

August Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

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

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

The following roadworks have been completed:- New Road Clondalkin, Kennelsfort Rd. Upper, Harelawn Park Peamount Cross /Newcastle Main St., Station Road/Crag Ave. St. Marks Ave., Palmerstown Main St., Hermitage Road Ballydowd Grove, Balgaddy Road, Dodder Park Road, Lower Dodder Road, Grange Road/Taylors Lane, Hilltop Lane, Tibbradden Road, Oldbawn Road, Belgard Road Phase 1, Cruagh Road. Roadworks are underway in:- Dunawley, Oakwood , Outer Ring Road Roundabout- Lynches Lane, Lyons Road, Roundabout : Liffey Valley Industrial Estate/Cold cut Road, Tubber Lane, Knocklyon Road, Scholarstown Road, Ballymount Road Lower, Cherryfield Estate, Seskin View Road, Conors Lane, Cullens Lane , Cunard, Newtown Lane, O' Rourke's Lane, Castlekelly, Sloggers Lane. Footpath repair works have been completed in:- Kennelsfort Road, Beechpark, Harelawn, Oakwood Grove, Woodford Downs/Heights, Cloverhill Road, Shancastle Lawns, Esker Drive, Esker Park, Esker Glebe, Palmerstown Drive, Ballydowd, Westbrook Park, Dodder Park Road, Lower Dodder Road, Grange Road/Taylors Lane, Hilltop Lane, Tibbradden Road, Oldbawn Road, Belgard Road Phase 1, Cruagh Road. Footpath repairs works are underway in :- St. John's Park East, St Mark's Gardens, Glenfield, Greenfort, Whitethorn, Ballycullen Drive, Ballycullen Avenue, Ballyroan Park, Butterfield Avenue, Anne Devlin Park/Road/Drive Whitecliffe, Fernwood/Mountdown, Muckross Ave., Dangan/Shelton/Rockfield.

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

Works on the new Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme is continuing. It is anticipated that the Statutory Public Consultation process will commence in October. Members will be briefed on the main aspects of the scheme prior to the Draft Scheme being published. The Planning Department is also progressing work on assessing lands /sites for the Vacant Site levy which will come into effect in January 2017. Discussions are also on going with various landowners/housing developers regarding the recent Local Infrastructure Housing Activation fund (LIHAF). Proposals to access the fund have to be submitted to the Department in Mid October.

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

Works have been completed on a section of the Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycle Scheme at the junction of Knocklyon Road and Idrone at Supervalu. Works are Continuing on Willsbrook Phase 3 Junction Improvement in Lucan. Construction work is approaching completion on the new junction of Ballymount Road Lower and Ballymount Avenue in Ballymount Industrial Estate. Works have also commenced on the Grange Road Plaza at St Endas as part of the 1916 Commemoration Projects.

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

The Statutory Public Consultation process on the proposed new 30kph residential speed limit has commenced and submissions invited from the Public. The Bew Bye-laws, once adopted, will see speed limits in all housing developments reduced from 50kph to 30kph. Works are underway to the Rathfarnham Gateway Project at the northern end of Rathfarnham village and will be complete by Mid October. Plans for an upgrade to the Belgard Walkway (adjacent to McDonalds) have been agreed with the Area Committee. In addition plans for village enhancement works at the Texaco Garage in Newcastle and Saggart Village are also at an advance stage of design.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Elected Members

• Oireachtas members meeting held on 4th July • Special meeting of the Council held on 27th July • OP&F is scheduled to take place on Thursday 22nd September • Work on 2016 Register of Electors is underway; monitoring progress on national e-voters system in preparation for national roll-out • Review of Civic Honours protocol – discussion at CPG and preparation of report for September OP&F meeting • Liaison with Fingal County Council on tender for procurement of webcasting services for inclusion if desired / agreed by councillors • Consideration of Budget Strategy at July CPG meeting • Mayor represented the Council at 13 civic events in August including Balgaddy Family Day, PPN Memorandum of Understanding, Launch of SDCC Road Safety Plan and Dublin Fire Brigade 1916 Exhibition

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

• Audit Committee meeting scheduled for 13th September deferred pending completion of the Auditors Report on the Annual Financial Statement 2015 for presentation to the Audit Committee. Implementation of the Audit work plan is on-going. • Lean Six Sigma: First yellow belt training course complete with 16 staff trained. A Second training course for 16 staff is planned for September. All trainees will work on prospective projects for approval by November. • Procurement Officer has been appointed and work initiated for the preparation of procurement pipelines for 2017. • Lobbying Register updated on the website for changes in designated officials • Data Retention Policy in development • The quarter 2 financial returns were completed and submitted to the Department in accordance with their requirements. The Audit of the Councils Annual Financial Statement for 2015 is nearing completion and the Auditors report is expected shortly. The review of the Risk Register has also been completed. Work has commenced in the preparation of the 2017 annual budget.

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. Windows tablets being tested for assistance in the derelict sites area. • Adobe Software Supply Tender awarded • OGP Tender for NAS storage pursued • Sharefile being deployed extensively to securely share files with specific staff and individuals • Mobile facilities for Invasive Species Surveying facilitated • Upgrade of Exchange Server to latest service pack • DR/BC tender process completed and successful tenderer are Darcy Lynch Partnership. Project will now commence. Use intranet technology for internal communications: • Ongoing feedback from communications team regarding upgrade to Website. Exploit ICT both to reduce costs and to improve efficiency in the areas of data management, transactions, shared services and business process services: • ICT Security Audit Concluded on 2 Outstanding Housing applications (online Rent Statements & HNA). Modifications arising from audits being completed. • Audit / Overview of use of Planning system scheduled for end of month. • In H&S Requirements - VDU assessment system ready for testing. • Issues raised by security audit on the new on-line rents app. being worked on. • Smart Dublin SDCC Selected Projects: 1. Litter Control, 2. Smart Homes / Energy, 3. Intelligent customer services (integrated data and systems), Next Steps is to begin developing spec of related projects and/or activities. Expand the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technologies for collecting and managing spatial data: • Advancing planning works on property economics portal. • Data capture "in the field" on-going for both Vacant Sites and Invasive Species with additional staff resources and tablets to be deployed in the short term. • Fitwalk routes now available on Community GIS. • National MyPlan portal updated to reflect latest SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022. Links to both MyPlan and SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022 now available on front page of Maps Gallery.

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

• The Smart Dublin Advisory Network is currently being set up across the Dublin region. First meeting is scheduled for Oct. The 3 year Smart Dublin strategy document is in draft phase and is to be discussed between the Dublin Chief Executives. • Irish Classes for staff are ongoing • Redesign of website and review of content and online communications strategy initiated • Citizens Newsletter together with infographic on the Annual Service Delivery Plan distributed to every household in the county • Review of Customer Care underway and CRM system • Participation in Ireland 2016 legacy workshop in Dublin Castle

Objective 5: Support staff and organisational development and performance through the

implementation of best practice in Human Resource Management

• Ongoing delivery of recruitment, selection and induction programme for new staff members • Apprenticeship Competition was advertised and closed on 25th August, for the following trades: Plumber, Painter, Carpenter, Bricklayer and Fitter Mechanic. • Libraries workforce plan has been submitted to the Department for approval. • PMDS mid-year reviews for all staff is underway June - August. • Review of recruitment policy on online promotion • Management Development and Training Programme for all managers at grade 7 level commenced. • Ongoing transition to HR, Payroll and Superannuation Programme ongoing • Quarter Two Workforce Planning by management and trade unions consultation completed

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. Suncroft Tallaght -10 dwellings to be completed October 2016 while St Finians - 2 Dwellings is completed as is Belgard Road Tallaght - 3 Dwellings. Focus on delivery on 105 Rapid Delivery Units with a further 100 required during 2017. Stage 3 approval received for Mayfield Clondalkin and MacUilliam .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. 1,083 active accounts on HAP at 12th September 2016. PPP for 100 Units as part of bundle of 500 units being progressed. Location at Grange Clondalkin. An integrated housing proposal for The Grange is being finalised and Clondalkin members will be briefed on the proposal. New CAS Call received with ring fenced funding for congregated settings and second one for Homeless, elderly and vulnerable.15 Applications received providing 18 Units. 401 on Homeless Register at end of August 2016 (193 families and 215 single males/females). 601 presentations during May 2016 (464 repeats). 16 Homeless Allocations made during May. 9 units for homeless women and children at Cuan Alainn reopened. Housing Needs Assessment is underway and completed return by 14/10/16.All those on housing list at 21/9/2015 being assessed.

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

Rural LEADER 'LAG' (Local Action Group) established comprising the Fingal LCDC and representatives from SDCC and DRL LCDC - Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the Dublin Rural Area approved by the Department. Calls for expression of interest on DRL website. 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 run successfully with 12 completing the course and 7 ceasing smoking. Great interest in the 2nd course to start in next couple of weeks. Sponsored by the Healthy County committee and is facilitated at Fettercairn. Decision on accreditation as Healthy County anticipated by end of September 2016.

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

Health and Wellbeing Week 2016 launched by the Mayor in the presence of Minister Katherine Zappone on Monday 12th September 2016 at Tallaght Stadium. Full week of free events with closing ceremony at Corkagh Park on Sunday 18th September 2016 with a family activity day. 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 & 4,000 app downloads. Official launch is being arranged. The installation of Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Fire Blankets is underway. Recently produced "trusted tradespeople" booklet for Newcastle. This is a pilot project with the RAMs group in Newcastle. Tenders received for anti-snap locks doors and patios for old aged and vulnerable to be evaluated. For installation by year end.

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

The 2016 Community Initiative Fund announced in June 2016. The announcement of the successful 18 applicants' notified and official ceremony being arranged. SPORTVATE 2016 completed with 5 participants receiving full

awards. The recruitment for the 2016/2017 course is almost complete. Council supported the Pride of Place Entrants 2016 with 5 entrants. SDCC submitted Glenasmole Community Association, RAMS, Re-Create, St Dominick's CC and SDCC PPN. Judging carried out over 3 days at end of August 2016. 9 Tidy Towns Groups Active as of start of the year and 2 new groups' identified and capacity building work has commenced. Both successful in gaining CIF funding in 2015. A number of requests have also been received for groups expressing an interest to become involved in the Tidy Towns Programme that will be further examined and staff will work with to assess and assist the group's capacities. PPN signing of MOU with CE and Mayor held on 17th August 2016. New PPN Member Directory Launched and Training Programme announced. Also new South Dublin County Community Voice Online Facebook Forum.

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 Q3 Action Plan updates are currently being presented to each Area Committee. Actions include an increased visibility of the Litter Warden Service and more targeted and coordinated patrols in villages, towns and at known litter /dumping locations. Enforcement and Licensing: Programmable Audio Messaging Devices currently being installed at 8 locations across the County to deter litter/illegal dumping, dog fouling and graffiti. N81 Improvement Scheme: Meeting held with Austen Associates on 6.9.2016 to review revisions to concept design. Part VIII plans being prepared for pre- consultation presentation to the Rathfarnham Templeogue - Terenure and Tallaght ACs in October. Roundabout Sponsorship: Designs are being prepared for 2 roundabouts in Ballymount Industrial Estate at present for which sponsorship agreements with Noyeks are committed. Design being finalised for roundabout at Orwell/Wellington Lane. Design for Roadstone roundabout on ORR has been approved. The upgrading of Scholarstown/ Templeroan roundabout will be completed by end September. Tree Maintenance Programme: 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme is ongoing. Two tree crews are in operation with works ongoing at Birchview, Kilnamanagh and at Liffey Estate. Derelict Sites: 14 Sites on Derelict Sites Register, with 3 derelict sites being acquired compulsorily & 1 by agreement. It is expected that additional acquisitions will take place. Road Sweeping Contract: The Council's road sweeping contract with Oxigen Environmental expires on 31 March 2017. The process to procure a new service has commenced, Expressions of Interest were invited in mid-August with a closing date of September 22nd.

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

Flood Alleviation Schemes: Tender documents being drawn up on foot of site investigations for the Ballycullen scheme. Update meeting for Residents and Councillors is being arranged. DCC have finalised the brief for Poddle scheme and agreed it with the OPW. A new Framework for the appointment of consultants is underway. Meeting and workshop held on 21/04/16 regarding the Liffey CFRAM study - detailed local input provided. OPW have sought to make a presentation to Councillors at the October Council Meeting. Surface Water Schemes: New Road SW Scheme, Oldcourt and Griffeen Park Drainage completed. River cleaning on Poddle, Whitechurch stream and Griffeen currently taking place in September. The following schemes are also proposed for 2016: Jobstown stream South Sept 16, , Newcastle Main Street & Peamount Road Dec 16, Hazelgrove/Jobstown Oct 16, Chapel Hill & Lucan Heights Nov 16. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations Ongoing. UFW 36.92% Quality 99.35% Repairs 45 River Basin Plans and Measures: A substantial amount of assessment work has been carried out by the Water Pollution section in the past 12 months which will be a major source of information when preparing the river basin management plan for Cycle 2 of the WFD. EU LIFE application being prepared to seek funding to deal with misconnections and prevent polluting material reaching rivers – Dublin Urban Rivers Project. Non Domestic Water Charges: IW will be the direct point of contact for all non-domestic water services including billing, payments and customer service from Monday 26th September 2016 Climate Change: Revised draft Strategy presented to the Environment SPC on September 6th

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 15 Dogs impounded 35 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. South Dublin has been selected along with Kildare and Limerick in a STRIVE small scale noise research project over the next two months. Comparisons and contrasts will be made between Ireland the Netherlands on the whole field of noise complaints relating to traffic. Environmental Education Awareness: LA21 2016: list of applications approved by DOE, letters to applicants currently being prepared. Pride of Place judging took place on 23rd August. National Dog Day 26th Aug: A number of social media posts regarding responsible dog ownership were posted throughout the day. ReUse Month: A programme of events has been established for October.

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

Playspace Programme: 13 Play Spaces constructed to date. Griffeen Valley Park Playground. Consultation complete. Tender preparation stage for Phase 1 - reconstruct playground. Advertise October 2016. Construction start following tender acceptance. Tymon Playground - tender for the reconstruction of the Play facility at Tymon Park (Tymon North side) was advertised in September. Equine Facility Site works have commenced and are progressing. Recreation Facilities Notification of making of new Casual Trading Bye-Laws published in newspapers and Iris Oifigiúil

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 19th August 2016, approving 2 projects, with 2 new jobs, with grant amounts of €21,000 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27th, 2016. The Business Support Funds scheme is being promoted on the LEO Website, Council website, through social media and through SD Chamber. 493 BSG applications received to date in 2016.

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

Ongoing meetings with clients and IDA on Business Park developments. Full update to SPC on 14th September and listed on September Council agenda.

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

Regular meetings with Valuer to review options and opportunities

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

Summer Stars The Summer Stars reading programme is coming to a close with prize-giving events being held in all branch libraries - almost 1,000 children participated in the Summer Stars reading event throughout the county. Health and Wellbeing 11- 18 Sept. Thirty three events in Libraries as part of a week's programme to encourage development of a healthier lifestyle. Brochure available. Culture Night, Friday Sept 16th. Events in County and Ballyroan Libraries, Rua Red, Civic Theatre, Aras Chronain, Rathfarnham Castle and Pearce Museum. Brochure available. History and Heritage Enlightening walks through all our villages – Lucan on 8th Sept. and Tallaght on 3rd, 10th and 13th Sept. Tallafest on 10th Sept and Lucan Family Fun day on 11th Sept. Talks on the Hell Fire Hill in Lucan (7th Sept) and The Women of Kilmainham in County Library on 13th Sept. Brochure available. Red Line Book Festival 12TH- 16th October Brochure available shortly and will be distributed. Events Launch of In Context 4 September 15th Culture Night: Music Generation South Dublin performs at Pearse Museum Sept 16th NOISE Flicks Youth Film Festival Sept 23rd & Sept 24th Preview of Swan Lake/Loch na hEala Sept 23rd (Dublin Theatre Festival) Music Generation New term of music tuition begins in September with six new primary schools and two second level schools joining the programme. Plans are in progress to pilot a Suburban Sounds Youth Music programme in Lucan. Plans are being progressed for the introduction of a Music Education Hub in Killinarden. Programmes Arts Council confirmed support for the introduction of Early Years Initiative and Cultural Diversity Initiative in South Dublin County through the Invitation to Collaborate Scheme. SDCC leads the collaboration with Dublin local authorities in the former and collaborates with counties Mayo and Donegal for the latter initiative. Arts Strategy 2016-2022 agreed at SPC on 7th September-on Council agenda

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

Round Tower: Draft Interpretative Strategy being prepared by consultant. Stage 2 tender Corkagh Park outline report due being prepared by consultant. Dublin Mountains flagship : New MOU/SLA signed with Coillte to facilitate project moving to planning stage. Preparation of procurement pack for all stages of project ongoing – planned publication week of Sept 12th. Failte Capital Fund reopened: Application submitted, decision likely Nov. SDCC, DLR & DMP progressing Dublin Mtns Prehistoric Discovery Trail – tender to issue in Sept. Marketing: Contract awarded for Tourism Marketing project. Stage 1 (including Logo and tagline) with EETD SPC Sept 14. Draft Stage 2 Marketing Report (including proposed campaign costs) on SPC Agenda for Sept 14. Tourism website being built and planned launch of it and tourism video in Jan 2017. Events/festivals for 2016/17: Proposed 2nd Festival budget before SPC Sept 14.