link: F:\SOCIAL INCLUSION UNIT\Maria Finn\Bealtaine 2016\B22841 Bealtaine Brochure.pdf Launch by Mayor on 4th May 2016 at Louis Fitzgerald Hotel at 11am. The Quit Campaign for Women is currently running and based at Fettercairn. Preparation for 2016 Health and Wellbeing Week currently being finalised.

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

The first round of Community Grants were advertised in April 2016 with the second round scheduled for 2016 in September. Also advertised the 2016 Community Initiative Fund in April with Assessment in May and announcement of winners notified in June. Workshops on Community Grants were held over 2 weeks in April by staff across the county - over 130 attendees - Closing date for applications was 29th April 2016. 2016 Endeavour Awards arranged for Friday the 2nd of December 2016.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC meetings to be held in May 2016. LEO training schedule started January, and continued through April. Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 22nd March 2016, approving 3 new jobs, sustaining a further 1 job, with grant amount of €69,700 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for May 31st, 2016. Additional training, in co-operation with South Dublin Chamber commenced November 2015, and continuing into April 2016, as a result of the training survey. The Secondary Schools National Student Enterprise Awards Final was held in Croke Park, on 20th April 2016, with South Dublin being represented by 3 projects, (6 students), at the awards. The Student Synergy Awards, for 3rd level ITT students, were held in the ITT on Thursday 21st April, with 10 projects & 20 students participating. The launch of the Business Support Funds Brochure was held on Wednesday 27th April, 2016 in LEO offices.

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

All GC marketing materials – web, video, brochure, pop ups, presentations and other collaterals completed and new material on IDA site. Interexion on site. Pfizer & Grifols investment announcements for all Ireland sites. Details awaited. Eirgrid – 220kv station with An Bord Pleanala. R120 CPO confirmed 23rd December 2015, CPO made on 9/2/16- notices served.

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

Contact ongoing with local business, programme of proposed projects identified.

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

Events Programme: All events advertised on the Library website, www.southdublinlibraries.ie Twitter @sdcclibraries and Facebook. 1916 Commemoration events very successful throughout April. By May over 1,000 children will have visited the 1916 Rising exhibition held in Tallaght library. May Highlights: Bealtaine programme held in all our libraries. Other events: The Great Tallaght Bake Off, 12th May, Tallaght Library Carer's Information Fair, 23rd May, Tallaght Library Sean O'Casey's The Plough & the Stars for a younger audience, 24th May, Lucan Library Palmerstown Hub A suitable premises has been located in the Palmerstown Shopping Centre. The Architect's Department is liaising with the owners and it is hoped to start working on outfitting the library in the coming months. Public Art In Context 4 public art strategy and overview of Arts Development Strategy ready for presentation to May SPC. Bursary Awards 2016 The selection panels have made the following awards : 7 Individual Artists Bursary Awards 2016 €12,000 4 Annette Halpin Awards for Young Musicians €3,000 1 Young Artist Development Award €1,000 Music Generation Scoil Chronáin choir was one of five choirs that took part in A Nations Voice on Easter Sunday in Collins' Barracks. They are also involved in two more concerts coming up in May and June: the Gala Concert at Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children's Music Festival and a performance with Knocklyon Concert Band. End of year hub Concerts in Rathcoole and Collinstown are scheduled for June. Professional violin quartet will visit all 5 schools participating in the violin programme. These include Lucan, Edmondstown, Saggart, Clondalkin, Jobstown.

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

Marketing: • Contract awarded for Tourism Marketing project, first phase 10 weeks ongoing-workshop held with sector reps in Tallaght Stadium 28th April. Contract being awarded to develop tourism website – to coordinate both projects • Review of all printed tourism related brochures and collateral ongoing, trial brochure stands in place, meetings planned with OPW sites to progress more. • Tourism business ezine issued for Q1 2016, Q2 under preparation. Tourism Flagship: Dublin Mountains Flagship Steering Group established and MOA signed with Coillte. New MOU/SLA to be agreed with Coillte to facilitate project moving to planning stage, meetings ongoing. Assessments of technical requirements for planning process ongoing in house. 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. Liffey Heritage project commenced, 75% funded by Heritage Council, also involves other LAs Round Tower: • Café concession Stage 2 (final stage) tender ready to issue pending clarifications from Law Dept. •

Construction to commence June. • Research, interpretative and design tender for exhibition area to issue in April • Liaison with OPW and others ongoing to develop materials/archive Festivals: • Events company in place to expand the Red Line Festival.. • Tourism Working Group to identify 2nd flagship festival for the County to be supported initially by SDCC – meeting planned early May. • Discussions ongoing with package Activity and events companies and site visits arranged. County Signage: • Draft timeline for prioritisation of Village Signage agreed with Nov 2015 SPC. • Logo development for County (and Villages) as a tourism destination to be developed

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Litter Management Plan: 2016 LM Action Plan has been agreed and the following are examples of actions being implemented: Programmable Audio Messaging Devices currently being installed at 6 locations across the County to deter litter/illegal dumping and dog fouling. It is also being trialled at 1 location as part of a pilot programme to assess effectiveness in deterring graffiti. Rapid Deployment cameras being relocated to 1 area which is prone to graffiti & 1 which is a regular dumping spot. High spec camera to be installed at Tandy's Lane and high spec camera installed at Lynch's Lane at the underpass. Meeting with Kiltipper Ramblers scheduled for 28th Apr to examine ways to support each other's common goal to combat illegal dumping and fly tipping in rural and upland areas. National Spring Clean running from March to May. Graffiti MOU Agreements: Three out of 4 companies have confirmed submission of closure reports. In-house review and new procedure in place for dealing with graffiti complaints. N81 Improvement Scheme: Contract signed with Austen Associates. Concept design phase in process. Roundabout Sponsorship: Closing date for receipt of tender submissions is Friday, April 29th. There are 16 Roundabouts available for Sponsorship. Tree Maintenance Programme: 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme is ongoing. Two tree crews are in operation. Sean Walsh Park crew have completed a programme of tree removals and pruning at Castleside Drive estate and are now commencing works at Templeroan estate. Tree crew operating North of N7 are currently undertaking pole pruning works at The Coppice, Palmerstown. Derelict Sites: Derelict Sites - 5 Inspections, Dangerous Buildings - 6 Inspections, No of Derelict Sites on Register: 1, Two (2) S. 11 Notices issued, One (1) S. 22 Notice issued.

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

Flood Alleviation Schemes: IGSL appointed to carry out ground investigation for Ballycullen scheme. A meeting was held with Knocklyon United on pipeline route. DCC finalising brief for Poddle scheme. The regrading and clearing of the channel on the Oldcourt Stream is now complete. Meeting and workshop held on 21/04/16 regarding the Liffey CFRAM study - detailed local input now being provided. Surface Water Schemes: New Road Surface Water Scheme was completed on 05/02/2016. Oldcourt stream complete 8/04/2016. The following is the list of Schemes proposed for 2016: Jobstown Stream North Aug 16, Owendoher River Clearing May 16, Jobstown stream 5th April 16, Monastery Road May 16, Newcastle Main Street & Peamount Road Dec 16, Hazelgrove/Jobstown Oct 16, Chapel Hill & Lucan Heights Nov 16. Monastery Road is being prepared for tender, Archaeologists appointed. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations Ongoing. UFW - 36.92%, Quality - 99.7%, Repairs - 40. RBD Plans and Measures: Ongoing - presentation and workshop delivered by EPA to progress WFD characterisation approach and sub catchments assessments. WERLA: Notice of Waste Tyres compliance scheme sent to all operators (approx. 150). Phase 2 of the implementation of Pay-by-Weight completed (backroom inspections of operators' records). Climate Change: Climate Change Strategy under review in conjunction with the SPCs and the other 3 Dublin Local Authorities. Awaiting publication of guidelines from the EPA on Climate Adaptation Plans.

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. Control of Animals legislation being actively enforced with regular inspections of horse pound and dog pound, ongoing monitoring of contractual performance, Horses seized – 38 Dogs impounded - 41. Implement the Dublin Noise Action Plan: Noise is continuously monitored and measured at 10 locations throughout the county of South Dublin. This monitoring is used to correlate with the Noise Modelling and the Noise Maps produced every five years for the SDCC region. These Maps must be produced under the European Noise Directive (EMD) in conjunction with the other Dublin

Local Authorities. They are presented to the Environmental Protection Agency for submission to the EU as part of the overall Irish submission to Brussels. Currently, the Environmental Health Department is liaising with the Traffic Unit of LUPT to assess the differences in noise levels from vehicular traffic noise since the last noise maps in 2013. To Protect good air quality standards in accordance with EU Air Quality Directives: Air Quality is continuously monitored by SDCC for Sulphur Dioxide and Particulate Matter below 10 microns per cubic metre of air (PM10). Results for both of these parameters are extremely low and indicate a very good quality of air. No. of Air Complaints Rec - 11, No. of Complaints investigated -11, No. of complaints resolved - 10, No. of Statutory Notices issued - 0 Environmental Education Awareness: Eco Week all w/c 18/4/2014. 100 events throughout the week.

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

Playspace Programme: Brookview commenced. Quarryvale open and some snagging taking place. Sketch designs being progressed for Kingswood and Kilnamanagh for concluding agreement with residents. Regional Play Spaces/Playgrounds at Tymon and Griffeen - designs being prepared. Allotment Scheme: Tender documentation for path/road construction to be agreed with Roads for use of their Framework document. Pavilion Programme: Advertised on e-tenders Monday, 18th April 2016. Closing date Thursday 26th May. Equine Facility: Tender for development of Equine Facility at Ballyowen Park advertised 19th April, closing date 17th May. Review of Casual Trading By-Laws: Public display period on Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws finished on 15th Apr. Deadline for submissions is 29th Apr with report to be presented to the Environment SPC in May. 4 submissions (5 observations) received to date. Dublin Mountains Challenge organised by Barretstown Castle taking place on the 29th May 2016. Starting point is Seán Walsh Park opposite Maldron Hotel and adjacent to Tallaght Stadium.

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

Works on the annual roads programme are under way. In addition footpath and road repair works to Council Housing Estates are being designed and tendered following adoption of the 2016 Programme at the April Council Meeting. A new Maintenance Contract for Public Lighting is about to be approved which will ensure a continued high level of service at cost effective rates for the next number of years.

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

The deadline for Members Motions for the Material Alterations Stage of the County Development Plan Review was midday on Tuesday 3rd May. Submissions were received on 63 of the 177 proposed Material Alterations. The first Meeting to consider the report is scheduled for 16th May. Planning Applications received in the first quarter of 2016 have increased by 8% over the same period of 2015, indicating the continued growth in development in the County. In particular a significant number of applications for large commercial developments have been received this year. A non-statutory public Consultation has been concluded for the proposed Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme. The submissions are currently being assessed and will be considered during the preparation of the draft planning scheme.

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

Works are approaching completion on both the Monastery Road and Tallaght-Templeogue Cycle Schemes . In addition works will commence in May on a section of the Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycle Scheme at the junction of Knocklyon Road and Idrone at Supervalue. These works will continue during the summer. The Part 8 Public Consultation process on the proposed "Ballyroan Walking & Cycling to School" improvement works is ongoing.

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

The significant extension to the Public footpath on Alymer Road in Newcastle is complete. Footpath repair works in Lucan and Tallaght have commenced and works at Rathfarnham Gateway will be next to commence. Draft Proposals maps showing the proposed new residential 30kph speed limit have been issued to the Area Committees and the formal consultation process for New Speed Limit Byelaws will commence shortly.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

• Draft Annual Report presented at April Council Meeting • The delegation has been confirmed for a visit to Sister City Tampa, Florida from 30th May to 2nd June with South Dublin Chamber and other partners • Events organised by the Mayor's Office included a Boxing Reception on 29th April and a talk on Nutrition for Workers Memorial Day on 28th April. • Commemorations Programme events included the Flag raising ceremony in Library Square, Tallaght on 11th April; Proclamation Readings at four minutes past each hour from sunrise to sunset on Friday 22 April 2016 outside The Civic Theatre; A weekend of Commemorations Events 23rd/24th April in Pearse Museum by Rathfarnham Historical Society, OPW and SDCC; and Clondalkin Tidy Town Commemorative Garden and a Concert in Clondalkin Library - Saturday 30th April.

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

• Implementation of Audit Plan on-going • Procurement Steering group meeting held on 12th April • Model Publication Scheme was prepared and published on www.sdcc.ie within the deadline of 14th April • Report on Protected Disclosures for 2015 included in SDCC Annual Report for 2015 and published on www.sdcc.ie • Preparation of the Public Spending Code commenced • Preparation of the National Service Indicators for 2015 commenced • The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) was presented at April Council Meeting. • The Quarter 1 Revenue and Capital Accounts being prepared for submission to the Department in May. • The Councils borrowing return for the periods January 2016 – March 2019 was submitted

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

• Hardware refresh of approx. 150 desktops underway. • Internet evaluation continues. Expect to have preferred supplier selected mid May. • Consultation portal (CiviQ) live and working well. Some additional training provided locally as needed and more general roll out to commence in conjunction with the suppliers of the system. 4 consultations have been published on this platform thus far (Pre-Draft Consultation on the County Heritage Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan ending 13/05/16, Part VIII - Construction of Walking and Cycling Scheme at Ballyroan and Old Orchard ending 30/05/16, Public Consultation Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2016 ended on 29/04/16, and Pre-Draft Consultation on the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone - Planning Scheme ended 11/04/16) • Internal Document Management System iDocs upgraded & moved to new server infrastructure • Netconsent (internal compliance delivery tool) - training scheduled 5th May. • Statutory Inspections - new system being user tested. • Capital Projects - new system being developed. • FOI Publications Scheme - now live on Council's website. • Enhancements to SDCC's scheduler system and House Survey system are being advanced. • Contributed to Library Management System review being undertaken by the LGMA. • Community GIS being soft launched this week on the Council's Map Gallery including recently captured walking routes. Formal launch to be organised. • Work progressing on Rates Vacancy GIS and upgrade to Property Register GIS. • Database upgrades and GIS migrations continuing.

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

• Eco Week launched 18th – 22nd April • South Dublin Age Friendly Newsletter published • Internal Communications Network meeting held 19th April with the preparation of the Model Publication Scheme, Staff Newsletter, In My Opinion initiative and Intranet Redesign on the agenda. • Consultation Portal – staff training on use of portal ongoing; 2 consultations closed (Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2016 and Pre-Draft Consultation on the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone - Planning Scheme) and 2 consultations commenced (Part VIII - Construction of Walking and Cycling Scheme at Ballyroan and Old Orchard and Pre-Draft Consultation on the County Heritage Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan) • Irish Classes for staff commenced • Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards submission being prepared

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

• Staff Newsletter draft prepared • Workforce Plan reviewed by management and quarter 1 2016 WFP Forum meetings held with unions • Staff Training and Development Plan 2016 finalised • Progress on Knowledge

Management actions ongoing • Recruitment Policy - New Policy template issued by LGMA for adoption & implementation • Changes communicated in the Garda Vetting Procedures being reviewed for implementation • Staff Health Screening completed • Payroll BPI finalised and agreed by management. Presentation of findings given to staff and Implementation plan agreed. • 'Simple Steps to Health Eating' Informative Talk for staff with Nutritionist held on the 28th April