

## June Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

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

### Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 31st May 2016, approving 8.5 new jobs, with grant amounts of €107,000 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for July 19th, 2016. Shop Fronts: 14 Applications received. Consultation meetings held with applicants and letters of recommendations issued. Next steps – applicants to submit quotes for approval and complete works by end Sept 2016.

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

Grange Castle – (i) Pfizer expansion announced. (ii) Grifols expansion announced. (iii) Eirgrid secured planning permission from ABP for 220kV substation (iv) Google opened new Datacentre in June (v) Microsoft continue to expand their datacentre campus (vi) Edgeconnex apply for planning permission for new datacentre (vii) R120 and Nangor Road upgrades – detailed design nearing completion (viii) Interxion datacentre build ongoing (ix) Grange Castle now supports in excess of 3150 jobs

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

Contact on-going with local business, programme of proposed projects identified.

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

**LIBRARIES** All events advertised on the Library website, [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) Twitter @sdcclibraries and Facebook. History and Heritage Walks, workshops and exhibitions happening throughout the County. Brochure now available. Summer Stars The Summer Stars reading programme is in full swing in all libraries. The focus is to maintain and increase reading abilities by encourage children to enjoy reading during the summer holidays. There are also tons of activities and events organised for Children in all libraries during the month of July. Exhibition in County Library: Images of Starlight – an exhibition of Astrophotography 4th – 16th July Tech classes for Adults with Age Action Ireland weekly in Ballyroan Library. 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 and construction commenced. • Tender awarded for interpretative work in exhibition space. Inception meeting June 27th • Stage 2 tender for café, retail and related services – closing date June 17th 2016 – no submission received. Revised procurement approach under advice. Documents ready. • Tender eval. Scheduled July 5TH for Corkagh Park. Dublin Mountains flagship : New MOU/SLA to be agreed with Coillte to facilitate project moving to planning stage, meetings ongoing Preparation of procurement pack for all stages of project ongoing – planned engagement Oct 2016 Failte Capital Fund reopened: Application to be submitted by Aug 12th. Consultation held with Failte, further scheduled July 18th. Marketing: Contract awarded for

Tourism Marketing project, first phase 10 weeks Stage 1 report due June 24th. Contract being awarded to develop tourism website, subject to approval of Stage 1 marketing report. Events/festivals for 2016/17 to be identified and developed – Joint SPC and TWG meeting planned July 6th to consider Chamber led/Council supported Gael Force Dublin 2017 and Red Line Festival 2016. Tourism/Recreational Tenders for Corkagh Park – evaluation on July 5th. Site meetings arranged with prospective activity event companies for opportunities in Parks. Event company appointed to facilitate expansion of Red Line Festival – marketing plan presented to Red Line Advisory Committee in May, on July SPC agenda.

## 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: Dog Litter Advert: draft tender for approval. Anti-Dog Litter Campaign: bags and dispensers delivered Locations being finalised. Gum Litter Campaign: Local launch held in Templeogue village with Templeogue Tidy Towns and St Pius x. Photo call with the Mayor and Eco cabs. Grants for Tidy Towns: LA21 deadline for 2016 is June 17th @ 5pm. Grant was advertised to all RA groups, Elected Members, TT groups and previous applicants. Community Clean up support: 226 applications in May Green schools: 98 Primary and 33 Secondary registered. Plastic bottle recycling will be promoted during July in 3 Leisure Centres. Enforcement and Licensing: Purchase & installation of CCTV at Lynch's Lane approved. CCTV being installed at Tandy's Lane 1st week in July. N81 Improvement Scheme: First Draft preliminary design proposal received from Consultants in June - Internal review with relevant Council staff being carried out in July. Roundabout Sponsorship: Arrangements for sponsorship with candidate sponsors are being progressed in respect of roundabouts at (1.) Newcastle Road (outside Supervalu), Lucan, (2.) Junction Ballymount Road Upper / Calmount Road / Ballymount Avenue, (3.) Junction Ballymount Road Upper / Ballymount Road Lower / Turnpike Road; Junction Ballyboden Road / Taylors Lane, (4.) Junction Templeville Road / Wainsfort Road, (5.) Junction Templeville Road / Wellington Road. Tree Maintenance Programme: 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme is ongoing. Two tree crews are in operation. Sean Walsh Park crew are currently working through a programme of tree removals and pruning at Boden Park estate. Tree crew operating North of N7 are currently working through a programme pruning and removal works at Floraville Estate. Derelict Sites: Derelict Sites: 3 Inspections carried out, 1 (one) Section 11 Notice issued, 3 (three) Section 8 (2) Notices issued, 2 (two) Section 22 Notices issued, 2 (two) Section 23 Notices issued, 1 (one) Section 8 (2) Notice being processed, Dangerous Places/Structures: 10 inspections carried out. 4 (four) Section 3 (1)(a) Notices being processed and 1 (one) warning letter issued.

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

Flood Alleviation Schemes: IGSL appointed to carry out ground investigation for Ballycullen scheme. Detailed Design being finalised. Planned commencement date 2nd August. DCC finalising brief for Poddle scheme, including making requested adjustments from OPW. DCC progressing a framework tender for consultants. Meeting held 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 Sth April 16, Monastery Road May 16, Newcastle Main Street & Peamount Road Dec 16, Hazelgrove/Jobstown Oct 16, Chapel Hill & Lucan Heights Nov 16. Monastery Road -3 no. tender bids have been received, Archaeologists appointed - work related to archaeological area to be carried out by direct labour. These works will commence early July. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations Ongoing. UFW 36.23%, Quality 98.6%, Repairs 52. Green-Schools Water School of the Year Awards. St Aiden's overall winners senior category Dublin Region and a winner from SN from Rathfarnham parish national school GS Water Flag: St Bernadette's JNS Clondalkin water flag raising ceremony with Mayor 16th June. River Basin Plans and Measures: Ongoing - presentation and workshop delivered by EPA to progress WFD characterisation approach and sub catchments assessments. WERLA: Details awaited on further PBW 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 - meeting held with Codema. 1st Draft outline of Strategy presented - Revised Draft will be brought to September SPC. Guidelines on Climate Adaptation Plans launched by Minister Naughten. Series of workshops for LA staff being convened by the Department.

### 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 - 33, Dogs impounded - 49. 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. 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 7 • No. of Complaints investigated 11 • No. of complaints resolved 7 • No. of Statutory Notices issued 0 Environmental Education Awareness: C & A - Recycling Strategy: Adopt a bring bank: EA and PR realm working on finalising the project outline before distributing to Tidy Towns groups for expressions of interest.

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

Playspace Programme: The following playspaces have gone out to tender: Tymon Park, Kingswood, Glendoher Park, Sean Walsh Park. Allotment Scheme: Allotment review underway. Proposals to pilot water harvesting in Friarstown being considered for possible inclusion in Allotment Strategy. Equine Facility: Contract signed - contractor expected to go on site in Aug 2016. Review of Pitch Allocation: Recommendations to be presented in early July for implementation in new season pitch letting. Recreation Facilities: Joint meeting between EWCC and Tourism Unit and Outdoor Events company to be scheduled this week to discuss and explore opportunities in Parks.

## Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on 24th June, with the election of a new Mayor, Cllr. Guss O' Connell and Deputy Mayor Cllr. Martina Genockey and the Chairs of the Area Committees – Cllr Brendon Ferron (Tallaght), Cllr Paul Foley (Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure), Cllr Jonathan Graham (Clondalkin) and Cllr Liona O'Toole (Lucan). Events officiated by Mayor Holland in June included the hosting of a Civic Reception for Ballyboden St. Endas, Leinster and All Ireland Club Champions, on 20th June, the official opening of the Tallaght to M50 (Templeogue) Green Route on 15th June, the announcement of the 2016 recipients of the Artists Bursary Awards scheme, and launched the Business Support Grants of the Local Enterprise Office, a Photograph Launch in support of Dublin Pride 2016. Books of Condolence were opened in June by Mayor Holland for the Orlando Tragedy and Jo Cox MP. In early June a delegation from South Dublin County Council and Chamber of Commerce visited Tampa, Florida, on a four day trip as part of our Sister City agreement to develop economic and cultural links between the two regions. Preparation of the 2016 Register of Electors is underway.

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

The quarter 2 financial returns are about to be prepared and submitted to the Department in accordance with their requirements. A summary of the Councils Revenue account and Capital account will be provided to the members once complete. The Audit of the Councils Annual Financial Statement for 2015 is ongoing. The review of the Risk Register has commenced. The preparation of the annual Public Spending Code was completed and the code published and submitted to the National Audit and Oversight Committee and other relevant stakeholders on 31st May (within deadline). A meeting of the Audit Committee was held on June 14th. Implementation of the Audit Plan on-going. The preparation of SDCC's return on its performance under the national service indicators is underway. The deadline for submitting has been extended from June 30th to July 7th due to technical difficulties in the national online system. Lean Six Sigma - 62 participants have volunteered for Yellow Belt training. First yellow belt training course for 16

participants will take place 26th / 27th July. 1 LSS black belt project (Housing Needs Assessment) and 1 LSS Green Belt project (Customer Care in Tree Pruning) are currently underway. 2nd meeting of internal Freedom of Information Network held in June.

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

Make sure our ICT infrastructure and support services are up to date: • Hardware refresh ongoing. • Citrix Sharefile has been installed to enable secure file sharing between Council staff and third parties. Trial has begun with Architects Dept. • Civic Theatre wi-fi has been completely revamped for staff and public access. • Testing/Training Requirements Setup for migration to Core HPSS v19. Expand our online services for the public where possible: • Website redesign/revamp - Kick off meeting with successful tenderer has taken place. Project plan expected next for likely implementation October timeframe. • New third party domain use policy created and approved by Chief Exec. Exploit ICT both to reduce costs and to improve efficiency in the areas of data management, transactions, shared services and business process services: • Pilot of NetConsent in HR & ICT to take place shortly. • Development on Capital Projects system almost completed. • Data security audit of 2 new Housing applications being pursued. • Review Meeting of Library Management System (SDCC Libraries/ICT). Ongoing issues with Self Service Terminals in Ballyroan. • Senior Management SmartDublin Workshop, 14th June, 2016. Options report to be brought to management team. Lunchtime talk also 14th June, 2016. Open to all staff - 40+ in attendance. Expand the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technologies for collecting and managing spatial data: • Budget 2016 data extracted from Agresso in open data format and has now been published on Dublinlinked in open data formats. • Phase I of upgrade to Property Register complete. • Work on Vacant Sites, Approved Housing Bodies and Invasive Species GIS capture is on-going. • Database upgrades complete. OASIS migrations in progress.

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

Communications Training for the members of the Communications Network was held on the 1st June 2016 and meeting held 30th June – agenda includes discussion of Knowledge Management Plan, Corporate Facilities Branding, and the In My Opinion initiative. Commemorative Cycle took part in association with Dublin City Council from St. Endas to Eamonn Ceannt Park on Sunday 19th June. Publications in June included the County Development Plan 2016 – 2022 and the Annual Report 2015. Lunchtime staff information talk held on 14th June with Smart Dublin and Dublinlinked projects with an afternoon workshop with senior management on appropriate Smart Dublin projects. Irish language classes for staff ongoing. Audit of 2nd Irish Language Scheme 2006- 2015 carried out by An Coimisiuneir Teanga.

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

Recruitment campaigns across indoor and outdoor positions ongoing. Quarter 2 Review of the workforce plan completed and Outdoor WFP Forum Quarterly Meeting held. Interim reviews of Personal Development Plans underway for all staff commenced: 1st June – 31st August. New Staff policies published include a new CCTV Code of Practice, the 2016 Training and Development Plan and Recruitment and Selection Guidelines. Apprenticeship Programme Agreed with 14 places across the following trades: Painter, Plumber, Fitter Mechanic, Bricklayer, Carpenter. HRCORE Version 19 Upgrade Project commenced - at data validation stage.

## 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 continued to work with the Department in progressing the housing projects to tender stage. Two projects are on site – Suncroft Tallaght -10 dwellings, St Finians - 2 Dwellings - Belgard Road Tallaght - 3 Dwellings is completed and tenanted. 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. 945 on HAP at 20th June 2016 – expect to reach close to

1,500 by year end. PPP for 100 Units as part of bundle of 500 units being progressed. Location at Grange Clondalkin. New CAS Call received with ring fenced funding for congregated settings and second one for Homeless, elderly and vulnerable. 345 on Homeless Register at end of May 2016 (168 families and 176 single males/females). 601 presentations during May 2016 (464 repeats). 16 Homeless Allocations made during May. Reopening of 9 units for homeless women and children at Cuan Alainn planned early July 2016. Housing Needs Assessment notification from DECLG received with completed return by 14/10/16. All those on housing list at 21/9/2015 to be assessed.

#### 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 from the evaluation committee with a number of queries raised. Work of revised Strategy being finalised for submission to the evaluation committee. The Healthy County Strategy Group is promoting Physical activity and leading actions from the National Physical Activity Plan on an interagency basis. Quit Campaign for Women being run and sponsored by the committee is underway at Fettercairn. Decision on accreditation as Healthy County anticipated in June. Events for Health and Wellbeing Week 2016 finalised. Launch Monday 12th September 2016 at Tallaght Stadium.

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

Health and Wellbeing Week events being finalised. Launch on 12th September at Tallaght Stadium and will close on Sunday 18th September with a family activity day in Corcagh Park. Summer Projects with Council support - 26 projects at a contribution of €32,500 supporting approx 6,000 participants. Bainisteoir 1 is a new App developed through collaboration with St Patricks GAA Club member and support from SDCC which guides parents and coaches for Under 12 kids through basics of Hurling and Football. Filmed with Dublin stars the App now fully developed and available since beginning of May has 1080 Twitter followers & 2000 app downloads.

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

Advertised the 2016 Community Initiative Fund in March with the independent Assessment completed in May. There were 69 applications. The announcement of the successful 18 applicants notified. SPORTIVATE 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 will be held on 14th July. 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. Judging arranged for August 2016.

### Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

As part of the Annual Roads Programme, Road Resurfacing works have been completed in Kennelsfort rd Upper, Outer Ring Road, Oakcourt, New Road, St Marks Avenue, Hermitage Road, Ballydowd Grove, Ballyowen Lane, Harelawn Park, Grange Rd/Taylor's Lane, Hilltop Lane and Tibbradden Road. Footpath repair works are on-going throughout the county and have been completed in the following areas:- Oakwood Grove, Woodford Heights, Ballydowd, Hillcrest, Esker Park, Esker Glebe, Cherbury Park, Westbrook and Palmerstown Drive. Footpath repair works are on-going throughout the county and have been completed in the following areas:- Oakwood Grove, Woodford Heights, Ballydowd, Hillcrest, Esker Park, Esker Glebe, Cherbury Park, Westbrook and Palmerstown Drive.

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

The New County Development Plan has been in operation since 13th June and printed copies are currently being prepared and will be issued shortly. (Soft copies are available on the Council website). Works is ongoing on the preparation of the Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme and the first workshop with elected members was held on 29th June.

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

Works have commenced on a section of the Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycle Scheme at the junction of Knocklyon Road and Idrone at Supervalue. These works will continue during the summer. The 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, these works will commence in early August. Construction work on the new junction of Ballymount Road Lower and Ballymount Avenue has also commenced in Ballymount Industrial Estate.

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

The Consultation process on the proposed new 30kph residential speed limit is on-going with the proposed draft bye-laws presented to each Area Committee in June. The full public consultation process is scheduled to commence in late August. The Contractor has been appointed to the Village gateway project in Rathfarnham and works will commence in July.