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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Monday 12th December 2016**

**HEADED ITEM NO. 4 (f) (i)**

REPORT OF THE LAND USE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION SPC

**Tuesday 22nd November, 2016.**

**Present:**

**Elected Members:** Councillor Wm. Lavelle

Councillor Liona O’Toole

Councillor Paul Gogarty

Councillor Paula Donovan

Councillor Mick Murphy

**Non Elected** Siobhan Butler

**Members:**

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

Planning & Transportation

Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner

Ms. Laura Leonard, Senior Executive Officer

Ms. Sheila Kelly, Administrative Officer

Mr. Jason Frehill, Senior Executive Planner

Ms. Nicola Conlon, Executive Planner

**Apologies** for inability to attend were received from Mr. Neil Durkan.

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Wm. 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 29th September 2016 were proposed by Cllr. William Lavelle, seconded by Cllr. Paula Donovan and **AGREED.**

**H.I. 2. Vacant Sites Register/Levy**

[**Vacant Site Register (Presentation to SPC 22-11-16).pdf**](file:///F:\Meetings\SPC's\1%20LANDUSE%20PLANNING%20&%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC\2016\Item.Reports\November%20SPC\SDCC%20Vacant%20Site%20Register%20(Presentation%20to%20SPC%2022-11-16).pdf)

Ms. N Conlon, Executive Planner delivered a presentation which gave the background and context including Legislative and Policy context. It was explained that the Vacant Sites came about as a result of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 and is not to be confused with the Derelict Sites Register. Examples were given of Potential Vacant Sites, including the primary requirements under the Legislation. A description of what the Register should contain and the manner in which the levy was to be collected by the Local Authority. The main Key stages were given as follows:

1. Assessment of Potential Sites
2. Engagement with Landowners
3. Vacant Site Levy and
4. Vacant site Register which will come into force in January 2017

Following the presentation, Cllr Lavelle thanked Ms. Conlon for all the work done and following a discussion in which Councillors M. Murphy, P. Donovan, P. Gogarty and Ms. S. Butler contributed, Eddie Taaffe, DOS answered queries raised including the role of Public Reps in the process, the report was **NOTED**

**H.I. 3 Naming of Infrastructure Policy - Update.**

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Ms. L. Leonard, SEO gave an update to the members on the process to date and amendments proposed which have been incorporated into the policy. The members AGREED to recommend the policy to the Council and with the suggestion of Cllr Wm Lavelle that the policy should initially go before the Corporate Policy Group in January for its recommendation to Council for adoption. This was **AGREED** by the Members**.**

**H.I. 4 Local Area Plans – Presentation**

[**LAP SDZ Phasing Update Presentation November 2016 SPC.pptx**](file:///F:\Meetings\SPC's\1%20LANDUSE%20PLANNING%20&%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC\2016\Item.Reports\November%20SPC\LAP%20SDZ%20Phasing%20Update%20Presentation%20November%202016%20SPC%20FINAL%20FINAL.pptx)

[**Local Area Plan Work Programme.pdf**](file:///F:\Meetings\SPC's\1%20LANDUSE%20PLANNING%20&%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC\2016\Item.Reports\November%20SPC\Local%20Area%20Plan%20Work%20Programme%20FINAL.pdf)

Mr. B. Keaney, Senior Planner gave the report on the Local Area Plan Phasing for the Fortunestown Local Area Plan, Citywest Local Area Plan and Adamstown STZ, including the Planning Permissions pertinent to each and the no. of units built to date.

He also gave a presentation on the Local Area Plan/Planning Studies which consisteted reports on key issues for Ballymount LAP, Tallaght Town Centre LAP, Brittas Planning Study and Weston Aerodrome Zoning Review

Following the report questions were raised and were responded to by Mr. B. Keaney and Mr. E. Taaffe.

The reports were **NOTED**

**H.I.5 Cycle Forum Report**

**Land Use Planning and Transportation SPC**

**Cycle Forum Report**

**22nd November 2016**

**Members of the Cycle Forum:** Cllr. William Lavelle, Cllr. Liona O’Toole, Cllr M. Murphy, Cllr Paula Donovan, Cllr Paul Gogarty, Mr. Denis Sherwin, Cllr Ruth Nolan, Ms. Mairead Forsythe, Dublin Cycling Campaign, Mr. Neil Durkin, Ms. Siobhan Butler, PPN, Ms. Michele Ui Bhuachalla, Ms. Wendy Mantle, Mr. Paul Corcoran, Dublin Cycling Campaign, Mr. Ally Menary, An Taisce Green Schools, Ms. Caroline Peppard, HSE, Sergeant Peter Woods, Traffic Division, Dublin Castle

**Executive:** Eddie Taaffe, Laura Leonard, Sheila Kelly

**Cllr. Paula Donovan** became Chairperson of the Cycle Forum in May 2016.

The Forum have progressed and discussed matters under the following headings:

**Terms of Reference for South Dublin County Council Cycle Forum**

A Terms of Reference document had been circulated in advance of the November meeting with changes suggested by a member, the proposed changes were discussed and the Terms of Reference were recommended for acceptance by the group to the SPC.

**Development of County Cycling/Walking Strategy**

The development of a strategy had been discussed at the May meeting and a commitment made to carry out research. A presentation at the November meeting briefed the forum members on this and the Forum requested further development of a County Strategy for drafting and return to the January meeting.

**Update on NTA Cycle/Greenway Schemes 2016**

Suzanne Furlong & John O’Connor have presented updates on NTA schemes and their progress throughout the year, in particular the following schemes have been discussed in 2016:

Green Schools Cluster – Works underway

Dodder Greenway

Willsbrook Cycle Scheme (Ph2)

Grange Road Cycle Route Phase I

Monastery Road Walking Route.

The Forum were advised that they will be kept informed of funding proposals to be submitted to the NTA for 2017 funding.

**Update on Speed Limit Review**

The Forum have been kept updated on the progress of the Speed Limit Review which is has now been through the public consultation on the Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws. The conclusion of a report on the submissions received is nearing completion. This report will be brought to the Area Committee meetings before being discussed at a full Council Meeting in January 2017.

The members requested that they be kept informed of progress.

**Sergeant Peter Woods, DMR Traffic Division**

At the request of the SPC /Cycle Forum chairperson, Sergeant Woods from Dublin Castle Traffic Division was invited to address the group. Sergeant Woods outlined AGS position in relation to cycle safety and the protection of vulnerable road users and indicated that successful prosecutions are more frequent now in such cases. The responsibilities of cyclists to protect themselves and ensure their visibility particularly in winter months was additionally outlined. The matter of the issuing of fixed penalty notices for cycle offences including failure to use a cycle path where one exists was raised and discussed.

**Potential cluster school cycle network current condition assessment– Lucan**

Michele Ui Bhuachalla presented a report which she had prepared setting out an assessment of cycle track facilities associated with schools clusters in the Lucan area, a coding system of orange, green and red had been applied to indicate availability and standard of cycle tracks and also supporting facilities within schools. Michelle proposed that a second Green Schools Pilot should be considered for the Lucan area.

The proposal for a Lucan Schools Cluster will form part of the submissions to the NTA for the 2017 funding round.

**An Taisce –Green Schools**

Ally Menary, An Taisce Green Schools project made a presentation to the Forum on the work undertaken on this project and on the follow up engagement with the Council in respect of Walkability/ Cycle Audits submitted with recommendations.

The presentation was welcomed.

**The National Physical Activity Plan/Development of a Cycling Strategy for the County**

Caroline Peppard, HSE, provided an overview of the National Physical Activity Plan and in particular the components of it that relate to cycling and the objective that a walking/ cycling strategy be prepared.

The chairperson welcomed the information and agreed that a co-ordinating strategy would be beneficial and that research be carried out to develop such a strategy.

**National Roll-Out Cycle Right January 2017**

Ally Menary informed the Forum of the adoption and introduction of a new National Standard for Cycle Training by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport which will be rolled out from January 2017.

**Bike Week 2016 Report**

The Forum were provided with a report on the Councils activities and events during Bike Week 2016.

The report was **NOTED**

**H.I. 6. Pilot for Supervised School Bus Service**

It was agreed that this item would be discussed in more detail by the Committee at a Meeting which members decided would be held on 8th December 2016 between 4.30 and 5.30p.m. Prior to the commencement of the joint SPC.

**H.I. 7 Working Group – Election Postering Guidelines**

The Environment Public Realm & CC SPC have requested that a nominee from the LUPT SPC be part of a Working Group to be set up to discuss Election Postering Guidelines. Cllrs Gogarty and O’Toole expressed an interest. Their names to be forwarded to the Environment PR & CC Department. This was **AGREED**

**Cor (1) Problems with High Hedges and Trees on Neighbouring Properties**

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Correspondence received from Department of Justice.

This was **NOTED**

**H.I. 9 A.O.B.**

No other business

**The meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m.**