

## November Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

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

### Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

The next meeting of the Evaluation Committee is scheduled for December 6th, 2016. The Business Support Funds scheme is being promoted on the LEO Website, Council website, through social media and through SD Chamber. Shop Fronts: 16 applications received and Letters of Offers issued. 8 applicants' submitted quotations, 4 of these have confirmed completion of works & payment approved. 1005 applications received for Business Support Grant to date in 2016, with €32,410 paid out to date. Application date extended to end November.

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

Grange Castle • Interxion – Build 80% completed and due to be operational by year end 2016. Disposal of duct circuit complete and currently on site installing ESB/Telecom cabling. The Entrance road has been completed by SDCC. • Pfizer submitted planning application for production expansion and permission was granted SD16A/0236. Enabling works were ongoing to Dec 2016. Pfizer have announced the expansion is not to happen because a decision has been made to discontinue the development of the drug bococizumab, a drug for reducing cholesterol which was to be manufactured at Grange castle • Grifols submitted planning application for production expansion and permission granted SD16A/0250. Works are ongoing. • Microsoft – Planning permission in place up to Dub 13. Disposal of option site 1 complete. Licence for compound and car parking also complete. Disposal of Ducts 2 & 6 on going with legals. Construction is ongoing, mainly on DSF and Dub 7 & 8. • Eirgrid – S.I. Application granted by ABP 28/06/16. Now subject of Judicial Review • Capital Programme – Nangor Road / R120: Approved for funding by DTTAS. CPO Approved for R120. Work due to commence Q1 2017. • Archaeological – GC South: Archaeological work ongoing • Google. Official Opening was in June 2016. Google have acquired additional lands in adjacent Profile Park • Edgeconnex: Application for new Datacentre approved directly adjacent to the Business park. Access to datacentre will be via Grange Castle Business Park, subject to finalisation of terms. • Grange Backup Power. Discussion are ongoing regarding potential upgraded planning application. • Office Brief 2No. expressions of interest were received however on further examination of feasibility, they considered it premature to build a significant office block in Grange Castle. • Lands to West. ET3 SLO 1: To conduct a review of the zoning of lands south of the Grand Canal and west and north of the R120, including lands adjoining Peamount Healthcare, with a view to preparing a long term plan for the expansion of the Grange Castle Economic and Enterprise Zone to this area, to accommodate strategic investment in the future, while also seeking to provide public open space along the Canal, including a natural heritage area in the vicinity of the historic canal quarries at Gollierstown. IDA fully informed of status of available lands. SDCC actively seeking new clients

#### 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.. • Draft Regional Enterprise Strategy presented to November SPC & Council. • 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 & 2017 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

Science Partnership initiative South Dublin County Libraries will enter a partnership with IT Tallaght (School of Engineering) and Foróige to engage young people and their families with STEM subjects through a series of camps and an ever changing exhibition space. The TechSpace in the County Library Tallaght will be used to provide workshops and talks for identified young people in the area. Funding has been awarded from Science Foundation Ireland Discovery Programme for the project called Fiosracht (Curiosity). Somme Silent film To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, in partnership with the Imperial War Museum, we are showing the UNESCO listed film The Battle of the Somme, in RUA Red on November the 30th. Shot and screened in 1916, it was the first feature length documentary about war and was seen in the year of its release by around 20 million people. TedX Tallaght 2016 videos are now uploaded and can be seen on the web. [www.tedxtaght.com](http://www.tedxtaght.com). This event is hugely popular and feedback from participants and audience was excellent. The Christmas Season Library events include: Music: Christmas Miscellany 5th Dec 7pm in Ballyroan Library. Christmas in Word and Song at Clondalkin Library on 20th Dec. Crafts: Prepare for Christmas with our numerous Craft workshops in branch libraries – Lucan 8th Dec. Castletymon 8th Dec, and Clondalkin 13th Dec. Ballyroan Parish Craft Fair – Ballyroan Library (5pm – 10 pm 7th Dec) First Aid for Mums and Dads in the County Library, Tallaght on 15th Dec. Full listing of events in the October – December What's Happening at South Dublin Libraries brochure at [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie)

## 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. • Concept design to be approved Oct 3rd. • Stage 2 tender for café, retail and related services –unsuccessful. Bidder notified. Consultant engaged to develop business case, source operators and advise on selection. To report on market feedback mid-November. • Corkagh Park Feasibility Plan – final report and implementation plan reviewed in October, edits ongoing. Dublin Mountains flagship : Planning consultant appointed - planning application to An Bord Pleanála April/May 2017.. Fáilte Capital Fund reopened: Application submitted, decision deferred to 2017.. SDCC, DLR & DMP progressing Dublin Mtns Prehistoric Discovery Trail – tender issued. Archaeological excavation at Hell Fire completed. Liffey Blueway: Consultant engaged, inception meeting held in October and stakeholder consultation being organized. Marketing: Contract: Stage 1 – Research & Consultation (incl Logo and tagline) approved following EETD SPC Sept 14th Draft Stage 2 Marketing Strategy presented to SPC Sept 14 – budgets for marketing finalized to enable marketing campaigns in 2017 Tourism website being built and planned launch of website, tourism video, logo in Jan 2017 in lead up to Gael Force Dublin Weekend. Events/festivals for 2017 to be developed – Gael Force Dublin 2017 and Red Line Festival 2016. Action plan agreed with Gael Force, SDCC and SD Chamber – photos taken at Bohernabreena with Mayor & SPC Chair, meeting with Fáilte Ireland required. Proposals from other activity events operators under consideration.

## Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

Road resurfacing on the R148 in Palmerstown are expected to commence on 8th December and will be undertaken at night time. The Roadworks programme for 2016 is complete. Works are progressing well on 2 TII funded Safety Projects on the N81 – firstly to remove the yellow/black barrier at Kiltalown following recent repairs to the Stone Wall and also on resurfacing and drainage works of the N81 south of Brittas at Lisheen Bends to improve the road alignment through the bends. These projects will be completed by Christmas.

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

Construction and Planning activity is progressing on Adamstown SDZ. Currently 177 homes are under construction and a planning application for a further 267 units has been lodged with the Planning Section. Preplanning work is also progressing on a further block in the Somerton Development Area. Planning permission has also been granted for the Community /Sports Hall adjacent to the existing Secondary School. The preparation of the Draft Clonburris SDZ Scheme is on-going. While it was originally hoped to publish the draft planning scheme before the end of the year, due to the considerable time involved in preparing detailed traffic and drainage reports it is now expected to be publish the draft scheme in Q1 of 2017. As reported last month the Planning Department is also progressing work on assessing lands /sites for the Vacant Site levy which will come into effect in January 2017. Approximately 120 sites have been identified as potential candidates, i.e. that meet the criteria set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

However it is now anticipated that initial contact will be made with the relevant landowners in the early new year advising them that their lands may be entered on the Vacant Site register in 2017.

### 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 Willsbrook Phase 3 Junction Improvement in Lucan and on upgrading the Pedestrian Crossing on the N81 at the Avonmore Road junction. Construction works are also complete on the new junction of Ballymount Road Lower and Ballymount Avenue in Ballymount Industrial Estate. Works are also progressing on the Grange Road Plaza at St Endas as part of the 1916 Commemoration Projects and the Ballyroan Green Schools Cluster project.

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

The deadline for submissions under the Statutory Public Consultation process on the proposed new 30kph residential speed limit has passed and submissions are now being compiled and considered by the Traffic Section. The Bew Bye-laws, once adopted, will see speed limits in all housing developments reduced from 50kph to 30kph. It is anticipated that a report on the Public Consultation process will be brought to the Area Committees in December and a final decision made by Full Council in January 2017. Works are complete to the Rathfarnham Gateway Project at the northern end of Rathfarnham village. Tender Documents are being prepared for village enhancement works at the Texaco Garage / Newcastle Lyons roundabout in Newcastle. Contracts are in process of being awarded for works on Mill Road in Saggart Village and the Belgard Walkway in Tallaght, and both these projects are due to commence construction in Mid January. The Road Safety Officer will soon be launching a joint campaign with AGS about quad/scrambler bikes. A Zebra Crossing awareness video is also being prepared and the Axa road safety roadshow will visit the County on Jan 17th - School invitations have been issued.

## Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

The Annual Budget Meeting was held on 3rd November and the 2017 Budget was adopted. The O, P and F meeting was held on Thursday 24th November. A new Protocol for Civic Receptions/Honours was agreed and adopted and a presentation by National Learning Network was given at the meeting. A meeting with Oireachtas Members was held on Monday 28th November. The Mayor's Events Programme is ongoing, including the official turning on of the Christmas lights, which will take place in Tallaght on the 3rd December and Clondalkin on 7th December. A copy of 'I am Human' a children's book which celebrates diversity and social inclusion, has been circulated to all primary schools with a cover letter from the Mayor. Work is ongoing on the 2017 Register of Electors. The Draft Register was published until November 25th for people to check the register, with notices published in the media and online. Staff are now currently dealing with queries in relation to amendments.

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

The Councils budget for 2017 was considered and adopted by the members of South Dublin County Council at the statutory annual budget meeting on Thursday the 3rd November. The Councils three year Capital Programme for the years 2017 – 2019 has been prepared and will be considered by the Council at the December monthly meeting. The quarterly three accounts have been completed and returned to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government along with the GGB report. The Councils Rates section continues to liaise with the Valuation Office regarding the revaluation of South Dublin County Council in 2017. Implementation of the Audit plan is on-going. Preparation of 2017 Audit plan has commenced for presentation to the December Audit Committee meeting on 13th December. The project teams from the total 32 yellow belt trained participants will present their project proposals for consideration by the Lean Six Sigma Steering Group on December 2nd. The 2015 NOAC Report on National Service Indicators in Local Authorities was published and an analysis report on South Dublin's performance is being prepared, together with the identification of targets for improvement in 2017 based on that performance. There is also a review underway of the local monthly indicators that are presented in the Monthly Management Report to Council. Preparation of procurement pipelines for 2017 is underway and all departments are updating the Contracts database.

Procurement awareness presentations were continued across departments and a meeting of the Corporate Procurement Steering Group was held on 9th November. Preparation of the Draft Data Retention and Archiving Policy document is ongoing. Colm Murphy was appointed as the Ethics Registrar for the coming two years with effect from 1st December 2016, and our thanks is given to Colm Ward who carried out this role in the 2014-2016 period.

### 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: Replacement firewall infrastructure on order, MS4 Project Team requirements being advanced, Sharefile for interview boards demo done for CPCM, ICT Risk Register Review scheduled for 6th December. Use Intranet technology for internal communications: Amendments noted in last report completed and returned for review. Expand our online services for the public where possible: New Council Website – Early designs received and progressing. Development of a website to facilitate the Clonburris SDZ site is progressing. The development of “when less is more” (sporting assessment web service - LECP Objective 8) has substantially been completed and is nearing ready for launch. Help to develop performance monitoring and reporting systems across council activities: Project to advance the graphical representation of management statistics report has begun. Design a corporate retention and knowledge management system for capturing, developing, sharing, and effectively using knowledge to achieve organisational objectives: Soft launch of the Council’s Open Data portal has taken place. The service is in beta and will continue to attract data from the Council to be made available in source formats to the public. Exploit ICT both to reduce costs and to improve efficiency in the areas of data management, transactions, shared services and business process services: VDU assessment system completed pending user testing. Roll out of upgrade to Library Wi-Fi to enhance and stabilise the service offering to the public in progress. This will also see an addition 8 nodes added to the villages public Wi-Fi at library locations. Expand the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technologies for collecting and managing spatial data: Property economic portal being advanced in conjunction with planning staff. Meetings with Internet consultants have occurred to advance the concept.

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

South Dublin County Council was shortlisted in nine categories of the 2016 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards, winning the Health and Well-being Award for the HI South Dublin Healthy County initiative. Three Public consultations commenced in November and are being hosted on the consultation portal: Part 8 - Proposed new Rapid Build Social Housing Development at St Cuthbert's Park, Clondalkin, Part 8 - A Landscape Improvement Scheme along the N81, Part 8 - Proposed Development of Rapid Build Project of 24 Infill Housing Units at the junction of Firhouse Road & Killininn Road, Killininn, Dublin 24. The Citizens’ Newsletter with a focus on Christmas Activities in South Dublin County was prepared in November and will issue to all households in December. Work on the redesign of the staff intranet and Council website is ongoing.

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

The Annual Staff Communications Survey was live for three weeks over November and is now closed and analysis of responses has commenced. The Annual Staff Attendance, Service & Retirement Awards will take place on Thursday December 1st, with over 100 awards to be presented. Delivery of the recruitment, selection and induction programme for new staff members is ongoing. Implementation of the 2016 Training Plan is ongoing with a Management Development Programme, Health & Safety, FOI for Decision Makers, Introduction to Mindfulness and First Aid underway in November. Interviews for the Apprentice Programme will be held in December. The PMDS Schedule for 2017 was circulated to all Staff. Actions being progressed under the Knowledge Management Plan include the development of a corporate databank of socio-economic stats and performance indicators; Procedure Manuals; the Six Sigma plan; Staff Induction, Training, Mobility and Exit procedures; the Intranet redesign; development of a Mentoring and Coaching Programme; Identification of critical knowledge/staff dependencies. Progress on the plan is currently being reviewed.

## 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. Focus on delivery on over 200 Rapid Delivery Units during 2017 as outlined in report to September 2016 Council Meeting. St Marks Green and Mayfield Estate Tenders are in. Tenders on Fortunestown and Dromcarra due in December. Stage 3 approval expected from the Department early December to proceed to tender on Letts Field, Ballyboden and Killinarden projects. Total units being progressed through these projects is 176. RAPID Build projects Part 8 process for Old Bawn Mill Site and St Cuthberts underway. Committed to 65 acquisitions excl CAS units. HAP Transfer List - CBL to be used. Awaiting Departmental directive. - Proposal / brief progressing on Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project. PPP for 100 Units as part of national bundle of 500 units being progressed at this location also. 1,370 active accounts on HAP at 26th November 2016. 439 on Homeless Register at end of October 2016 (197 families and 240 single males/females). 715 presentations during October 2016 (Average of 36 per day). Dublin Region stats on Homeless - at 24th October 1026 Families - 1376 individuals with 2110 (1467 in commercial hotels) dependents. HNA Completed and returned. Awaiting analysis from Housing Agency. Based on returns for SDCC for 2016 7986 on list-1438 non returns = 18%. (35% non-returns in 2013 HNA)Assesses and not eligible 329.

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

Social Inclusion Week 2016 officially opened on 14th November 2016 by the Mayor. The week featured a wide range again of activities on the programme. Special guest at the launch was Ms. Miriam O'Callaghan, RTE Broadcaster and Journalist. A very successful week of events followed.

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

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. 2nd course is underway. Sponsored by the Healthy County committee and is facilitated at Fettercairn Community Centre. South Dublin County is now formally an accredited member of the Healthy Cities/Counties network and the Mayor accepted the accreditation at a ceremony in City Hall on 29th November 2016. SDCC is the first County to achieve this accreditation and is acknowledgement of our vision in terms of health and wellbeing and our interagency role in bringing about change. This project also received The Chambers of Ireland Award for promoting Health and Wellbeing on 24th November 2016. Provider for anti-snap locks doors and patios has started installation in suitable homes. Approx 500 for installation by year end. Notice issued to all groups. This scheme is specifically for older residents (55 years plus) of South Dublin County Council who may be vulnerable or living alone. Applicants must be living in privately owned accommodation. Only one lock will be available per household-700 applications - funding for the 2017 scheme provided for in Budget 2017. Proposals advancing to develop a new, accessible all-weather pitch which will be located in Hermitage Park, Lucan adjacent to Esker Celtic Football Club to enhance leisure facilities and boost participation for young people with disabilities in the county. This joint initiative will be co-funded by South Dublin County Council in partnership with the Football Association of Ireland. National Sports Policy Framework Public Consultation Paper Launched Nov 2016. Referred to SPC members for Discussion and input and Local Sports Partnership.

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

SPORTIVATE 2016 completed with 5 participants receiving full awards. The 2016 Programme has started with 11 active participants. Tidy Towns Programme is being prepared for 2017 and staff will work with groups to assess and assist their capacities and work plans for the year. Educational Bursary Awards with ITT held on 22nd November 2016 by the Mayor. PPN membership/registration now stands at 421 at end of November 2016 and communications to other groups is being broadened. To assist in this the new Directory has been launched and Training Programme announced. The following PPN consultations on LECP were scheduled as follows: Consultation: Environment, Education and Training Date: Wednesday 9th November 2016 Consultation: Health, Wellbeing, Poverty and Social Inclusion Date: Thursday 10th November 2016 There is also the PPN Plenary + Citizenship and Participation Consultation as follows: Date: Tuesday 22nd November 2016 The County had 5 entrants in the Pride of Place 2016 Awards Ceremony on Saturday 26th November hosted this year by Belfast City Council. The Pride of Place Awards is 'An all-island completion that acknowledges the work that communities are doing all over the Island of Ireland'. SDCC nominated 5 projects under a range of defined categories. This year SDCC Community nominated 5 projects Glenasmole Community Association, RAMS, ReCreate, South Dublin County PPN and Dominic's Community Centre.

with Dominic's Community Centre being named the Overall Winner in Category 11: Urban Neighbourhoods. The SDCC Endeavour Awards are scheduled for The Red Cow Hotel on 2nd December 2016. The 2016 programme was advertised with a closing date of 14th October 2016. The evaluation of the entries of which there were many is now underway with results announced on the 2nd December 2016.

## Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Litter Management Plan: Implementation of the 2016 Litter Management Action Plan continues and actions for 2017 are currently being considered. Actions include an increased visibility of the Litter Warden Service, targeted and coordinated patrols in villages /towns, relocation of programmable audio devises to deter litter/illegal dumping, dog fouling, examination of locations / consideration of additional CCTV, litter bin review, development of advertisements and promotional material. N81 Improvement Scheme: Part VIII public consultation process commenced November 17th. Documents and drawing will be on public display until January 6th, 2017. The closing date for receipt of submissions is 4.30pm on January 20th, 2017. Roundabout Sponsorship: Designs have been prepared for 2 roundabouts in Ballymount Industrial Estate at present for which sponsorship agreements with Noyeks are committed. Consultation with RA's re design being finalised for roundabout at Orwell/Wellington Lane. Design for roundabout on ORR sponsored by Roadstone Ltd has been approved. The upgrading of Scholarstown/ Templeoan roundabout has been completed. 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 Elmcastle estate. This crew will progress to commence tree maintenance works at Templeogue Woods during week beginning November 21. The tree crew operating North of N7 are currently working on a programme of tree pruning and removals at Cappaghmore estate. Arrangements are being made for planting 300 street trees by contract to be completed by November 30 as specified. Road-sweeping Contract: Expressions of Interest for new road sweeping contract closed on Sept 22nd. Six submissions were received and five admitted to the tender list. Derelict Sites: 15 Sites on Derelict Register Inspections - 09 Warning Letter - 4 Section 11 - 04 Section 23 -0 S8(2) Notice - 2 S8(7) Notice - 0. Vesting Process: CEO prepared for 2nd Stage 86 Rosewood Grove & 1 Bawnlea Drive. Objection received from registered owner. Dangerous Buildings - 9 Inspection S3 (1)(a) Notice - 0 Warning Letters - 1

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

Flood Alleviation Schemes: Ballycullen stream Tenders 8 No. are currently with RoD for tender assessment, recommendation expected shortly. DCC have finalised the brief for Poddle scheme and agreed it with the OPW. DCC have a dedicated member of staff working on the framework and are due to have documents ready to go to tender in December. Draft Flood Plans Public Consultation Days were held on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd November. Surface Water Schemes: Surveying work has been done for the Chapel Hill SW Scheme. Further investigation work underway to determine the condition of existing pipework before tender design can be completed. Cookstown Industrial estate works being prepared for tender. Materials for Tay Lane Ratchoole to be procured. Poddle River, Camac River, Jobstown Stream and Oldcourt stream works complete. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Quality 100% Repairs 48 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. Also, all statutory samples collected on time to-date this year. Septic tank inspection (2) to be completed later in the year. LIFE application submitted to seek funding to deal with misconnection and prevent polluting material reaching rivers. Climate Change: The Draft Strategy Towards Climate Change Action Plan public consultation process has concluded. There were 32 submissions received. The revised Strategy will be considered at the next Environment SPC and then on to the Council for noting.

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

Waste Enforcement Action: Scheduled inspections and Audits/Reviews undertaken on permitted facilities in accordance with risk rating. Three (3) WFP reviews lodged, Three (3) WFP Validations. Two prosecutions in District Court for illegal waste storage/provision of false information. Conviction, Fine and €7,500 costs awarded against CoR Holder. Second Case adjourned to November 29th on Undertaking to Court for works to be carried out. Unauthorised

collectors active in South of County distributing flyers for waste collections, using Social Media to inform public of bogus status. No letters issued for non-compliance of Trade Effluent Licence. Five (5) S14's issued, One (1) warning letter was issued in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended. Control of Animals: Control of Horses - 12 seizure. Control of Dogs - S. 2 fines - 26 S. 9 fines - 2 S.5 fines - 0 New tender for control of dogs being prepared – DCC lead authority – local contract extended until end April 2017 Dublin Noise Action Plan: Environmental Health in conjunction with Traffic Unit of LUPT have completed evaluation of Round 2. Differences between 2012 and 2016 road vehicular figures. Partial re-modelling of our county for the length of the M50, N4 and the N7 national roadways required and plan submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency. 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. The level of correlation at all 10 sites will form part of this study. 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 and the Netherlands on the whole field of noise complaints relating to traffic. Air quality is continuously monitored by SDCC for Sulphur Dioxide and Particulate Matter below 10 microns per cubic metre of air (pm10). Recent results for both of these parameters have been extremely low and continue to indicate a very good quality of air. • No. of complaints received 13 • No. of complaints investigated 21 • No. of complaints resolved 12 • No. of statutory notices issued 0

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

Playspace Programme: 13 Play Spaces constructed to date. North Clondalkin consultation has commenced. Tenders awarded to Kilnamanagh, Kingswood and Glendoher Park and construction has commenced. Tymon Park Regional Playground contractor on site November. Griffeen Valley Park Playground - Consultation complete. Tender for refurbishment being finalised. Equine Facility: Infrastructure development nearing completion. Working with CEC towards hand-over and management of facility post completion. Training programme for participants agreed and due to commence in New Year. Pavilion Programme: Alternate tender process proposed using design-build with traditional materials for the sports pavilion and car-park in Oldbawn. If successful it can be expanded to address the other pavilions originally included in the programme.