**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of South Dublin County Council Meeting held on 11th April 2016.**

**PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bonner, B. |  | Lavelle, W. |
| Casserly, V. |  | Lawlor, B. |
| Coules, N. |  | Leech, B. |
| Devine, M. |  | Looney, D. |
| Donovan, P. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Duff, M. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Egan, K. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Ferron, B. |  | Murphy, M. |
| Foley, P. |  | Nolan, R. |
| Genockey, M. |  | O’Brien, D. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Graham, J. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Higgins, E. |  | O’Toole, L. |
| Holland, S. |  | Richardson, D. |
| Johansson, M. |  | Timmons, F. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Ward, M. |
| King, C. |  | 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, R. Fitzgerald. |
| Senior Executive Officers | M. Maguire, Y. Dervan,  P. Murphy. |
| Senior Executive Engineer | D. Lakes. |
| I. T Research and Development Officer | R. Herron. |
| Administrative Officers | T. O’Neill, E. Leech, S. Dunne, M. Kavanagh, |
| Staff Officer  Assistant Staff Officer | P. Brennan.  Mary Somers. |
| Sord | A. O’Brien. |
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Apologies from Councillors A-M. Dermody, F. Duffy, D. O’Donovan and L. Dunne.

Deputy Gino Kenny was in attendance.

The Mayor, Councillor S. Holland, presided.

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**H1/0416** **CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

a) Minutes of Meeting of South Dublin County Council 14th March 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 F. Timmons.

**H2/0416 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**

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 Gino Kenny to Dáil Eireann on Saturday 27th February 2016, a casual vacancy has occurred on South Dublin County Council.

“[**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. Madeleine Johansson has been duly nominated by People Before Profit, being the registered political party who nominated Councillor Kenny for election, and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Ms . Johansson's written consent to his proposed co-option has been received.

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

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan seconded by Councillor N. Coules and **AGREED.**

“That Ms. Madeleine Johansson be co-opted to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the election of Councillor Gino Kenny to Dáil Éireann on Saturday 27th March 2016.”

**Councillors R. Nolan, S. Holland and M. Johansson wanted to thank Deputy G. Kenny.**

**H3a)/0416 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE AREA COMMITTEE 8th MARCH 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 were no report under this Heading

**H3b/0416 REPORTS OF AREA COMITTEES - CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE 16th MARCH 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 were no report under this Heading

**H3c)/0416 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES – TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE 29th MARCH 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 were no report under this Heading

**H3d/0416 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE 30th MARCH 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 were no report under this Heading

**H4a)/0416 STANDING COMMITTEES - ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE 24th March 2016 - DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES**

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:**

**May-June 2016**

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|  | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 02/05 | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 03/05 | **Corporate Policy Group** | 3.00pm. – 4.30 pm |  |
| Wed. | 04/05 | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5.30pm – 7.00 pm | 01/04/2016 |
| Thur. | 05/05 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 06/05 |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 09/05 | **County Council Meeting** | 3.30pm 7.00pm | 22/04/2016 |
| Tue. | 10/05 | **Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*.  **Environment. Water & Climate Change SPC** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm  5.30 pm – 7.00 pm | 26/04/2016  12/04/2016 |
| Wed. | 11/05 | **Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5.30pm – 700pm | 13/04/2016 |
| Thur. | 12/05 | **Housing SPC** | 5.30pm – 7.00PM | 14/04/2016 |
| Fri. | 13/05 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file requests to be received by 04/05/2016* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 16/05 | **Development Plan Meeting** | 4.00pm – 10.00pm | 03/05/2016 |
| Tue. | 17/05 | **Development Pan Meeting** | 4.00pm – 10.00pm |  |
| Wed. | 18/05 | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 05/05/2016 |
| Thur. | 19/05 | **Traffic Management Meetings -**   * Clondalkin * Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure   **Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee** (in committee)  **Development Plan Meeting** | 2.00pm - 2.45pm  2.45pm - 3.30pm  3.30pm - 6.00pm  6.00pm – 10.00pm | 09/05/2015 |
| Fri. | 20/05 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file requests to be received by 12/05/2016* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 23/05 | **Traffic Management Meeting**   * **Tallaght**   **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 2.15pm - 3.00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 10/05/2016 |
| Tue. | 24/05 | **Traffic Management Meeting**   * **Lucan**   **Lucan Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 2.15pm - 3.00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 11/05/2016 |
| Wed. | 25/05 | **Deputations** | 2.00pm - 5.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 26/05 | **Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC** | 5.30pm – 7.00pm | 26/04/2016 |
| Fri. | 27/05 | **Joint Policing Committee** | 3.00pm – 5.00 pm |  |
| *\*Planning File Requests to be received by 17/05/5016*  *\*\* Planning File requests to be received by 18/05/2016* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 30/05 |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 31/05 | **Social & Community Development SPC** | 6.00pm – 7.30pm | 29/04/2016 |
| Wed. | 01/06 |  |  |  |
| Thurs | 02/06 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 03/06 |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 06/06 | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue | 07/06 | **Corporate Policy Group Meeting** | 3.00pm - 4.30pm |  |
| Wed | 08/06 |  |  |  |
| Thurs | 09/06 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 10/06 |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 13/06 | **County Council Meeting** | 3.30pm - 7.00pm | 27/05/2016 |
| Tue | 14/06 | **Audit Committee**  **Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management.* | 8.00pm – 9.30pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 31/05/2016 |
| Wed. | 15/06 |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 16/06 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 17/06 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file requests to be received by 08/06/2016* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 20/06 |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 21/06 |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 22/06 | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 09/06/2016 |
| Thur. | 23/06 | **Lucan Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 15/06/2016 |
| Fri. | 24/06 | **Annual Meeting** | 3.30pm - |  |

*\*Planning file requests to be received by 16/06/2016*

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| Mon. | 27/06 | **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 14/06/2016 |
| Tues. | 28/06 |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 29/06 | **Deputations** | 2.00pm - 5.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 30/06 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 01/07 |  |  |  |

\**Planning file requests to be received by 21/06/2016*

\*\**Planning file requests to be received by 22/06/2016*

**Notes:**

Early closing date for Council Meetings in May and June due to Bank Holidays

Corporate Policy Committee Meetings to be held on the Tuesday 3rd May and 6the June due to the May and June Bank Holidays

The Social and Community Development SPC that would normally take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month will take place on the 31st May due to the Development plan Meetings

Lucan Area Committee Meeting has been moved from 28th June to the 23rd June as per Councillors Request.

**Cllr Dermot Looney asked for the June Council Meeting to be moved to another day to be discussed at the Group Leaders Meeting.**

**The Calendar was APPROVED on the proposition of Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor D. Looney.**

**H3b)/0416 STANDING COMMITTEES - ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE 24th March 2016 – REPORT ON CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

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:**

“[**Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/zza37y2001s142.html) provides for the authorization of Members’ attendance at conferences both home and abroad.

Listed below are conferences which have been notified to South Dublin County Council and whose appropriateness has been vetted by the members’ working group in accordance with Circ. Letter 02/10.

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| **Conference** | **Host** | **Venue** | **Date** | **Members Attending** | **Fee** |
| LAMA Spring Training Seminar | Local Authority Members Association. | Sligo Park Hotel  Sligo | 1st – 2nd April 2016 | C. King  A-M. Dermody  T. Gilligan  G O’Connell  W. Lavelle  B. Lawlor | €160 |
| National Planning Conference | Irish Planning Institute | Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath | 14th -15th April 2016 | T. Gilligan | €299 |
| National Autism Conference | ASISAM | Dublin Castle | 16th April 2016 | P.Donovan  D. Richardson | €50 |
| A Road Map for Mobility | Transport Ireland | Chartered Accountants House, 47-49 Pearse Street, Dublin | 21st April 2016 | P. Donovan | €301.35 |
| Road Safety Authority I Safer Conference | Road Safety Authority | Main Conference Hall, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2 | 28th April 2016 | W. Lavelle  P. Donovan | Not Known |

**There were no conferences attended from January 1st 2016 to date.**

As authorisation under this section is a reserved function Members are required to pass the following resolution:

“In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001 attendance by Members at the Conferences / Seminars outlined in the report is hereby authorized.”

**The Report was NOTED.**

**H3c)/0416 STANDING COMMITTEES - ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE COMMITTEE 24TH MARCH 2016 - FILLING OF VACANCIES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY BODIES PREVIOUSLY HELD BY CLLR. C. BROPHY**

**“**The following reports were presented to the Members at the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting held on 24th March 2016:

"A number of vacancies exist on the following committees/statutory bodies previously held by Councillor C. Brophy who has recently been elected to Dáil Éireann and subsequently disqualified from membership of these committees.

Association of Irish Local Government 

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB (Education And Training Board)

Joint Policing Committee

It is a matter for the Council to appoint a replacement(s) to the above positions and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation."

It was proposed by Councillor K. Egan, seconded by Councillor R Mc Mahon and **AGREED** that **Councillor B. Lawlor** be nominated to The Association of Irish Local Government, the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB (Education and Training Board) and to the Joint Policing Committee.

**H3d)/0416 STANDING COMMITTEES - ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE COMMITTEE 24TH MARCH 2016 FILLING OF VACANCIES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY BODIES PREVIOUSLY HELD BY CLLR. E. Ó'BROIN**

The following report was presented to the Members at the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting held on 24th March 2016:

"A number of vacancies exist on the following committees/statutory bodies previously held by Councillor E. Ó Broin who has recently been elected to Dáil Éireann and subsequently disqualified from membership of these committees.

Clondalkin Drugs Task Force

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

It is a matter for the Council to appoint a replacement(s) to the above positions and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation"

It was proposed by Councillor J. Graham and seconded by Councillor S Holland and **AGREED** that **Councillor B. Ferron** be nominated to Clondalkin Drugs Task Force.

It was proposed by Councillor B Ferron and seconded by Councillor S Holland and **AGREED** that **Councillor M. Ward** be nominated to Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

This matter is now before the Council for approval.

**H3e)/0416 STANDING COMMITTEES – ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE COMMITTEE 24TH MARCH 2016 FILLING OF VACANCIES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY BODIES PREVIOUSLY HELD BY CLLR. J. LAHART**

“The following report was presented to the Members at the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting held on 24th March 2016:

"A number of vacancies exist on the following committees/statutory bodies previously held by Councillor J. Lahart who has recently been elected to Dáil Éireann and subsequently disqualified from membership of these committees.

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

It is a matter for the Council to appoint a replacement(s) to the above position and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Cllr C O’ Connor and Seconded by Cllr S. Holland, and **AGREED** that Councillor P Foley be nominated to Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee to replace Councillor J Lahart who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

This matter is now before the Council for approval.

**The Nominations brought forward from the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting held on 24th March were AGREED.**

**The Reports were NOTED**

**H5/0416 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - LAND USE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Councillor W. Lavelle Chair of Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC and was **CONSIDERED:**

1. **Report of Meeting 18th February 2016**

**“Present:**

**Elected Members:** Councillor W. Lavelle

Councillor L. O’Toole

Councillor P. Gogarty

Councillor P. Donovan

Councillor M. Murphy

**Non-Elected** Mr. Denis Sherwin

**Members:**

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

Planning & Transportation

Dr. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer

Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer

Ms. Laura Leonard, SEO

**Apologies** for inability to attend were received from Councillor R. Nolan, Ms. Siobhan Butler 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 26th November 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Lavelle, seconded by Cllr. Gogarty and **AGREED.**

Cllr. Lavelle welcomed Cllr. P. Donovan onto the committee in place of Cllr. Brophy who was wished well in Dail Eireann.

Cllr. Lavelle then introduced Mr. Conor Faughnan, Chief Executive Officer of the AA Ireland to the chamber and invited him to make a presentation to the members.

**H.I. 2. Presentation by Mr. Conor Faughnan, Automobile Association Ireland**

Mr. Faughnan gave an account of his background and role in AA Ireland and outlined that as a registered lobbyist, he on behalf of his organisation has an active advocacy role for the motorist.

He went on to set out current issues of interest to the AA as follows:

Cost of Motor Insurance

Traffic congestion, particularly M50

Transport Planning

Speed Limits – consistency across County boundaries.

Following the presentation, Cllrs Gogarty, Murphy, O’Toole, Donovan, Lavelle and Mr. Denis Sherwin thanked Mr. Faughnan and raised questions to which Mr. Faughnan responded.

Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services clarified some of the points raised and expressed his appreciation for the presentation.

Mr. Faughnan was thanked by Cllr. Lavelle for his attendance and contribution.

**H.I. 3 County Biodiversity Plan Preparation and County Heritage Plan Review.**

Dr. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer gave a presentation outlining the process of preparation of the County Biodiversity Plan and the Review process of the County Heritage Plan.

[See Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=d8f191e2-6c9b-4f41-8514-a5e200f41451)

Following the presentation, Councillors Donovan, Murphy and Lavelle contributed to the debate. Cllr Lavelle requested that maps be sent to all members of the SPC.

**H.I. 4 Speed Limit Review – Interim Update**

Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer presented the following report on the progress of the Speed Limit Review advising members that speed surveys were underway and that first draft maps had been prepared, circulated to members and feedback was welcome.

**SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

The speed limit review is being undertaken in accordance with the document “Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland” issued in 2015 by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. A copy was issued to all elected members. These guidelines constitute a direction of the Minister for Transport having regard to Section 9(9) of the 2004 Road Traffic Act.

The guidelines allow for and encourage the introduction of a 30kph speed limit in certain areas such as local residential and housing estate roads. Roads which have direct frontage housing or are immediately adjacent to play areas should have speed limits of 30kph. Roads which are through roads within estates and which have very little direct frontage housing and are not immediately adjacent to play areas would generally have a speed limit of 50kph but may be reduced where the road authority deems it to be appropriate.

The following must be taken into consideration when considering to implement a 30kph speed limit:

* Speed surveys must be undertaken to establish the 85th Percentile Speed (the speed at or below which 85% of all vehicles are observed to travel under free flowing conditions past a nominated point).
* Roads must be representative but not all roads within an estate need to be surveyed.
* SDCC must liaise with adjoining local authorities to ensure a consistent approach and results.
* After implementation of a 30kph limit monitoring will have to be undertaken to identify if the new speed limits are being observed.
* Existing speeds cannot be assumed – speed surveys have to be undertaken.
* Existing traffic calmed estates must be surveyed to determine the 85th percentile speed.
* Speed survey results cannot be extrapolated into other areas.

As a result of repeated requests from the members for 30kph speed limit implementation in residential estates throughout the county SDCC propose to implement this limit on a blanket basis save for local distributor and other house and open park frontage free roads.

At the time of writing all area committees have been presented with the proposed speed limits for their EA in the form of a detailed map of the area. The members are to make observations in time for the April ACM's so that their observations may be assessed and adopted or excluded as appropriate.

The procedure to be followed is outlined in Section 4.8 of the guidelines. SDCC now intend to continue with the procedure outlined (See attached Appendix A - Flowchart).

Cllrs. Lavelle, O’Toole and Mr. Sherwin raised questions which were responded to.

A further update will be brought to next SPC.

**H.I. 5 Road Safety Working Together Group**

Ms. L. Leonard brought members attention to the report seeking nominations sought for membership of the Road Safety Working Together Group which had been ratified by the Council. She further informed the SPC that the inaugural meeting was scheduled for April 27th 2016.

**SDCC Road Safety Working Together Group**

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

Following a discussion Councillor Lavelle proposed that Mr. Denis Sherwin be nominated by the SPC as a representative to the Road Safety Working Together Group. This was agreed by the SPC.

**H.I. 6. Naming of Infrastructure**

Ms. L. Leonard gave a presentation which outlined the purpose, scope and suggested process for a Naming of Infrastructure Protocol.

Councillors Gogarty, Murphy, O’Toole and Lavelle contributed to the ensuing discussion and it was proposed that a workshop to progress the matter be arranged.

[See Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=565fa092-060f-4622-b475-a5e200c7487c)

Mr. Eddie Taaffe agreed to this and that a date be scheduled for the workshop and members notified.

**H.I.7. Western Orbital Road /N4/N7 Study Update.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the SPC

**1H.I. 8 Residential Parking Permits.**

The following report had been prepared for the consideration of the SPC.

**RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS**

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| Local Authority | Residents Permit | Visitors Permit |
| South Dublin  County Council | €20 for 1 year  €40 for 2 year | €20 for First Visitors Permit, €50 for Second Permit |
| Dublin City Council | €50 for 1 year and €80 for 2 years if you live in a house.  €400 for 1 year or €750 for 2 years if your building contains more than 4 housing units, has off-road parking available to it and is located in a low demand zone (includes converted houses and apartment blocks).  €400 for 1 year or €750 for 2 years if your building is a converted house, contains more than 4 housing units, has off-road parking available to it and is located in a heavy demand zone | €1.25 each, and are sold in multiples of four |
| Fingal County Council | €20 for 2 year permit | €1.20 per disc for visitors |
| Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council | €40 per year or €75 for 2 years | €2 each with a maximum of 120 per resident in a calendar year |

As set out in the South Dublin County Council (Control of Parking) Bye Laws 2010 the tariff for permits is as follows;

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| **Type of Permit** | **Bye-Law** | **Appropriate Fee** |
| Residents Parking permit | Bye-Law 16 | €20 for one year permit  €40 for two year permit |
| Replacement Residents Parking permit | Bye-Law 19 | €5 |
| Visitors Parking permit | Bye-Law 28 | €30 for first one year permits  €50 for subsequent one year permits |
| Commercial Parking Permit | Bye-Law 31 | €60 for one calendar month permit |

The first Visitors Permit had been suggested at €30 per year under the consultation but was adopted at the rate of €20. The second visitor permit is €50 under the 2010 Bye Laws, this was increased from the visitor permit tariff set in the 2003 Bye Laws of €20. There is a limit of two visitor permits per household.

There is no household limit for number of residential parking permits (for cars owned by residents at a particular residential address)

All residents within pay and display areas are eligible for permits but there may be some restrictions on where they can park.

It must be noted that the permit is not a guarantee of a space being available but an exemption from the pay and display charge local to the address for which the permit was issued.

**Example of new Parking Permit**

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The Warden can scan the barcode and verify through their handheld computer that the permit is valid.

This item was **Noted.**

**H.I. 9 Public Awareness & Information Pay Parking**

This item was deferred and it was agreed that it would be listed as the first item of business for the next meeting of the SPC.

**H.I. 11 A.O.B.**

Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services notified members of the National Transportation Authority allocation of funding for 2016 and drew attention to a possible reduction in the allocation for Willsbrook. Ph 3.

Cllr. W. Lavelle requested that members be kept informed of any developments and expressed dissatisfaction with any suggestion of a change in this allocation.

**H.I. 10 Update on Current/Planning Road Projects**

Note this item was not reached due to meeting overrun.

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

The report was **NOTED**

**H6/0416 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 M. Duff and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q16 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Q1/0416 HOUSING SAFETY CHECKS**

**QUESTION: Councillor M. Duff**

Would the Chief Executive make a report to this Council detailing if regular fire safety inspections are carried out in apartment blocks, where there are Council tenants or AHB tenants residing, to ensure that no fire hazards exist, to check emergency lighting and to ensure that all tenants and management of AHB are observing the basic fire safety rules, especially in regard to storing furniture or other flammable materials in common areas or under stairwells

**REPLY:**

The Council requires certification from Architects/engineers on all properties it purchases prior to completing purchase or accept units that are constructed for the Council. These certificates cover all aspects of the unit from construction to fire safety.

Following purchase or possession of the housing units issues arising around structure, maintenance and or safety are dealt with by our maintenance staff supported by technical advice from Architects and or consultants as required.

All Council properties are included on a computer system that tracks maintenance requests and or complaints in relation to the structure and or safety of the units. All complaints are responded to and those which relate to safety are prioritised and inspected. To date this system has operated very successfully

Both the Council and the relevant Approved Housing Bodies carry out checks on a quarterly basis of the fire safety alarms and lighting in communal areas and logged.

The storage of material in communal areas is forbidden and I am informed by AHBs that they remove it when discovered. We have recently erected signs in our own communal areas reminding our tenants of the prohibition on storing such material there.

In light of the recent fire in one of the communal areas of an AHB apartment block the Council will be discussing safety checks with them further and also considering our own processes in this regard.

**Q2/0416 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2015**

**QUESTION: Councillor L. Dunne**

To ask for a report & breakdown of the amount of funding allocated for community grants, festivals etc. to each LEA through area committee in 2015.

**REPLY:**

The allocation/awarding of Community Grants is by recommendation of the Council at Council Meetings.

The details of the grants awarded in 2015 are summarised as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year 2015** | **No. of Groups Applied** | **No. of Grants Paid** | **Electoral Area** | **Budget** |
|  | 129 | 65  (9 unpaid - awaiting relevant documentation) | 10 Clondalkin  2   Countywide  8   Lucan  7   Rathfarnham  29 Tallaght Central and Tallaght South | €200,000 |

**Q3/0416 PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES**

**QUESTION: Councillor P. Foley**

I would like to ask the Chief Executive in light of the Tyrrelstown houses being offered to a vulture fund if SDCC has been offered houses for purchase in any blocks of more than 5 `houses. If there have been offers can the details and status of each offer be supplied?

**REPLY:**

The Council to date has not been offered properties for sale where the proposal would reflect the situation in Tyrrelstown and we are not aware of any pending.

**Q4/0416** **GRASS CUTTING FREQUENCY**

**QUESTION: Councillor P. Foley**

Now that the grass cutting season has begun what is the expected frequency of grass cutting due to be for April and May?

**REPLY:**

As in recent years the planned frequency of grass cutting across the County for the 2016 year is weekly cutting of grass on playing pitches and fortnightly cutting of grass in all other locations such as parks, estate open spaces and roadside margins. The weekly cutting schedule on playing pitches is in place at present and has been since February.  The fortnightly cutting schedule commenced in March and will reach the target fortnightly frequency by mid-April.

**Q5/0416 BULBS AND CORMS**

**QUESTION: Councillor S. Holland**

To ask the Chief Executive when our next bulb planting tender will take place, when the next mass planting across the County will be and when the last one was.

**REPLY:**

The last invitation for quotations for the supply of Bulbs and Corms was in June 2012.  The bulbs were planted in parks, open spaces, roundabouts and containers. Bulbs included Tulips, Narcissus, Bluebells, Crocus, Snowdrops and Hyacinth.

The Council is currently seeking quotations for a similar supply.

**Q6/0416 SITE INSPECTIONS**

**QUESTION: Councillor S. Holland**

To ask the Chief Executive how often does a council clerk of works inspect sites to ensure that planning permission is being adhered to.

**REPLY:**

There are no scheduled or formal inspections carried out to ensure planning permissions are being adhered to as the system is intended to be self-compliant.

However upon receipt of a formal complaint of non-compliance with a planning permission, a planning enforcement investigation is commenced and this would involve an inspection in an effort to resolve the matter.   It should be noted, however, that approximately 20% of construction sites are inspected by Building control inspectors to ensure compliance under the Building Regulations.

**Q7/0416 FIRE SAFETY AUDIT**

**QUESTION: Councillor S. Holland**

Please give an update on the findings of the recent health & safety audit carried out on Traveller sites around the County

**REPLY:**

No reports have yet been received from the Fire Brigade 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.

**Q8/0416 INTEGRATION**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail actions being taken by the Council to promote Integration in our County.

**REPLY:**

The Community Development/Sports/Social Inclusion/Arts Teams work with many voluntary and community groups, agencies and statutory bodies on various initiatives to support integration in all aspects of community life including integration through sports, arts and community development programmes. The teams will continue to work with individuals and development groups in the county on issues facing Travellers, Migrants, people with a disability etc.

The South Dublin County 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) has been developed following a year of consultation and collaboration involving stakeholders from the community and economic development sectors in the County and provides a series of actions aimed to improve the quality of life and opportunities for all residents of the County. While actions are not specifically designed with integration in mind, the actions support all residents to take an active role in the community and economic life of the County.

An Inclusive County, South Dublin County Integration Strategy 2013-2017 was developed to enable all communities to fully participate in society by promoting an inclusive and dynamic environment in South Dublin County where residents are valued, regardless of their nationality, religion or ethnic background.  Work on implementing this strategy continues.  South Dublin County Council supports a Migrant Forum which provides a forum for representatives of the New Communities in South Dublin to collaborate, network and be a common voice of the communities towards achieving social inclusion, integration and participation in the decision making process.

The Councils Anti-Social Strategy recognises that integration is one of the challenges faced by South Dublin County Council and work is ongoing between the Housing Department, local communities and relevant agencies to promote integration.

**Q9/0416 VOTERS REGISTRATION**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of voters now on the Voting Register in each electoral area and will he give details in that regard.

**REPLY:**

The breakdown of the no of Electors currently on the 2016-17 Register of Electors in each Local Electoral Area including the supplement to the Register of Electors 2016-17 are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Lucan** | **Clondalkin** | **Tallaght Central** | **Tallaght South** | **Rathfarnham** | **Templeogue-Terenure** | **Total** |
| 35,120 | 36,770 | 26,550 | 26,777 | 31,478 | 34,573 | 191,368 |

**Q10/0416 SOCIAL HOUSING**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of current applications in each electoral area for Social Housing.

**REPLY:**

As of 31.3.2016 there are 9,065 applicants on the housing list.  The Council has 2 housing areas and it is not possible to say how many applicants are from each electoral area.  Some applicants have expressed interest in both housing areas.

North of Naas Road 5244 applicants

South of Naas Road 6546 applicants

**Q11/0416 POST**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive what action he is taking to deal with what his staff are describing as a back log of post in the Housing Department and will he confirm when he now expects the situation to be resolved.

**REPLY:**

A back log of post developed arising from the volume of correspondence received. Outstanding post has now been brought up to date and recruitment of additional staff also alleviates the problems encountered. Every effort will be made to ensure post is processed and replied to in a timely manner. This will be kept under review

**Q12/0416 VILLAGE INITITAVES**

**QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to present an updated report on progress with the Village Initiative Programme and will he give details in respect of each Village.

**REPLY:**

Following is the current status of the Village Initiative Programme:-

* Works are completed at **Palmerstown Village and Manor Road.**

* Work is substantially complete in **Rathcoole Village.**

* **Newcastle Village Phase 1 - Aylmer Road**

The new footpath linking Aylmer Road to Peamount Utd. is almost complete including a new public lighting scheme.

* **Lucan/Tallaght Village Pavement Repair Works**

This contract has been awarded and is due to go on site in the next two weeks.

* **Newcastle Village Phase 2 – Gateway at Texaco Station**

This will issue to tender during April. The developed design for a public plaza at the Community Centre was not acceptable to community groups and will be revisited later in 2016.

* **Rathfarnham Village Phase 1 – Gateway Plaza**

Tender documents are being prepared for the plaza adjoining the historic cemetery in Rathfarnham and will be tendered in April.

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 and are currently under discussion.

* **Tallaght Village**

Preparation of tender documents for works in Tallaght village are nearing completion and will go to tender in April.

* **Lucan Village**

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.

* **Templeogue Village**

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.

* **Saggart Village**

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.

* **Signage**

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. This is included under the SPC report section of the December Council meeting

**Q13/0416 ELECTION POSTERS**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask for a report into how many fines where issues for erecting posters before election was called and why the said posters were not all removed.

**REPLY**

Election (and Referendum) posters are governed by a suite of relevant legislation as follows:

* Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended by the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2009.
* Protection of the Environment Act 2003
* Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013
* European Parliament Elections Act 1997
* Local Elections Regulations 1995
* Referendum Act 1994
* Electoral Act 1992
* Road Traffic Act 1961

[**Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997,**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/19/enacted/en/html) as amended, and [**Section 9 of the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2009**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2009/act/9/section/9/enacted/en/html) require that all posters/advertisements relating to an election may only be erected for a certain specified time period before an election, and are removed within 7 days of date of polling day.

Early on 2nd February 2016, the Council was advised that election posters had been erected for a small number of candidates (prior to the making of the General Election Polling Day Order). The candidates in question contacted the Council on that day to advise that an error had been made, and gave assurances that efforts were underway to have the posters removed as quickly as possible.

It was noted that the vast majority of those posters were removed on that day and no fines were issued.

**Q14/0416 CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask what funding was given to SDCC to build social housing in the last two years?

**REPLY:**

SDCC LPT Capital Allocation was spent as follows in 2015. The full breakdown is attached for your information.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Sum of Claim Amount** |
| Acquisitions | 3,021,390 |
| Construction | 1,088,796 |
| DPGs | 306,805 |
| Energy Efficiency | 558,321 |
| Private Grants | 757,531 |
| Unsold affordable loans funded | 2,208,529 |
| Voids | 108,987 |
| **Grand Total** | **€ 8,050,359** |

**Q15/0416 TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION FUNDING**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask did SDCC apply and take all available funding for traveller accommodation in the last two years?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin applied for capital funding and took all available funding for Traveller Accommodation in the last two years. The following table shows the Council's Capital Allocation in respect of Traveller Accommodation for the last 2 years.

Traveller Accommodation Unit Capital Allocation and Drawdown:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | | Amount | Scheme | Comment |
| 2014 | €24,750 | | Turnpike   Group Housing Scheme: As   above | Final   recoupment paid by DOE 21st August 2014 |
| 2015 | €0.00 | |  | €0.00 funding awarded under Capital Allocation for Traveller Accommodation. |
| 2015 | €746,007 (awarded under the Jobs Stimulus programme) | | Belgard Road Group Housing Scheme | €661,706.86   has been applied for to date – houses are complete and handed over on 16th March 2016. Final Account will be submitted to the Department shortly |

There was no underspend in any of the above years.

The allocations from the Department for the past number of years were for schemes that had been approved to proceed, those under construction and also to complete schemes.

**Q16/0416 NAMA HOUSING UNITS**

**QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on how many houses / accommodation units SDCC turned down from NAMA and the reasons for same?

**REPLY:**

Consideration was given to a number of properties offered by NAMA as possibly suitable for social housing. Of the 591 put forward by NAMA as possibly suitable 131 are either transacted or in the process. A further 18 are under active consideration but not yet finalised. Most were deemed not suitable either being unfinished developments or not started or in such large lots they were not considered sustainable. The Council has dealt with NARPS in relation to leasing of a number of units and continues to work with them on other possibilities. NAMA established a Special Purpose Vehicle, NAMA Asset Residential Property Services Limited (“NARPS”), to acquire residential units from its debtors and receivers and to lease / sell them directly to approved housing bodies/Local Authorities.

**H7a/0416 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY/SITES - PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND ADJACENT TO 1 DARGLE WOOD, KNOCKLYON, DUBLIN 16**

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

“The houseowners at 1 Dargle Wood, Knocklyon, Dublin 16 applied to the Council to acquire a plot of Council owned land adjacent to their property.

Following consultation with Public Realm, the matter was referred to the Council’s Valuer who has recommended terms for disposal which he considers to be fair and reasonable and which have been accepted by the Applicants.

Accordingly, I now recommend that the Council disposes of the plot of land measuring 0.006 hectares (60 square metres) or thereabouts adjacent to 1 Dargle Wood, Knocklyon, Dublin 16 as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA/08/16 to the respective houseowners, Michael & Nuala Kennedy, 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 0.006 hectares (60 square metres) or thereabouts as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA/08/16.
2. That the Council disposes of the subject plot for the consideration of €2,000 (two thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).
3. That the land is disposed of with full freehold title and vacant possession.
4. That the Applicants hold the freehold or equivalent interest in 1 Dargle Wood.
5. That the Applicants incorporate the area and that as part of the boundary treatment, construct a 1.8m high 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 Applicants agree with the Council’s Public Realm Section on the number of trees to be removed in advance of the wall construction above. The number of trees to be removed to be determined by the area required to facilitate the wall construction and the need to keep the remaining trees at a suitable distance from the new wall. The cost of the tree removal shall be borne by the Applicants.
7. That the Applicants shall pay the Council’s legal fees plus VAT and outlay.
8. That the Applicants shall pay the Council’s Valuer’s fees of €250 (two hundred and fifty euro) plus VAT.
9. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within 3 months, or as soon as practical thereafter, 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 being disposed of form part of the lands acquired by the Council from Abbey Homes for open space purposes.

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**Chief Executive”**

Councillor R. McMahon asked a question about tree removals.

**H7b)/0416 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY/SITES - SMALL BUILDERS SCHEME - PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST IN 98 ALPINE HEIGHTS, CLONDALKIN, DUBLIN 22**

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

“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 interest in the site listed hereunder to John and Audrey Dunne to whom the site has been leased under the terms of the Council's Small Builders Scheme. John and Audrey Dunne have applied in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 to acquire the fee simple interest in the property. The Ground Rent payable is €19.04 per annum.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Site No.** | **Lessee** | **Date of Lease** | **Land Acquired From** | **Purchase Price** |
| *98 Alpine Heights, Clondalkin, Dublin, 22* | *John and Audrey Dunne* | *25/05/1977* | *Edward O’Dowd* | *€485.00* |

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Chief Executive”

The proposed Disposals were proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor M. Duff and were **AGREED.**

**H8/0416** **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:**

* 1. Strategy Report

“March Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

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

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

Litter Management Plan: 2016 LM Action Plan has been agreed and the following are examples of actions being implemented: LMP promotional booklet sent to print. Promotion will be part of National Spring Clean with the Mayor.

ALAG: Grant Applications currently being processed. ALAG poster comp. Presentation of prizes with Mayor on 9th March 2016 Posters printed and will be distributed shortly. Off leash Promoted #our council day. Gum Litter Survey completed and returned for SDCC inclusion in National GLT campaign. National Spring Clean: Press release and photo call with Mayor and Newcastle Tidy Towns to include recycling centres and Tackle Waste and LMP. 183 Social Credit applications received in March. Paint materials added to the Social Credit supports. 131 total no. of registered Green schools Green schools 3 Green school assessments took place this month on the Litter and Waste theme. Prize ceremony took place on 9th March for the ENV poster competition (themes for the poster this year were Anti Gum Litter and Anti Dog Fouling). Press release and social media will be updated after Easter. Plastic Bottles and pop up delivered. Dates for campaign to be confirmed. This will be carried out as part of awareness stand re plastic bottles in Clondalkin, Tallaght and Lucan leisure centres. Seasonal Recycling Message Recycling message on till receipt focusing on Easter and national spring clean month running March to May. Enforcement and Licensing Meeting held with contractor to discuss assessment of locations for suitability for installation of audio devices – 3 locations to deter dog fouling, 3 to deter illegal dumping and 1 to deter graffiti. Quotations sought and received with installation due to commence in April as well as analysis. N81 Improvement Scheme: Tender 14-day standstill notice period completed. Documentation re insurances etc. requested from successful tender and awaiting receipt. Roundabout Sponsorship: Tenders are invited from interested parties for the 2016 Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme which is currently advertised on the Councils website. A promotional brochure is in preparation and businesses throughout the county are being contacted and circulated with the tender documentation. The closing date for receipt of tenders is Friday, April 15th. There are currently 16 roundabouts available for sponsorship across the county. Tree

Maintenance Programme: 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme has been presented to the Area Committee Meetings.

The primary focus of this programme is whole estates. As grass cutting has now commenced, there are now two tree crews in operation, one North of N7 and one South of N7. Work is currently ongoing on estates in Castleside Drive, Rathfarnham and The Coppice, Palmerstown. Public Realm: Review of Public Realm Functions is underway. This will include the restructuring of crews to carry out village cleansing and approach roads (once additional staff are in place).

Derelict Sites: Derelict Sites - 37 Inspections Dangerous Buildings - 1 inspection

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

Flood Alleviation Schemes: Tenders have been received for ground investigation for Ballycullen scheme and recommendation made to appoint IGSL. A meeting was held with Knocklyon United on pipeline route. DCC finalising brief for Poddle scheme. The regrading and clearing of the channel on the Oldcourt Stream commenced in mid-

February and is in the final stages of completion, final site works should be completed this week. Surface Water Schemes: New Road Surface Water Scheme was completed on 05/02/2016. The following is the list of Schemes proposed for 2016: Jobstown Stream North Aug 16, Owendoher River Clearing May 16, Jobstown stream 5th April 16,Old court Stream Apr 16, Monastery Road May 16, Newcastle Main Street & Peamount Road Dec 16,

Hazelgrove/Jobstown Oct 16, Chapel Hill & Lucan Heights Nov 16. Monastery Road is being prepared for tender,

Archaeologists appointed. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. UFW -36.92%, Quality -100%, Repairs of leaks and bursts - 40. World Water Day 22nd March - info stands in Tallaght and Clondalkin. Stop running water video playing in Tallaght and Libraries. Conservation competition advertised on website, Facebook and twitter. RBD Plans and Measures: Ongoing - presentation and workshop

Corporate Performance and Change Management delivered by EPA to progress WFD characterisation approach and sub catchments assessments. WERLA: Work commenced with DCC (as lead authority) to develop and implement Action Plan for delivery of objectives and targets as outlined in the Waste Enforcement Regional Waste Plan /WERLA Plan Climate Change: Climate Change Strategy under review in conjunction with the SPCs and the other three Dublin Local Authorities with a view to adopting a Climate Change Strategy for the region. Awaiting guidelines on Climate Adaptation Plans from the Department of the Environment.

**Objective 3: Manage our regulatory, licensing and enforcement roles together with the Environmental Protection Agency**

Continued active enforcement of the provisions of all environmental legislation and regulations with continued legal proceedings. Scheduled Inspections and Audits/Reviews being routinely undertaken on the permitted facilities: 1 application to surrender COR being processed, 2 applications for review of WFP validated and being processed, 2

Section 14 Directions and 3 Warning Letters issued in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended. Control of Animals legislation being actively enforced with regular inspections of horse pound and dog pound, ongoing monitoring of contractual performance: Horses seized – 20, Dogs impounded - 44. Implement the Dublin Noise Action Plan: The Environmental Health Office, in conjunction with the Traffic Section (Technical), LUPT Department is involved with the preparation of the 3rd Noise Action Plan as part of the European Noise Directive on behalf of this council. The current plan, round 2, covers the period 2013 - 2018, and this council, in liaison with the other 3 authorities, produces the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Plan. This plan is a very detailed computerised modelling exercise with vehicular traffic being the dominant noise source. The council currently has 10 fixed noise monitoring locations throughout the county which are updated on a continuous basis on the SDCC website and which is used as a comparator with the modelling results and predictions. To protect good air quality standards in accordance with EU Air Quality Directives: The level of air quality in the county of South Dublin is of a consistently good standard. Our fixed monitoring site in Old Bawn measures Sulphur Dioxide and Particulate Matter below 10 microns/cubic metre of air (PM10). Both parameters are at very low level indicating a very acceptable standard of air quality. This site is connected to the EPA national grid of monitoring sites. Communication Programmes/Environmental information: Think Reduce, reuse, recycle message on till receipts for 7 Dunnes Stores and 2 SuperValu’s in the county - from 17/03/16 to 09/05/2016. Environmental schools competition posters printed and ready for distribution. Environmental Education Awareness: Preparation on-going for Eco-Week (18th - 22nd April)

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

**Playspace Programme:**

The following play space consultations are currently under way: Glendoher, Longwood

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

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

Congratulations to Deputies Colm Brophy, Eoin O’Broin, Gino Kenny and John Lahart on their recent elections as they resign from their Council roles. Councillors Emma Murphy, Brian Lawlor and Mark Redmond co-opted onto the Council, and Cllr Charlie O’Connor becomes chair of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC.

Proclamation Day Ceremony in Civic Offices, Clondalkin on the 15th March 2015. Launch of South Dublin 1916 Oral History Collection- 23rd March. Books of condolences opened by Mayor for victims of the attacks in Brussels and the tragedy in Buncrana. Annual Service Delivery Plan draft presented to the March meetings of the Corporate Policy

Group and full Council. Invitation received from South Dublin Chamber of Commerce for the Mayor to lead a delegation to visit Tampa in late May/early June.

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

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

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

Implemented significant reorganisation of internal electronic filing providing additional resilience on internal systems and as an ongoing risk reduction strategy against current ICT security threats. Planning of firewall replacement continues &amp; beginning re-evaluation and forward planning of the internal server technology base in advance of a

future tender. SDCC Website tender evaluations continuing. New Online Public Consultation facility now live and in use of Walking and Cycling Scheme at Ballyroan and Old Orchard, Public Consultation Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2016 and Pre-Draft Consultation on the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone - Planning Scheme. Evaluation of pilot of new Mobile Libraries facilities provided via the national Library Management System continues. Community GIS portal on schedule for go live during April 2016. Migration of internal geographic information systems - OASIS in progress.

Training in new policy/consent system taking place Mid-April. Redevelopment and re-assessment of the system to manage capital projects under way. FOI model publication scheme in progress in accordance with statutory deadlines.

Launch of Smart Dublin Initiative March 8th. Technology Supports for County Development Plan continue to be provided as it advances through the statutory process.

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

Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated with a countywide programme of events from the 1st- 17th March promoting Irish Language and Culture in South Dublin. The Commemorations Fund reopened for Templeogue, Terenure and Rathfarnham Electoral Areas. Meeting of the Corporate Communications Network on 15th March to monitor

implementation of the internal and external communications strategies. Online Consultation Portal launched for all public consultations run by South Dublin County Council at https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/. Twitter Day for the local authority sector took place on the 2nd March. This is now an annual promotional campaign to raise awareness of the work done by local authorities and was a great success. The level of activity nationally increased 28% from 2015 and South Dublin was placed 7th of all local authorities nationally in this. Smart Dublin was officially launched on 8th March

by the four Dublin local authorities to engage with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens to solve challenges and improve quality of life across the city region. South Dublin’s Third Irish Language Scheme accepted by the Department of the Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht.

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

Recruitment campaigns are ongoing on a range of positions across the organisation, with 13 appointments made in March. Delivery of Training and Development Programme is ongoing. Preparation of records for joining the Superannuation Shared Service ongoing. Knowledge Management Plan initiated within the organisation.

Occupational Health Screening Programme completed for 2016 and preparation of Action Programme underway.

Ongoing implementation and monitoring of the Health and Safety Management System. Agreement of Team Plans and Personal Development Plans for 2016 complete across the organisation.

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

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

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

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

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

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

Works are continuing on the Tallaght to Templeogue Cycleway. As part of the scheme the existing Cycleway ramp under the M50 / N81 is being reconfigured and is closed temporarily while these works are ongoing. Official Confirmation of the Sustainable Transport Measures Grant from the NTA has been received. The allocation will fund continued Design work on the Dodder Greenway, N4 to City Centre, Tallaght to Liffey Valley and Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycle ways. Construction of Cycle and Pedestrian Improvement works under the Green Schools Cluster programme is also provided for. Tenders have also been received for Willsbrook but final approval to award the Contract is still awaited. Finally the allocation also allows for construction works to proceed on Improved Pedestrian /cycling facilities at Scholarstown Rd / Knocklyon Rd / Idrone Avenue Junction, these works are being scheduled for the summer months when schools are closed.

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

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

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

LEO training schedule for spring 2016, started January, and will continue through March. Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 22nd March 2016, approving 3 new jobs, sustaining a further 1 job, with grant amount of €69,700 approved. The projects included 4 Feasibility, 1 Priming & 1 Business Expansion grant applications. The 6 projects have the potential to create 28 jobs within 3 years. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th, 2016.

Additional training, in co-operation with South Dublin Chamber commenced November 2015, and continuing into March 2016, as a result of the training survey. Local Enterprise Week, held from 7th March to 13th March 2016. County Enterprise Awards held on 11th March, as part of Local Enterprise Week. The Co. winner will go forward to the

National Final in June.

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

Commence DRAFT masterplan for landbank at Grange Castle West.

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

Commence planning for at least two festivals in 2016

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

Continue process to provide Hub at Palmerstown and library at North Clondalkin. Planning and delivery of events programmes: 1916/2016 Centenary, SnaG, Enterprise Week, Eco Week, Bealtaine, Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children’s Music Festival, NOISE Youth Film Festival, NOISE You Dance festival. Planning of Red Line Book Festival: contracting events Management Company, liaising with authors, publishers and stakeholders. Mobile library delivered; new service due to start in February. In Context 4: Public Art curator’s research progressing across the county. Arts Strategy consultation progressing. Public Art Public Art Strategy and briefing document to be completed in March.

Collaborating in the development of the Grange Road Commission artist briefing document. Music Generation

Thirteen primary schools, 1400 children and young people will benefit from the programme. 106 new instruments to be purchased, adding to the existing instrument bank of over 400 items. In talks with two primary schools with the aim of

creating a Community Orchestra / String Ensemble. Residencies & Events Dance Performance Residency 2016 with Michael Keegan Dolan confirmed for October – Partnership project with the Civic Theatre. Production commenced for

NOISE Youth Dance festival in April Arts Development Strategy 2016-2020 Focus group consultations and networking events completed. Literature review and drafting to be completed.

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

Presentation given to March CPG & Council on Dublin Mountains Flagship project- meetings ongoing with Coillte.

Contract for tourism marketing awarded on 15th March, and phase 1, 10 wks commenced. Tourism website developers selected and to be engaged. Liffey Heritage project commenced, 75% funded by Heritage Council, also involves other LAs. • Draft timeline for prioritisation of Village Signage agreed with Nov 2015 SPC. • Logo for County (and Villages) as a tourism destination to be developed Selection of an events company to expand the Red Line Festival to be confirmed.. Tourism Working Group to identify 2nd flagship festival for the County to be supported initially by SDCC – meeting planned early April. Discussions ongoing with package Activity and events companies and site visits to Parks to be arranged early April. Dublin Mtns Walking Festival held end March. Tallaght Phase 1 -Programme agreed for Nov 15– March 16, some works completed. Part 8 may be required to progress next stages.

Round Tower: • Café concession Stage 2 (final stage) tender ready to issue pending clarifications from Law Dept. •

Construction to commence April/May. • Research, interpretative and design tender for exhibition area to issue in April

**Housing, Social & Community Development**

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

Council has received Stage 2 approval from DECLG to Dromcarra, Letts Field and Owendoher, Ballyboden projects.

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

arranged for elected members for Monday 4th April 2016.

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

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

Research.

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

Annual Bealtaine Festival Brochure on events now available at this link: F:\SOCIAL INCLUSION UNIT\Maria Finn\Bealtaine 2016\B22841 Bealtaine Brochure.pdf Work on the HANA project continues following publication of the findings of the Survey last September. The Council is proactive and leading on 3 of the 12 actions on focus on positive aspects of Tallaght area, greater awareness of available facilities and services and promotion of their use and finally develop an evidence based approach to community led initiatives to tackle petty crime. The SDCC Healthy County

Strategy Group promoting and supporting Health Gatherings – interactive sessions for people to consider health issues that are important to them - to be held by the Adelaide Health Foundation at Tallaght Stadium 26th April 2016.

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

The first round of Community Grants will be advertised in April 2016 with the second round for 2016 in September. It is proposed to advertise the 2016 Community Initiative Fund in April with Assessment in May and announcement of winners notified in June. PPN relaunched in November 2015 and new website now active. Link: http://www.sdcppn.ie”

* 1. **[Statistics](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2016/April/April2016CountyCouncilMeeting/d642acfa-a566-44be-9af4-f5d6e341ecce.pdf)**
  2. 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 30th March = 0”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, G. O’Connell, J. Graham, C. King, K. Mahon, R. McMahon, C. O’Connor and P. Gogarty.

The Reports were **NOTED**.

**H9/0416** **PART 8**

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this Heading

**H10/0406 2016 NTA ALLOWANCE**

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

[NTA Allowance](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2016/April/April2016CountyCouncilMeeting/87dbb049-2ab1-4dd7-b970-055f70f4d366.pdf)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Lavelle, T. Gilligan, M. Devine and B. Bonner.

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

**The Report was NOTED.**

**H11/0416 ANNUAL REPORT**

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:**

* 1. **Report on Draft Annual Report**

“[**Section 221 of the Local Government Act**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0221.html#sec221) sets out the requirements in relation to the preparation of the Annual Report.

(a) Not later than the 30th day of June in each year, every county council and city council shall each prepare and adopt a report (to be known as the annual report) in relation to the performance of its functions during the preceding year and shall as soon as may be furnish a copy of the annual report to each member of the county council or city council, as the case may be, and to such other persons as it may consider appropriate.

(b) A draft of the annual report shall be submitted to the members of the county council or city council concerned not later than the 30th day of April in each year”

* 1. **[Draft Annual Report 2015.](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2016/April/April2016CountyCouncilMeeting/e4e93ca0-5f5b-4a3f-b413-a42bf4dfb354.doc)**

The Annual Report was proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle and **AGREED**.

**H12/0416 PUBLIC REALM WORKS PROGRAMME 2016**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. T. Walsh Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change, was **CONSIDERED:**

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| **“2Public Realm - Programme of Minor Improvement Works for 2016** | |  |
| Location | Description | Cost estimate |
| **Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure** |  |  |
| Boden Park Estate | Public lighting on green space at Boden park | €50,000 |
| College Drive / Fortfield Grove | New footpath across green space at College Drive / Fortfield Grove | €40,000 |
| Grange Road / Nutgrove Avenue | Improvement works to car park at junction of Grange Road / Nutgrove Avenue | €40,000 |
| Templeroan Road / Scholarstown Road | Roundabout improvements | €10,000 |
| Orwell Estate | Roundabout improvements | €50,000 |
| Templeroan Estate | New railing at Templeroan Road / Templeroan Avenue to protect the open space | €25,000 |
| Stocking Avenue | Roundabout improvements | €10,000 |
| **Tallaght** |  |  |
| Belgard Square South / Belgard Square West | Roundabout improvements | €10,000 |
| Belgard Square East / Belgard Square North | Roundabout improvements | €10,000 |
| Verschoyle Glen | New footpath on open space | €10,000 |
| Open space at Alderwood Grove / Virginia Heights | Construct new footpath | €15,000 |
| Open space at Ambervale/Birchwood | New pathway | €15,000 |
| Glenshane Cresent green space | Landscaping to render area suitable for playing | €25,000 |
| Avonmore Park / Bolbrook Grove | Upgrade / replace palisade boundary fence and wall | €20,000 |
| Rathcoole Park | Complete surfacing of footpaths | €20,000 |
| Tymon Park | Automate main entrance gates | €50,000 |
| Watergate Estate / Sean Walsh Park | Provision of car parking spaces | €50,000 |
| Forest Green, Kingswood | New footpath and ancillary works | €12,000 |
| **Clondalkin** |  |  |
| Knockmitten Park | Footpath improvement works | €7,000 |
| Clondalkin Park | Realign carpark entrance at former security hut location. Provide new kerbing and tarmac. Provide new park sign | €6,000 |
| Collinstown Park | Upgrade vehicle entrance to incl new piers, gates & pedestrian entrance | €15,000 |
| Corkagh Park | Install gate & repair wall at entrance to Walled Garden | €20,000 |
| St. John's Estate, Clondalkin | Upgrade pedestrian entrance to Corkagh Park | €7,000 |
| Cherrywood Crescent | Provision of new entrance piers to improve entrance | €20,000 |
| Fonthill Road | Upgrade existing roundabout and surrounds at entrance to Clonburris train station. | €50,000 |
| Rockfield Estate, Clondalkin | Footpath and landscape improvement works between Rockfield Drive and the N7 | €20,000 |
| Harelawn Estate, Clondalkin | Replacement of damaged stub wall between path and open space at Harelawn Park | €7,000 |
| **Lucan** |  |  |
| Hermitage Park | Car park extension (Phase 1) and improvement and widening of pedestrian paths in park. | €25,000 |
| Dispensary Lane, Lucan Village | Upgrade steps outside Health Centre | €10,000 |
| Balgaddy Road / Foxborough Estate | Landscape improvements to roundabout including planting and surfacing | €7,000 |
| R136 Adamstown Link Road junction | Landscape improvements to roundabout including planting and surfacing (Phase 1) | €20,000 |
| Glenaulin Park | Upgrade pedestrian entrance at Glenaulin Green entrance to the park & provision of 3 kissing gates | €8,000 |
| Griffeen Valley Park | Provision of new pedestrian access through boundary wall at Lucan Sports Centre entrance | €5,000 |
| Griffeen Valley Park | Lighting at Newcastle Rd Car Park, remove trees & underground ESB cables | €30,000 |
| Waterstown Park | Provide new entrance path from car park into park | €7,000 |
| Willsbrook Park | Upgrade works to park including provision of new kissing gate on Esker Park boundary, footpath works etc. | €20,000 |
| Castle Road | Roundabout improvements at Earlsfort/Newlands | €15,000 |
| Esker Cemetery | CCTV | €30,000 |
| Mt. Bellew Estate | Surfacing of footpath between 14 Mount Bellew Green & 32 Mount Bellew Crescent | €4,000 |
| Cluain Rí Park | Provision of boundary fence at Ballyowen Lane side of park | €17,000 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **€812,000** |
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| **Public Realm - Capital Works Programme 2016** | |  |
| Location | Description | Provision |
| Dodder Valley - Oldbawn | Sports Pavilions Programme | €800,000 |
| Corkagh Park - ORR |
| Griffeen Valley Park - (Leisure Centre) |
| Griffeen Valley Park | surfacing & marking of Leisure Centre car park | €50,000 |
| Dodder Valley - Mount Carmel | Athletics Track, Football pitch, BMX track and pedestrian path system | €170,000 |
| Corkagh Park | Surfacing of Corkagh car park at ORR | €76,300 |
| Corkagh Park | Resurfacing main avenue & segregated footpath | €250,000 |
| Kiltipper Park | Dublin Mountains Way (DMW) Access improvement | €50,000 |
| N81 Dual Carriageway Road | Landscape Improvement Scheme | €500,000 |
| Swiftbrook | Reinstatement of damaged sections of wall and railing | €50,000 |
| Ballyowen Park | Clondalkin Equine Project | €500,000 |
| Kilcarberry House | Conservation study | €20,000 |
| Tymon Park | New allotments 100 plots on each site | €100,000 |
| Corkagh Park | €100,000 |
| Bohernabreena Cemetery | Surfacing of carpark and CCTV installation | €200,000 |
|  | **Total** | **€2,866,300** |
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| **Third party sports capital grants 2016** | |  |
| Location | Description | Provision |
| St Jude’s | Sand based pitch reconstruction | €150,000 |
| Templeogue Utd | €85,000 |
| Lucan Harriers | Synthetic athletics track | €200,000 |
| Lucan United | All weather playing surface | €150,000 |
|  | **Total** | **€585,000** |
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| **Playgrounds and Playspace Programme 2016** | |  |
| Location | Description | Provision |
| Tymon Park | Regional Parks Playground Refurbishment Programme | €250,000 |
| Griffeen Valley Park |
| Brookview | Playspace provision | €500,000 |
| Neilstown Area | Playspace provision |  |
| Quarryvale Park | Playspace provision |  |
| Kilnamanagh | Playspace provision |  |
| Jobstown Park | Playspace provision |  |
| Marian Road | Playspace provision |  |
| Longwood/Stonepark Abbey | Playspace provision |  |
| Bawnogue (substituted for Ashwood, as agreed) | Playspace provision |  |
| Kingswood | Playspace provision |  |
| Seán Walsh Park | Upgrade of existing playground |  |
| Glendoher Park | Playspace provision |  |
| Perrystown | Playspace provision |  |
| Glendown Park | Playspace provision |  |
| Firhouse Park | Playspace provision |  |
|  | **Total** | **€750,000”** |
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A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors Cllr P. Foley, B. Ferron, J. Graham, M. Devine, L. O’Toole, K. Mahon, R. Nolan and C. King.

Ms. T. Walsh Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**H13/0416 ROADWORK IMPROVEMENTS IN COUNCIL ESTATES**

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

“A budget of €300,000 has been allocated to repairing footpaths and roads in Local Authority estates.

The works will commence in the following estates.

Dromcarra/Kilcarrig

Kilcarrig Phase 1

Kilcarrig Phase 2

Taylor’s Court

St Finian’s Grove

St. Marks Green

Mayfield

Old Tower Crescent

Drom na Coille

Barrack Court.|”

Councillor C. King made a comment on the Roadwork Improvement.

The Report was **NOTED**

**H14/0416 PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2016**

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

* “It is proposed to upgrade 800 - 900 fittings to LED in the county during this period.
* We have endeavoured to spread the upgrade equally between each electoral area, also taking into account the upgrades installed in late 2015.
* Due to technical issues with our older PL stock which would delay the programme for this year, we have chosen PL schemes that were installed in the early 1990’s and later.
* Residential housing estates have been chosen due to ease of traffic management, thereby increasing the number of fittings we can upgrade during this period.
* Estates are chosen with a low tree population/ maturity, since trees cannot be co-located with these fittings.
* The upgrade has been organised to commence at the borders of the electoral areas and proceed geographically inwards.

The proposed locations are:

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| **Electoral Area** | **Location of Upgrade** | **Number of Fittings (approx.)** |
| Rathfarnham | Woodfield/Orlagh | 160 |
| Templeogue/Terenure | Daletree/Wood Dale/Oakdale | 160 |
| Tallaght South | Ellensborough | 160 |
| Tallaght Central | Tallaght Village\*/St. Maelruan’s/Bancroft | 160 |
| Lucan | Foxborough/Abbeywood | 160 |
| Clondalkin | Westbourne/Castlegrange/Grangeview | 160” |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Devine, C. O’Connor, L. O’Toole, P. Foley and D. Looney.

Mr. E. Taaffe Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED**

**H15/0416 FINANCE REPORTS**

The unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2015 and Approval of additional expenditure 2015 which had been circulated was presented by Ms S. Dunne, in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and was **CONSIDERED:**

1. [Unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2015.](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2016/April/April2016CountyCouncilMeeting/16956628-7494-4979-bddd-f1417cff428e.pdf)

The unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2015 was **NOTED**.

1. Approval of additional expenditure 2015.

“As anticipated in the Revised Budget process there was a small increase in expenditure for 2015 over the Adopted Budget and the Annual Financial Statement for 2015 has recorded a surplus of €29k. Actual expenditure compared to budget for a number of services and divisions differed from projections. This is a normal part of service provision as budgets are adapted to reflect changes in state funding and service requirements. It is important to note that circumstances did not require an overall increase in expenditure from the revised budget and the changes relate to a combination of increased incomes and some necessary transfers of resources within operational budgets.

The approval of the members is required, in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, for changes to the 2015 budget as outlined in the table below.

A brief explanatory note summarising the adjustments is also provided.

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|  | **Division and Service** | | | **Amount of Additional Expenditure over Revised Budget 2015** |
| **A** |  | | |  |
| A05 | Administration of Homeless Service | | | 53,800 |
| A08 | Housing Loans | | | 318,700 |
| A11 | Agency & Recoupable Services | | | 9,900 |
| **A** | **Total Above Services** | | | **382,400** |
| **A** | **Actual €63.4m** | **Revised €64.5m** | **Reduced Expd. €1.0m** | |
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| **B** | **Road Transport & Safety** | | |  |
| B01 | NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement | | | 200 |
| B02 | NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement | | | 116,900 |
| B04 | Local Road – Maintenance and Improvement | | | 14,300 |
| B05 | Public Lighting | | | 119,400 |
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| **B** | **Total Above Services** | | | **250,800** |
| **B** | **Actual €27.0m** | **Revised €27.1m** | **Reduced Expd. €0.1m** | |
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| **C** | **Water Services** |  |  | |
| C05 | Admin of Group & Private Installations | | | 11,400 |
| C08 | Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services | | | 3,500 |
| **C** | **Total Above Services** | | | **14,900** |
| **C** | **Actual €11.4m Revised €11.6m** | | | **Reduced Expd.€0.2m** |
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| **D** | **Development Management** | | |  |
| D05 | Tourism Development & Promotion | | | 7,800 |
| D06 | Community & Enterprise Function | | | 26,000 |
| D09 | Economic Development & Promotion | | | 154,200 |
| **D** | **Total Above Services** | | | **188,000** |
| **D** | **Actual €16.4m** | **Revised €16.3m** | **Additional Req’t €0.1m** | |
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| **E** | **Environmental Services** | | |  |
| E13 | Water Quality, Air & Noise Pollution | | | 23,800 |
| **E** | **Total Above Services** | | | **23,800** |
| **E** | **Actual €40.6m** | **Revised €42.1m** | **Reduced Expd.€1.5m** | |
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| **F** | **Recreation & Amenity** | | |  |
| F02 | Operation of Library and Archival Service | | | 502,800 |
| F03 | Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations | | | 713,600 |
| F04 | Community Sport & Recreational Development | | | 572,200 |
| F06 | Agency & Recoupable Services | | | 100 |
| **F** | **Total Above Services** | | | **1,788,700** |
| **F** | **Actual €37.6m** | **Revised €35.9m** | **Additional Req’t.€1.7m** | |
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| **H** | **Miscellaneous Services** | | |  |
| H05 | Operation of Morgue & Coroner Expenses | | | 33,800 |
| H11 | Agency & Recoupable Services | | | 16,800 |
| **H** | **Total Above Services** | | | **50,600** |
| **H** | **Actual €22.9m** | **Revised €22.7m** | **Additional Req’t €0.2m** | |

**A05 Administration of Homeless Service**

Additional expenditure is due to additional costs of providing homeless services within the Dublin Region and is funded by additional income.

**A08 Housing Loans**

Additional expenditure relates to an increase in provisions for housing loans.

**B02 NS Road – Maintenance & Improvement**

The additional expenditure on national secondary roads related to road maintenance works and was funded by additional grant income.

**B04 Local Road – Maintenance & Improvement**

The additional expenditure on local roads related to road maintenance works and was funded by additional grant income.

**B05 Public Lighting**

The additional expenditure was due to an increase in energy costs and is funded from additional grant income for this service.

**C05 Admin. Of Group and Private Installations**

The additional expenditure is due to increased activity in relation to well grants which are recoupable.

**D06 Community and Enterprise Function**

Additional expenditure is due to increased contributions from Social Inclusion Unit to Community Groups funded by additional grant income.

**D09 Economic Development and Promotion**

The increased expenditure is due to additional LEO Measure grants paid which are funded by Enterprise Ireland.

**E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution**

The additional expenditure is due to reapportionment of Environmental Health Officer costs within the revenue account.

**F02 Operation of Library and Archival Services**

Additional expenditure is due to funding outstanding Capital Balances on library provision.

**F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations**

The additional expenditure related to increased operational costs which were part funded by additional incomes within this service.

**F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development**

Additional expenditure is due to funding outstanding Capital Balances on community projects.

**H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses**

Additional expenditure is due to final account for the operation of the morgue and coroner’s services within the Dublin Region.

**H11 Agency & Recoupable Services**

Additional expenditure is due to the clearing of suspense accounts.”

The Report was proposed by Councillor S. Holland and seconded by Councillor D. Looney and **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the additional Expenditure 2015.

**H16/0416 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (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:**

A vacancy exists on the Local Community Development Committee following Councillor E. Ó ‘Broin’s Election to Dail Eireann and it is a matter for the Council to nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy.

This matter is now before the Council for their consideration and approval.

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor B. Ferron and **AGREED** that **Councillor S. Holland** be nominated to The Local Community Development Committee.

In accordance with **Standing Order No. 13** it was **AGREED** with the consent of the Members to vary the sequence of business and to take M1 and M4 (of similar subject matter) in tandem with this Headed Item.

**H17/0416 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME** The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. B. Coman Director of Housing, Social and Community Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

**REPLY:**

The report to the Council Meeting in March 2015, set out proposals for Social Housing units for the period 2015 to 2017 in line with the Housing strategy as set out in the Governments “Social Housing Strategy 2020 – Support, Supply and Reform” published late November 2014. The Programme envisages both new-build housing and a flexible range of supports to the private rental sector and the social housing sector. Nationally the Programme aspires to the construction of 35,000 new houses to address social housing need. The Councils target for 2015 - 2017 is 1,445 including RAS and Leasing of which 350 units will be through capital projects including direct build, CAS projects, acquisitions and Part V. There is currently no affordable housing scheme operational in the County.

**New Build projects which have commenced on site in 2015 are:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Scheme Address** |  | **Estimated Delivery   Date** |
| Suncroft Tallaght | 10 dwellings | 2nd Quarter 2016 |
| St. Finians, Lucan | 2   dwellings | 2nd Quarter 2016 |
| Belgard Road   Tallaght (traveller accommodation) | 3 dwellings | 1st Quarter 2016 |
| Total | 15 |  |

Stage 3 approval have been received from the DECLG in respect of the following 3 projects which allows for progression to preparation of tender documents for contractors. Consultants have been appointed in respect of the following three projects.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| St. Marks Green, Clondalkin | 11 |
| Mac Uilliam, Tallaght | 28 |
| Mayfield, Clondalkin | 18 |
| Total no. of Units | 57 |

**Progress in relation to the rollout of the Part 8 Social Housing Programme is as follows:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Scheme Name   (Location Address)** |  | **Approved by Council** | **Current Stage** |
| Dromcarra, Tallaght | 14 | Yes, June 2015 | Full Cost plan submitted to DECLG - awaiting Pre-Tender Approval |
| Letts Field,   Clondalkin | 37 | Yes,   September 2015 | Stage 2 approval received on the 4/03/2016. SDCC to submit revised budget submission for Stage 3 to obtain Pre-Tender Approval |
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The foregoing projects are included in SDCC Housing Strategy 2015-2017. Delivery of these housing units will come on stream over the next two years.

The Part 8 programme will continue to progress on an incremental basis throughout the county. As part of the consultation process the Council is open to engaging with representative resident groups within the area of the proposed development.

The Council proposes to advance the House Build programme in accordance with the schedule below in 2016/2017:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Address** | **No. of Units –** *Numbers below are indicative and may alter during the course of the Part 8 process* |
| St. Aidans, Brookfield, Tallaght (Includes Traveller Accommodation construction of 5 group houses) | 75 - Social Housing 5 - TAU |
| Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham | 40 |
| St. Marks Avenue Clondalkin | 40 |
| Fonthill Road Link Road Project, Neilstown, Clondalkin | 70 |
| Balgaddy F, Lucan | 50 |
| **Total** | **280** |

The identification of sites appropriate for Social Housing Build is an ongoing process and Members will be advised of any such additional developments. The Council is also developing briefs on sites for development in collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies who will be selected through expressions of interest in accordance with the agreed protocols between Local Authorities and Irish Council for Social Housing.

As part of the Government’s direction on quick delivery of social units and to reduce the costly use of Hotel Accommodation to meet Homeless Emergency Accommodation for families in the Dublin Region South Dublin County Council is required to provide 105 Rapid Delivery units as part of the 500 units to be delivered in the Dublin Region.

Of the 280 above units 105 will be Rapid Build Units and will be distributed over a number of the above projects.

In terms of Social Housing delivery 1,071 Units were delivered in 2015 through Leasing, RAS, HAP and Acquisition Programme. These activities will continue in 2016 including Part V delivery of Units, 100 Units through PPP at Grange and the 2015 CAS acquisitions.

**M1/0416 NAMA**

**It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor B. Ferron**

“That this Council write to NAMA and ask them for a full list of properties they hold in this County, with a view to purchasing any that can be used to house some of the 9,000 people on our housing list, subject to quality, suitability and the passing of health & safety inspections”

**REPORT:**

South Dublin County Council were advised by NAMA of 591 Units identified by them as suitable for Social Housing. The Council did not accept a number of these units due to some being unfinished, some not started and most due to the large number of units in the one development from a sustainable community perspective in terms of management and absence of an integrated mix within the development.  In this particular case some were availed of. Of the 591 units offered the Council accepted 131 and a further 18 under consideration. In relation to the 131 units accepted the transaction on 123 have already been completed. In the context of the Motion we are satisfied that we have been provided with full list of units identified by NAMA for social housing and from our continuing discussions with NARPS. NARPS ia the NAMA established Special Purpose Vehicle, NAMA Asset Residential Property Services Limited, to acquire residential units from its debtors and receivers and to lease them directly to approved housing bodies”.

**M4/0416 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**

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

“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.”

**REPORT:**

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As reported to Council March 2015, the following sites identified for Part 8, will go on public display in accordance with Statutory Procedures, in 2nd quarter of 2016:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Address** |  |
| Balgaddy ‘F’ Lucan | 50 |
| St. Marks Avenue Clondalkin | 39 |
| Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham | 40 |
| Fernwood, Tallaght | 22 |
| Fonthill Road Link   Road, Neilstown | 50 |

The numbers of homes above are indicative.

**The following table summarises social housing activity in 2015:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Delivery Mechanism** | **Targets 2015** | **Units Delivered to 30/10/2015** | **Units Delivered to 31/12/2015** |
| **Social Housing Infill (Note 1)** | 3 Projects | 0 | 0 |
| **Leasing (Including Unsold, CALF, Payment & Availability) (Note 2)** | 200 | 182 | 193 |
| **Rental Accommodation Scheme** | 165 | 119 | 136 |
| **Housing Assistance Payment (Note 3)** | 320 | 401 | 548 |
| **Casual Vacancies (Re-lets on existing social housing units) (Note 4)** | 200 | 151 | 170 |
| **Acquisition Programme (Note 5)** | 23 | 0 | 24 |
| **Capital Assistance Scheme (Note 6)** | 49 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **960** | **853** | **1,071** |

**Notes:**

1. Social Housing Infill: 3 Construction Projects on site as at December2015.
2. Leasing figures includes Tallaght Cross 65 units acquired under NARPS vehicle and managed by TUATH AHB and 45 Oakley AHB – Pair Na Greine Cookstown Road (P&A agreement recently signed with Oakley AHB)
3. HAP target set by SDCC based on first three months activity 2015
4. This relates to the units that are allocated to people on the housing list through casual vacancies.
5. Acquisition Programme includes AIB, BOI for 2015 and also includes incidental acquisitions under Part V. A total of **7** units have been acquired and are currently in the process of being allocated while an additional **31 units** are being purchased through individual acquisitions and Part V.
6. Capital Assistance Scheme: **16** units approved to Approved Housing Bodies in 2015. The sale has now closed in respect of 15 of the 16 CAS units approved which will be allocated to Homeless and Medical Need in accordance with the specific CAS approvals.

The Council also works very closely with Approved Housing Bodies and their role in delivery of Social Housing Units where a number have been provided in 2015 and will progress further in 2016.

A capital allocation of €64.7m has been approved by the DECLG for South Dublin Co. Co. to fund the social housing programme 2015-2017 and we are on target to spend this full allocation within the timeframe of the programme.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. Holland, C. O’Connor, M. Duff, B. Bonner, C. King, G. O’Connell, P. Kearns, M. Murphy, K. Mahon, J. Graham, M. Devine, D. Looney, B. Leech, P. Gogarty and N. Coules.

Mr. B. Coman Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED.**

**H18/0416 VACANCIES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

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

* 1. **Councillor Vacancy on Housing Strategic Policy Committee (Cllr. G. Kenny)**

“A vacancy exists on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following Councillor G. Kenny's election to Dáil Éireann and consequent disqualification from this committee.

It is a matter for the Council to appoint a replacement to the above position and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation.”

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **AGREED** that Councillor N. Coulesbe nominated to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

* 1. **Councillor Vacancy on Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries Strategic Policy Committee (Cllr. N. Coules**)

“A vacancy exists on the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries Strategic Policy Committee following Councillor N. Coules Nomination for the Housing SPC.

It is a matter for the Council to appoint a replacement to the above position and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation.”

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **AGREED** that Councillor M. Johanssonbe nominated to the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries Strategic Policy Committee.

c) **SPC Vacancies Approved At Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee 24th March 2016**

**“SPC Chair Vacancy on Economic, Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC** 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.”

**“Councillor Vacancy on Social and Community SPC** **(Cllr C O Connor**) It was proposed by Councillor C O’ Connor and seconded by Councillor S Holland and **AGREED** that Councillor E. Murphy fills the vacancy following the appointment of Councillor C O’ Connor as chair of the Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC.

**Councillor Vacancy on Housing, SPC (Cllr Eoin Ó’Broin)** It was proposed by Councillor B Ferron and seconded by Councillor S. Holland and **AGREED** that Councillor M. Ward be appointed to the Housing SPC in place of Councillor Éoin Ó’Broin who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

**Councillor Vacancy on Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC (Cllr C. Brophy)** It was proposed by Councillor K Egan and seconded by Councillor R Mc Mahon and **AGREED** that Cllr P Donovan replace Councillor C Brophy who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

**Councillor Vacancy on Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC (Cllr. P. Donovan)** It was proposed by Councillor K Egan and Seconded by Councillor R. Mc Mahon and **AGREED** that Councillor B Lawlor replaces Councillor P Donovan following her replacement of Councillor C Brophy on the Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC.”

The Reports was **NOTED**.

**H19/0416 FILLING OF VACANCIES ON CLONDALKIN DRUGS TASKFORCE (CLLR. G. KENNY)**

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

“Avacancy exists on the Clondalkin Drugs Taskforce following Councillor G. Kenny's Election to Dáil Éireann and it is a matter for the Council to nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy.

The People Before Profit Alliance have indicated that they intend to nominate Councillor Madeleine Johansson to fill the vacancy arising on the Clondalkin Drugs Taskforce.

This matter is now before the Council for their consideration and approval.”

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **AGREED** that Councillor M. Johanssonbe nominated to the Clondalkin Drugs Taskforce.

**CORRESPONDANCE FOR NOTING**

**Co1/0416** Letter from Minister for Transport Tourism & Sport dated 22/3/2016 re SM01/031

**MOTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

**M2/0416 HOUSING CRISIS**

It was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

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

At the outset of the discussion Councillor N. Coules proposed and Councillor S. Holland Seconded an **amendment** to this Motion as follows:

“That this Council recognises the deepening national housing crisis and immediately call on central government to declare housing an emergency status and thus makes available funding for an adequate programme of public housing to meet the needs of its citizens.”

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed the Council will write to the Minister for the Environment and when a reply is received it will be issued to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. Nolan, M. Johansson, N. Coules, F. Timmons, L. O’Toole, B. Bonner, C. King, P. Gogarty, K. Mahon and C. O’Connor.

Mr. B. Coman Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries.

At the discussion the Mayor Councillor S. Holland undertook to call a meeting of the 4 Dublin Mayors and chairs of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

A vote was taken by a show of hands vote and the results was as follow:

**FOR: 27 (TWENTY SEVEN)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The **Amended** Motion was **PASSED**.

**M3/0416 SWIMMING POOLS**

The following Motion in the name of Councillor P. Gogarty was **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED:**

“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.”

**M5/0416 STEM SUBJECTS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins, seconded by Councillor E. Murphy:

"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."

**REPORT:**

The Council and the Library Service actively encourage children and young people in South Dublin County to study STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) through a number of initiatives including the very successful National Science Week and Engineer’s Week.

For the eight year in succession, South Dublin County Council hosted a programme of events for over 2000 local primary and secondary students as part of Engineers Week from the 29th to the 4th March 2016. This is a nationwide event coordinated by Engineers Ireland as part of their STEPS to Engineering program. The aim of the week is to positively promote engineering as a career and to create an awareness of the wonderful, life-enhancing and exciting challenges that engineers are involved in and responsible for. In addition, the nurturing of young engineering talent has been widely recognized as a vital part of our economic recovery.

Engineers Week has been a resounding success for South Dublin County Council and our partners IT Tallaght, PM Group, Vilicom and Xilinx. Since 2009, students from schools all over the County have taken part in workshops based at RUA RED South Dublin County Art Centre, The County Library, IT Tallaght, and Tallaght Stadium. Over the years we have hosted thousands of students from schools throughout South Dublin County, with workshops being organized and conducted on a voluntary basis by engineers from all five partner organisations.

In addition to the workshops and shows, participants will have an opportunity to talk to academics and students from IT Tallaght, and to professional engineers from South Dublin County Council, PM Group, Vilicom and Xilinx about what engineers do and how engineering is for everyone in the community.

South Dublin County Council’s Engineers Week received national coverage from RTE on the 3rd March and the video link is available at [**http://www.rte.ie/player/ie/show/news2day-30001385/10538983/**](http://www.rte.ie/player/ie/show/news2day-30001385/10538983/)

In addition as part of National Science Week a “Science and Tech Festival” took place in County Library Tallaght and our other libraries across South Dublin County from Wednesday 4th November to Friday 20th November 2015.

Events are mainly for primary school groups and full details are available [**Science Week Brochure 2015**](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/sites/all/libraries/tinymce/jscripts/tiny_mce/plugins/filemanager/files/Science_Week/Brochure_PDF.pdf)

**Tech Fest**

Tech Fest took place for the first time at County Library Tallaght from 16th – 21st November. South Dublin Libraries teamed up with Tech Space to create this programme for children and teens encompassing STEAM subjects – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths.

Techspace is a creative space where young people are inspired to create, produce and have fun with digital technology and maker activities. Young people work on exciting creative projects and get one-to-one assistance, guidance and support from Techspace educators and volunteer mentors.

The mission is to inspire and empower young people to use their native interest in technology to master 21st century learning skills and become digital creators.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Higgins, B. Bonner and E. Murphy.

Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management responded to the Members queries.

The Motion was **PASSED**.

**M6/0416 ELECTION POSTERS**

As Councillor F. Duffy was absent from the Chamber the Motion **FELL** in accordance with Standing Order No. 20:

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.

**M7/0416 MOTHER AND BABY HIOMES**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons, seconded by Councillors P. Gogarty**:**

“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.”

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed a letter will issue to the Minister for Children, Youth and Family Affairs, as soon as this Minister is appointed.  When a reply is received it will be issued to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons and Councillor S. Holland.

The Motion was **PASSED.**

**M8/0416 CYCLING OFFICER**

It was proposed by Councillor P Donovan, seconded by Councillor E. Higgins:

“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”

**REPORT:**

There is a significant level of activity supporting the implementation of cycling policy as set out in the County Development Plan and the National Transport Authority Greater Dublin Area Strategic Cycle Network. In terms of infrastructure provision key routes have been identified and a number of these have been completed with others at construction, design and consultation stage. In addition a Cycle Forum has been established under the Transportation SPC, the draft terms of reference of the group includes:

**Educational/ Promotional** **role** –

* Sharing of information and advice on cycling issues
* Support cycle training programmes / initiatives
* Promote and encourage responsible cycling

**Consultative role:-**

* Comment on and influence National and Council policies, strategies and plans that impact upon cyclists
* Observations and suggestions on existing cycle infrastructure
* Input into the future development of cycling facilities.

**Input, Monitoring and Reviewing role:-**

* Identify problem areas in the County which reduce uptake of cycling
* Condition of cycle routes
* Proposals for new cycle schemes
* Progress updates on implementing cycling initiatives

A representative from the HSE Healthy Cities Initiative is now joining the group which will enhance the focus on the health and fitness benefits of cycling.

The cycle forum and projects to implement cycling policies are co-ordinated and supported by the Staff of both the Transportation and Planning Departments, the Director and Senior Executive Officer, Land Use Planning and Transportation, and is not considered necessary to appoint a dedicated Cycling Officer.

Councillor P. Donovan spoke on her Motion.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**M9/0416** **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES BYE-LAWS**

It was proposed by Councillor W Lavelle, Councillor K. Egan, seconded by Councillor E. Higgins**:**

“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”

**REPORT:**

The Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2011 were made by the Council under [**Section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2001/act/37/section/199/enacted/en/html) for the use, operation, protection, regulation and management of the use of Parks and Open Spaces owned, controlled and managed by, or in the charge of South Dublin County Council. They are in force to ensure that Parks provided as a public amenity, are used by members of the public to the maximum extent in safety and comfort.

**Section 3.1** prescribes as follows:

***Save with the permission of the Council, no person shall bring into a Park any Mechanically Propelled Vehicle which includes for the avoidance of doubt motorcycles, motor-cross / quad bikes or other powered vehicles. Such vehicles may be removed from the park / open space by An Garda Síochana.***

The Motion brought by the Members, concerns a request for legal advice regarding amending the 2011 Bye-Laws to direct the Gardaí to detain, return and/or disposal of scramblers/quad bikes.

It would appear from the Bye-Laws that the Gardaí are given authority to remove vehicles, and the legal advice to the Chief Executive in reply to the Motion is that the Council's Bye-Laws as drafted are sufficient.

It is proposed to further consult with An Garda Síochana in relation to this matter.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Egan, L. O’Toole, P. Foley, B. Bonner and S. Holland.

Ms. T. Walsh Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

**M10/0416 BIN LOCKS**

It was proposed by Councillor D. Looney, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons**:**

“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.”

**REPORT:**

Many waste collectors use wheelie bins for safe and efficient collection of waste. They are also less likely than refuse sacks to cause a litter problem as they cannot be torn by animals or vandals.

In accordance with Section 8 (7) of the SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSEHOLD WASTE BYE-LAWS 20l2 PRESENTATION OF WASTE FOR COLLECTION: The holder of any household waste presented for collection shall promptly remove and collect all matter which may spill or escape from the Appropriate Waste Container so presented, howsoever such matter shall spill or escape.

In accordance with Section 8 (8): A holder shall present household waste for collection at a prescribed place, and shall not cause or permit waste to be presented for collection in a manner that would cause environmental pollution.

Similarly, the Waste Collection Operator is conditioned under the terms of their Waste Collection Permit (WCP) issued by the National Waste Collection Permit Office, who hold responsibility for developing standard mandatory conditions, to ensure that the waste permit holder shall clean up immediately any spillage of waste which occurs in the course of the collection operation.

Bins are property of the Private Waste Collection Companies authorised to collect within the Local Authority Area, and contracts for the collection of same are between the Authorised Contractor and the Householder. Each Householder is required to have a three bin collection service (Residual, Recyclates, Collection of Food waste (in accordance with the European Union (Household Food Waste and Bio Waste) Regulations 2015)).

There is no legislation contained within the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007 as amended that states that waste receptacles should contain locking mechanisms.

Any resident seeking to use products available on the market to modify the opening mechanism of their lids are advised to contact their authorised operator to discuss the matter as retrofitting of mechanisms may damage the bin and result in replacement charges.

It should also be noted that locked bins cannot be inspected for contamination by the authorised operator/waste enforcement officer in accordance with segregation requirements contained within Waste Management legislation.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Looney, P. Kearns, E. O’Brien, M. Johansson, L. O’Toole and K. Mahon.

Ms. T. Walsh Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED** and the Motion is to be referred to the Environment, Water and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee.

**SM01/0416 SUSPENSORY MOTION – EUROPEAN GLOBALISATION FUND**

The following **Suspensory Motion** in the names of Councillors M. Ward, T. Gilligan, E. Murphy, V. Casserly, P. Donovan, N. Coules, P. Foley, L. O’Toole, W. Lavelle, K. Mahon, B. Bonner, M. Genockey, P. Kearns, B. Ferron, C. King, D. Looney, R. McMahon, E. O’Brien, F. Timmons, E. Higgins, D. O’Brien, F. Warfield, B. Leech was proposed by Councillor J. Graham seconded by Councillor S. Holland and was **CONSIDERED:**

“In Light of the potential loss of 1.5 million euro of EGF funding from the Lufthansa Technic Programme to the Country, this Council agrees to write to the Minister of Education, Secretary General of the Department of Education, Chief Executive of the Dublin, Dun Laoighaire Education Training Board and the Secretary General of the Department of Social Protection urging them to do everything in their power to ensure that the money is spent by the deadline September 2016.”

The Motion was **PASSED**.

**M11/0416**  **DOG FOULING**

It was proposed by Councillor L. O’Toole, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons:

“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.”

**REPORT:**

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

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.

Signage has been installed at suitable locations across the County carrying a suite of messages including the risk to health posed by 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.

There are also imminent proposals to pilot:

* Provision of biodegradable bags with renewal/new dog licences
* Provision of dog litter bag dispenser at entrance to parks
* Provision of bins for disposal of dog litter within a radius of entrance to park, where dog fouling mostly occurs.

The Act does not provide for the issuing of fixed penalty notices to dog walkers that do not have in their possession a dog litter bag, and it is not within the Council's remit to introduce such a measure. This lies with the Minister who has responsibility for making such policy, and who can prepare and issue guidelines and criteria in relation to the prevention and control of such litter.

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.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole, S. Holland, E. O’Brien, N. Coules, D. O’Brien and P. Gogarty.

During the discussion Councillor D. O’Brien proposed and Councillor F. Timmons Seconded an **amendment** to this Motion as follows:

“To write to the Minister to consider the introduction of  “on the spot” fine for dog walkers that do not have in their possession a dog litter bag as dog fouling is a scourge in our parks and on our footpaths throughout our County.”

The **Amended** Motion was **AGREED.**

**M12/0416** **TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITIES BILL**

Councillor D. Looney proposed, and Councillor S. Holland seconded that Motion No 12 be **MOVED** without debate.

“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.”

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed a letter will issue to the appropriate Minister, and when a reply is received it will be issued to the Members.

**M15/0416 REQUEST FOR AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS AT SCHOOLS**

Councillor P. Foley proposed and Councillor P. Donovan seconded that Motion No 15 be MOVED without debate.

“That a list of schools be compiled where amber flashing lights, at school opening and closing times, might be appropriate.  I have been told of a couple of near misses in the last few weeks and I would like to see a pilot project of one school per LEA be identified and fitted with these lights before the school year next September. If the pilot proves successful a more comprehensive rollout could be started.”

**REPORT:**

Currently we have several locations with flashing amber school signs on the approaches to schools and have a number of locations awaiting installation. We are carrying out ongoing reviews of our road safety infrastructure and these are an option that we consider during these reviews.

The meeting ended ar 6.58pm.

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

**Mayor**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Motions Not Reached**

**(M13) Councillor F. Timmons**

This Council would like to see all pike management operations by inland fisheries Ireland stopped (IFI) and the laws changed to make sure they cannot recommence again. We agree to write to the relevant minister.

**(M14) Councillor P. Gogarty**

That this Council writes to the incoming Ministers for Health and Children and urges them and their cabinet colleagues to re-examine the location for a national children's hospital as a matter of urgency, as the site currently being planned for is in a congested location and difficult to access from the rest of the country; and furthermore recommends a more suitable location such as Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown, which is equally accessible to the proposed secondary centre at Tallaght, but also has sufficient space for a world-class facility to be provided in a suitable setting for children.