

May Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

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

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

• OPandF meeting 19/5/16. • Mayors Meeting on Homelessness held on 10th May. • Mayor's Reception for Boxer Ricky Hatton- 23rd May. • Invitation extended to Ballyboden St. Endas for Civic Reception for 20th June. • Delegation visiting Tampa under our Sister City agreement on 30th May- 2nd June.

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

• Implementation of Audit Plan on-going. • Preparation and publication of Public Spending Code for 2015 by 31st May and submitted to NOAC • Preparation of National Service Indicators underway with 90% completed • Lean Six Sigma Staff Information Talk in the Council chamber with over 50 attendees and a similar number of expressions of interest in Yellow Belt training. • The quarter 1 financial returns were prepared and submitted to the Department in accordance with their requirements. • A summary of the Council's Revenue account and Capital account are provided to the members in the Financial reports section of the agenda. • The Audit of the Councils Annual Financial Statement for 2015 commenced on the 9th May. • The review of the Risk Register will commence early next month.

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

Ensure our ICT infrastructure and support services are fit for purpose: •Hardware refresh continues. Order issued and awaiting delivery. •Security policy creation underway which will incorporate IS governance arrangements. Role of IS Security Officer assigned. All policies and procedures will be brought for approval to the management team as and when ready. •Continue to await the OGP framework with respect to firewall replacement. Current setup valid to end of 2016. •Planning for replacement of virtualised infrastructure has begun. Investigating DR capabilities. Knowledge Management, Supporting Leadership and Critical Thinking: •Works continues on building the redesigned intranet site. Expand our existing range of E-Services where possible and generally support citizen service initiatives: •Successful tenderer designate selected. Standstill in place until 1st June. •Lone worker tenderer designate selected. Standstill period in place until 8th June. Knowledge Management, Supporting Leadership and Critical Thinking: •Advancing technical aspects of the KM Plan e.g. Socio-economic databank, i-Docs upgrade, Intranet redesign. Exploit ICT to pursue value for money in the context of data management, transaction reduction, shared services and more efficient business process services: •Replacement of electronic invoicing facility underway. •NetConsent to be piloted shortly. •New system for VDU Assessments (H&S) being developed. •Work underway regarding amendments to Public Realm Scheduler system. •Amendments requested for Housing survey system. •SDCC Smart Dublin Senior Management Workshop scheduled for 14th June, 2016 Support project management throughout the organisation: •Work on modifying the Capital Projects system is underway. Maximise the use of GIS technologies to for the collection and management of spatial Data throughout the organisation: • New fitwalk walking routes being captured for Communiy GIS (available on the Web). •Rates Vacancy analysis now complete. •Phase I of upgrade to Property Register complete. •Preliminary investigative work being undertaken on Vacant Sites, Approved Housing Bodies and Invasive Species GIS capture. •Technical upgrades of MS SQL 2005 complete. OASIS migrations in progress.

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

• Commemorations Programme events include the Mayor of South Dublin and Lord Mayor of Dublin City launch commemorative cycle in Pearse Museum, Rathfarnham on 17th May; South Dublin Comhairle na nOg Time Capsule

Event- 28th May; Lucan Remembers 1916 Family Event on 29th May. • Applications for Chambers Ireland Awards submitted. • In My Opinion launched for all staff and meeting held with Depot supervisors to promote with Outdoor Staff. • Irish classes ongoing. • County Heritage Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan and Ballyroan Walking and Cycling Scheme on public consultation, closing date 13th May 2016.

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

• New Recruitment and Selection Policy finalised with recruitment ongoing. • Training and Development Plan published and made available to all staff with delivery of training ongoing. • Lunchtime Staff Talk on Nutrition. • Health Screening completed with preparation of report to management.

Housing, Social & Community Development

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

Council has received Stage 3 Approval for Mayfield Phase 2, McUilliam and St Marks Green projects and proceeding to tender and Stage 2 approval from DHPLG to Dromcarra, Letts Field and Owendoher, Ballyboden projects. Stage 3 pre tender applications submitted to Department for approval in respect of these 3 Stage 2 approved projects. 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. 105 Rapid Delivery Units to be included at two locations – Brookfield and St Marks Avenue - as advised to the Housing SPC. Three projects for Aged Friendly step down units at appropriate locations being progressed. This will be an opportunity for tenants that are living alone in larger two storey units to be in a dedicated supported environment close to many facilities and services. 797 on HAP at 27th May 2016. 296 on Homeless Register at end of March 2016 (103 families and 149 single males). 597 presentations during April 2016 (463 repeats). 257 Emergency Bed Placements during April and 9 Homeless Allocations made. Reopening of 9 units for homeless women and children at Cuan Alainn planned for end of June 2016.

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

'Super LAG' (Local Action Group) established comprising the Fingal LCDC and representatives from SDCC and DRL LCDC - submitted the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the Dublin Rural Area to the Department at the end of January 2016. Feedback on the draft strategy received and a number of queries raised. Work of revised Strategy underway for submission to the evaluation committee. The Healthy County Strategy Group promoting Physical activity and leading actions from the National Physical Activity Plan on an interagency basis. Decision on accreditation as Healthy County anticipated in June. SDCC represented at Future Health Summit 26th and 27th May which brought together senior officials from the HSE and the Department of Health to discuss health and wellbeing also nationally. Further Health Gathering event being organised for Health and Wellbeing week.

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

Successful annual Bealtaine Festival ended with all events well attended. Over 4,500 participated. 111 entries received for the Bealtain Competition- "what in my life makes me happy". The Quit Campaign for Women is currently running and based at Fettercairn. Preparation for 2016 Health and Wellbeing Week events currently being finalised. Launch on 12th September at Tallaght Stadium and will close on Sunday 18th September with a family activity day in Corkagh Park. SDCC Schools X Country finals held on 12th May Corcagh Park - 2,950 participants from 59 schools.

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

The first round of Community Grants were advertised in 29th March 2016 with the second round scheduled for 2016 in September. There were 143 applications. Also advertised the 2016 Community Initiative Fund in March with the independent Assessment completed in May. There were 69 applications. The announcement of the successful applicants will be notified in June. Workshops on Community Grants were held over 2 weeks in April by staff across the county - over 130 attendees at 12 sessions 2016 Endeavour Awards arranged for Friday the 2nd of December 2016. SPORTVATE 2016 completed with 5 participants receiving full awards. The modules with accreditation – 8 – covered such areas as health related fitness programme, communications, personal effectiveness, IT, Life Saving etc. Graduation ceremony being arranged. Work underway with DDLETB and DSP on 2016/2017 programme to start in

September 2016. Council supported the Pride of Place Entrants 2016 with 5 entrants. SDCC submitted Glenasmole Community Association, RAMS, ReCreate, St Dominicks CC and SDCC PPN.

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

As Part of the Annual Roads programme, footpath repairs works are scheduled to commence in Ely Estate, Dodder Road Lower, Rathfarnham; Pinewood Park and Silverwood Road & Drive, Limekiln, Fernhill, and Mountdown. Direct Labour crew will also carry out footpath repairs in Tamarisk Dale, Moyville Lawn, Limekiln Drive. Bituminous Ramp repairs will continue in Belgard Heights, Killinarden Heights, Cherryfield and Beechfield.

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

The New County Development Plan was adopted by the Members on 16th May and will come into effect on 13th June. A report on the non-statutory pre-plan consultation on Clonburris SDZ has been completed and issued for the Members Information. Preliminary Assessment of potential Vacant Sites has also commenced under the Vacant Sites Levy legislation contained in the Urban regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

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

Contracts have been awarded to construct a section of the Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycle Scheme at the junction of Knocklyon Road and Idrone at Supervalue. These works will continue during the summer. In addition the Contract has also been awarded for the Willsbrook Phase 3 Junction Improvement Works to provide enhanced pedestrian and cycling facilities at the junction of Willsbrook Road and the Outer Ring Road. The Part 8 Public Consultation process on the proposed "Ballyroan Walking & Cycling to School" improvement works has been concluded and a report prepared and recommendation prepared for the members Consideration.

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

Tenders have been received for works at Rathfarnham Gateway and are currently being assessed. Designs are also being finalised for the Plaza in Tallaght Village and the works to Greenhills Road. Draft Proposals maps showing the proposed new residential 30kph speed limit have been issued to the Area Committees and the formal consultation with Statutory Stakeholders (Gardai, Neighbouring Authorities etc) for the proposed New Speed Limit Byelaws has also commenced.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Litter Management Plan - 2016 LM Action Plan has been agreed and the following are examples of actions being implemented: Anti-Dog Litter campaign: bag dispensers and bags have been delivered. Dog Litter advert is at tendering at stage. Street Art: Two containers identified: Round Towers GAA club and Tymon Bawn FC. GLT: National campaign launched on 10th May local launch on 17th June preparation underway. Grants for Tidy Towns: Both Env grants have been advertised to all Tidy Town Groups. Community clean up support: 317 applications in April. Stop food waste advert with DCC in developmental stage. Enforcement and Licensing: Comprehensive response provided to Echo on illegal dumping with article published on 12th May 2016. Dog fouling bags received and being issued with Dog Licence renewals. Litter and illegal dumping enforcement continuing. Graffiti MOU Agreements: Meeting scheduled with Probation Service to review graffiti removal activity. N81 Improvement Scheme: Meeting date to be scheduled for June 7th with Austen Associates to review concept design proposals. Roundabout Sponsorship: 10 bids received, currently under evaluation. Tree Maintenance Programme: 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme is ongoing. Two tree crews are in operation. Sean Walsh Park crew are currently working on a programme of tree removals and pruning at Tamarisk estate. Works in this estate are near completion after which the crew will move to Rathfarnham Wood. Tree crew operating North of N7 are currently completing pruning works at The Coppice, Palmerstown after which they will move to Floraville Estate. Derelict Sites: Derelict Sites - 16 Inspections Dangerous Buildings - 4 Inspections 11 Sites on DS Register 2 Section 22 notices issued. Notice of intention to acquire 4 Derelict Sites published and served on 19th May 2016. Ongoing liaison with Housing on list of properties.

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

Flood Alleviation Schemes: IGSL appointed to carry out ground investigation for Ballycullen scheme. A meeting was held with Knocklyon United on pipeline route. DCC finalising brief for Poddle scheme, including making requested adjustments from OPW. Meeting and workshop held on 21/04/16 regarding the Liffey CFRAM study - detailed local input now being provided. Meeting arranged on site to assess a potential OPW funded project on the Whitechurch stream. Working group to assess the Camac established. Surface Water Schemes: New Road Surface Water Scheme was completed on 05/02/2016. Oldcourt stream completed 8/04/2016. The following is the list of Schemes proposed for 2016: Jobstown Stream North Aug 16, Owendoher River Clearing May 16, Jobstown stream 5th April 16, Monastery Road May 16, Newcastle Main Street and Peamount Road Dec 16, Hazelgrove/Jobstown Oct 16, Chapel Hill & Lucan Heights Nov 16. Monastery Road is being prepared for tender, Archaeologists appointed, commencement delayed due to Roads contractors occupying the site at present. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations Ongoing. UFW 36.23% Quality 98.2% Repairs 49 RBD Plans and Measures: Ongoing - presentation and workshop delivered by EPA to progress WFD characterisation approach and sub catchments assessments. Workshop and Presentation held in April. Further workshops and meeting planned for May and June. WERLA: Awaiting details from WERLA of further Pay-by-Weight inspections at waste contractor facilities prior to 1st July 2016. Climate Change: Review Climate Change Strategy in conjunction with the SPC and the other Dublins. Local Authority Adaptation Strategy Development Guidelines were launched by Minister Naughten at ESTG Conference in Athlone on Wednesday 25th May.

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

Continued active enforcement of the provisions of all environmental legislation and regulations with continued legal proceedings. Scheduled Inspections and Audits/Reviews being routinely undertaken on the permitted facilities. Control of Animals legislation being actively enforced with regular inspections of horse pound and dog pound, ongoing monitoring of contractual performance Horses seized 24 Dogs impounded 68 Implement the Dublin Noise Action Plan: Noise is continuously monitored and measured at 10 locations throughout the county of South Dublin. This monitoring is used to correlate with the Noise Modelling and the Noise Maps produced every five years for the SDCC region. Currently, the Environmental Health Department is liaising with the Traffic Unit of LUPT to assess the differences in noise levels from vehicular traffic noise since the last noise maps in 2013. The latest meeting of the National Noise Mapping Steering Committee was held in the offices of the EPA on Thursday 12th May. SDCC was represented by Environmental Health and Traffic Sections, and we are reviewing all our available traffic counts to establish the possible noise changes across the county. Noise mapping is a complicated process and data in the current round three must be measured against the data for round 2 and to establish the level of remapping required for the European Environmental Agency in Copenhagen. Noise mapping is an environmental factor that is of growing significance throughout Europe and research funding is available from the EPA Strive Programme that could be looked at in conjunction perhaps with Tallaght IT, to fund research projects in this county, as we are dissected by three of the busiest roads in the country: VIZ M50, N4 and N7. To Protect good air quality standards in accordance with EU Air Quality Directives: Air Quality is continuously monitored by SDCC for Sulphur Dioxide and Particulate Matter below 10 microns per cubic metre of air (PM10). Results for both of these parameters for the past fortnight have been extremely low and continue to indicate a very good quality of air. • No. of Air Complaints Rec 11 • No. of Complaints investigated 12 • No. of complaints resolved 8 • No. of Statutory Notices issued 0. Environmental Education Awareness: Citizens Newsletter – Environmental Awareness Focus LA21 Grants 2016 advertised week 16th May closing date for application 5pm 17th June. Pride of Pride nomination - Recreate for Community Enterprise. Chambers awards EA submitted two applications - social credits and environmental cinema campaign. Kiltipper ramblers meeting was held. Energy myth busters from Codema on the intranet. GLT preparation underway for launch on 17th June. Green-Schools Water School of the Year Awards. Water St Aidans overall winners senior category Dublin Region Travel 1: St Maelruans JNS, Tallaght – Won the Walk on Wednesday (WOW) 2: Tallaght Community College, Tymon North, Tallaght - Won the Walk on Wednesday (WOW) 3: Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig, Lucan - Won the Scoot on Wednesday (SOW).

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

Playspace Programme: Consultation on Griffeen Valley Play Space upgrade completed. Results being analysed for

tender preparation. Tymon tender documents being completed. Longwood/Stonepark Abbey, Kilnamanagh, Kingswood at Design Stage. Allotment Scheme: Path construction tenders in preparation with Roads. Fencing tender to issue Mid-June. Pavilion Programme: Tenders closing, evaluation to begin. Jobstown BMX - consultant appointed for Screening for Appropriate Assessment. Consultant appointed for Ecological Impact Assessment for Mt Carmel sports facilities project. Equine Facility Tenders closed, Evaluation being carried out. Review of Casual Trading By-Laws: Public display period on Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws finished on 15th Apr. Deadline for submissions is 29th Apr with report to be presented to the Environment SPC in May. 4 submissions (5 observations) received to date. Dublin Mountains Challenge organised by Barretstown Castle taking place on the 29th May 2016. Starting point is Seán Walsh Park opposite Maldron Hotel and adjacent to Tallaght Stadium.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC meetings held in May 2016. LEO training schedule started January, and continued through May, including additional training provided under the Business Support Fund. Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 31st May, approving 8.5 new jobs, sustaining a further 2 jobs, with grant amount of €107,000 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for May 31st, 2016. The launch of the Business Support Funds Brochure was held on Wednesday 27th April, 2016 in LEO offices. The scheme is being promoted on the LEO Website, Council website, through social media and through SD Chamber.

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

All GC marketing materials – web, video, brochure, pop ups, presentations and other collaterals completed and new material on IDA site. Interexion on site. Pfizer & Grifols investment announcements for all Ireland sites. Details awaited. Eirgrid – 220kv station with An Bord Pleanála. R120 CPO confirmed 23rd December 2015, CPO made on 9/2/16- notices served. Expression of interest for office development published – closing June 30 2016 Mayor and 3 members, CE & Director of Economic Development attended Chamber trade mission to Tampa 30th May - 1st June.

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

- Contact ongoing with local business, programme of proposed projects identified.
- Training survey presented to the September SPC & CPG.
- Draft LECP approved by SPC and now referred to Regional Assembly. Intended for Dec Council Agenda.
- There are a number of projects identified to improve significant infrastructure within older industrial estates. These projects have been identified in consultation with businesses. Projects are at JFK Drive, Old Belgard Road, Cloverhill Industrial Estate & Ballymount Road Lower and are in different stage of development.
- The BSG support fund for 2016 has been improved and launched. In conjunction with that SDCC will continue to identify projects whereby improvements to the Council infrastructure can have a wider beneficial impact.
- Grange Castle Business Park employment figures are on the rise by way of new clientele and construction activities.
- Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events.

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

Events Programme: All events advertised on the Library website, www.southdublinlibraries.ie Twitter @sdcclibraries and Facebook. June Highlights: Ruaille Buaille – Lucan's Childrens Music Festival takes place from 8th – 11th June Roald Dahl's amazing animal stories in Ballyroan 7th June Puppet show. Blooms Day June 16th 7pm . Celebrate James Joyce through music in Ballyroan Library with Colm Stride O'Brien and Michael and Eithne Shanley. Mid-Summer Madness programme available. Palmerstown Hub A suitable premises has been located in the Palmerstown Shopping Centre. Work on outfitting the library will commence in the coming months. Public Art In Context 4 public art strategy and overview of Arts Development Strategy ready for presentation to May SPC. Bursary Awards 2016 The selection panels have made the following awards : 7 Individual Artists Bursary Awards 2016 €12,000 4 Annette Halpin Awards for Young Musicians €3,000 1 Young Artist Development Award €1,000 Music Generation Scoil Chronáin choir was one of five choirs that took part in A Nations Voice on Easter Sunday in Collins' Barracks. They are also involved in two more concerts coming up in May and June: the Gala Concert at Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children's Music

Festival and a performance with Knocklyon Concert Band. End of year hub Concerts in Rathcoole and Collinstown are scheduled for June. Professional violin quartet will visit all 5 schools participating in the violin programme. These include Lucan, Edmondstown, Saggart, Clondalkin, Jobstown.

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

Round Tower: • Contractor for construction appointed May 2016 • Tender assessment for interpretative work in exhibition space scheduled for May 30th 2016 • Stage 2 tender for café, retail and related services – closing date June 17th 2016 Dublin Mountains flagship : New MOU/SLA almost finalised with Coillte to facilitate project moving to planning stage, meetings ongoing Assessments of technical requirements for planning process ongoing in house. Marketing: Contract awarded for Tourism Marketing project, first phase 10 weeks ongoing. Stage 1 presentation due at Tourism Working Group on 26th May. Tourism Industry event held Tallaght Stadium April 28th. Tourism survey ongoing to June 7th. Contract being awarded to develop tourism website. Meeting to be scheduled with Failte to identify marketing opportunities for Sth Dublin – eg adventure.com and logo rollout etc. Events/festivals for 2016 to be identified and developed – Industry developed 2nd Festival proposals presented to May EETD SPC. Follow up report to SPC and TWG due mid-June – meeting will be scheduled to approve. Site meetings arranged with prospective activity event companies – one active lead being followed. Event company appointed to facilitate expansion of Red Line Festival – marketing plan presented to Red Line Advisory Committee in May.