

## January 2017 Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Jan 2017

### Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

- CPG and Council meetings are ongoing.
- Councillors were to submit Statements of Donations, as required under Section 19 of the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act, 1999, by 31st January, a donation statement indicating whether during that year the Member received a donation the value of which exceeded €600.00.
- Work is ongoing on the 2017 Register of Electors, and preparations continue to commence the transition to voter.ie with the Dublin local authorities in 2017.

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

- The 2017 Commercial Rate was made on 24th January 2017 and 2017 bills totalling €117.2m are being issued for payment in 2 moieties. The first moiety is payable with immediate effect and the second moiety becomes payable on 1st July 2017. Councils Rates section continues to liaise with the Valuation Office regarding the revaluation of South Dublin County Council in 2017.
- The Internal Audit Plan is ongoing. The Audit Committee draft annual report 2016 is being prepared and will be presented at the March Council Meeting.
- Notification of the annual Ethics Register to be issued to all relevant staff/members and will be an item on the Council meeting agenda.

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

- Integrated Housing System Tender finalised and with procurement [OJEU] (recommendation 1 of 13 ICT recommendations)
- VM-Ware Replacement of Infrastructure. 2 OGP Tenders for SAN and Servers being prepared
- OGP Tender being prepared for the purchase of pcs and laptops. Advancing tablet requirements
- Dublin mountains project - Working on a suitable presentation of the "Dublin mountains" project on our website.
- OASIS – migration to ArcGIS Online has commenced
- When Less is More – liaising with Sport Ireland re validation of methodology
- Libraries – Wi-Fi Upgrade Project completed
- Participatory Budgeting – Seeking the most appropriate solution to the technology requirements
- eRecruitment – Outline specification being finalised in conjunction with Human Resources.

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

- The Annual Service Delivery Plan is being finalised for approval at the February Council meeting.
- In January one consultation was live on the online consultation portal is underway
- The steering group for the participatory budgeting initiative met 31 January and agreed the work programme.
- The Irish Language Scheme has been printed and circulated and a review of the local indicators to include Irish language KPI's has been completed.
- A review of the Internal & External Communication Plans and Communications Survey took place at the Communications Network meeting on 12 January.

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

- The quarterly Workforce Plan Forum with IMPACT and LAPO trade unions was held on 27 January
- Competitions for Staff Officer, Executive Technician (Architectural) and Technician Grade 1 (Architects) were advertised in January.
- All staff are working on their personal development plans and team development plans for 2017 within the Performance Management Development System.
- An evaluation of the 2016 Training and Development Plan and preparation of the 2017 plan is underway in January.
- The parallel run for an upgrade to Version 19 of CORE went live

## Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

Road resurfacing on the R148 in Palmerstown has been completed. The Roadworks programme for 2016 is complete and the 2017 Programme is currently being prepared and will be circulated at February Area Committee Meetings.

### 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 recently been granted in Tobermaclugg. A further application for 246 dwellings is under consideration in the Somerton Development Area. Planning permission has also been granted for the Community /Sports Hall adjacent to the existing Secondary School. The Vacant Site levy 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. Initial contact will be made with the relevant landowners during February advising them that their lands may be entered on the Vacant Site register in 2017. The proposed amendment to the Ballycullen - Oldcourt Local Area Plan went on public display and the closing date for submissions is 9th February 2017.

### 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 Willsbrook Phase 3 Junction Improvement in Lucan. Works are also progressing on the Grange Road Plaza at St Endas and the Ballyroan Green Schools Cluster project. The NTA have just confirmed the 2017 Allocation for Sustainable Transport Measures. A sum of €2.422m is being allocated, however c€850,000 of this figure is already committed to completion of existing projects. Details of the projects to be funded under the remaining available €1.5m are currently being formulated. The AXA road Safety show was held in the Morans Red Cow Hotel in January and over 600 Secondary school Children attended what was considered a hugely successful event.

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

The draft speed limit bye-laws, as approved by each of the Area Committees for their respective areas are being prepared and submitted to An Garda Síochána. It is expected the Bye-laws will be brought to the March Council meeting for adoption. Tenders have been received for village enhancement works at the Texaco Garage / Newcastle Lyons roundabout in Newcastle and a contractor will be appointed shortly. Works on the Belgard Walkway in Tallaght have commenced and the walkway will be closed to the public for the duration of the project.

## Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC meetings to be held in February 2017. LEO 2017 training schedule started January 2017, including additional training provided under the Business Support Fund. The most recent Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 6th December 2016, approving 3 projects, creating 1.5 new jobs, with grant amounts of €46,494 approved. Total amount approved, €583,250 for 35 projects creating 42 new jobs in 2016. The next meeting is scheduled for 6th February 2017. 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. 1177 applications received for Business Support Grant in 2016, with €354,818 paid out to date.

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

Grange Castle • Interxion – Open for business -Hosted release of quarterly Dublin Economic Monitor on 26th January.  
• Grifols submitted planning application for production expansion and permission granted SD16A/0250. Works are ongoing.  
• Microsoft – Works ongoing • 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 • Edgeconnex: Application for new Datacentres 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. Planning application submitted for intensification of a previous application. • Takeda. Discussion has taken place with GCFM regarding possible proposal for new production facility in 2017. • Lands to West. Tender for professional services to issues in Feb 2017 to deliver on Development Plan 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

• 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. Employment now circa 3,400 (incl construction) • Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events. Approval in place for third stand. Shamrock New Season due to commence 3Rd March

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

Library News February 2017 (1) Events: Information session on Dyspraxia (County Library 1.2.17), Harry Potter book night at Ballyroan Library (2/2 17) Writing short stories workshop at County Library (7/2/17) Ukulele for beginners at Clondalkin Library (6/2 – 4 weeks) Preparation for Irish orals at Ballyroan Library (1 1/2 for 5 weeks) Mid-term break activities and family fun in all branch libraries (22 & 23/2/17) (2) Talks: Tallaght Historical Society - talk on History of GAA by David Griffin (County Library, 14.2.17) Exhibitions: 1) Exhibitions in Libraries: Oils and Acrylics by Ballyroan Art Group (2) Greenhills College Art Exhibition at the County Library Full listing of events in the January - March What's Happening at South Dublin Libraries brochure at [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) Fiosracht Project meeting (Libraries, IT Tallaght, Ferógie) in County Library (2.2.17) to progress workshops and talks for young people and their families with STEM initiatives. (3) Breaking Emmets Block - Planning for installation in progress for the Grange Road/St. Enda's Park Public Art Commission. (4) New Music Development Officer for Music Generation South Dublin in situ (5) In Context 4 Commission Awards announced (6) International Early Childhood Arts Commission Award announced Library Capital Projects: (1) North Clondalkin Library - Site surveys and ground condition surveys completed. Working on design and tender documentation. (2) Palmerstown Library - Fit-out is almost completed. Library furniture and book stock to be sourced. (3) New Castletymon Library - Part 8 agreed and plans drawn up for discussion.

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

• Clondalkin Round Tower : Detailed Interpretative Plan approved and in design for installation. Preferred bidder for centre operation identified and in negotiation. Intended to appoint in Feb 2017. • Corkagh Park Feasibility Plan – final report and implementation plan reviewed in Nov, proposed to present to Feb EETD & Env Services SPCs. Logo being designed for Clondalkin Cluster. • Clondalkin ACM briefing scheduled for January 18th 2017 on Round Tower. Dublin Mountains flagship : New MOU/SLA signed with Coillte to facilitate project moving to planning stage Consultant and team engaged and preparing review of feasibility, EIS and planning application for lodgment April 2017. Communications team and Project webpage being established – now with IT Dept. Local consultation being planned for Feb 2017 and workshops for elected members Fáilte Capital Fund reopened: SDCC now notified that decision due in Feb 2017. SDCC, DLR & DMP progressing Dublin Mtns Prehistoric Discovery Trail – tender issued. Archaeological excavation at Hell Fire completed. Liffey Blueway: Collaborative Project with Fingal Co Co. Consultant engaged, inception meeting held in October and stakeholder consultation under way. 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 launch of website, tourism video, logo 9th February in lead up to Gael Force Dublin Weekend. Tourism video in post-production. Draft collaterals approved. Final photos being planned for Jan/Feb 2017, incl Gael Force event. Events/festivals for 2016/17 to be developed – Gael Force Dublin 2017 and Red Line Festival

2016. Gael Force Dublin Festival presented to SPC Sept 14. . Various logistical arrangements ongoing. 1000m participants already registered for Gael Force Dublin. Proposals from other activity events operators under consideration.

## 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 Aidans Stage 1 and 2 approvals received. Part 8 at Killinniney and St Cuthberts sites for Feb Council meeting. Stage 1 and 2 approvals received from the Department in respect of these projects. Stage 4 approval received for St Marks Green, Mayfield Clondalkin and MacUilliam. Stage 3 approvals received for McUilliam, Letts Field, Killinarden and Dromcarra. 29 Units to start Feb + 42 March. Further 64 before summer if approvals issue. RAPID Build projects Part 8 process for Old Bawn Mill Site and St Cuthberts underway. Tender notice issued in respect of St Aidans. Closing date for tenders 15th February 2017. Completed 65 acquisitions in 2016 excl. CAS units. The Kilcarbery Integrated housing proposal being finalised. Work with NDFA and Beauchamps Solrs to conclude Mid February 2017. PPP for 108 Units as part of bundle of 500 units being progressed at this location also. 1,460 active accounts on HAP at 27th January 2017. 430 on Homeless Register at end of December 2016 (242 single males/females). 401 presentation during December which is down from 715 presentations during October 2016 (Average of 36 per day).

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

Review of the Local Economic and Community Plan has started and consultation sessions held through PPN. Work on finalising the Joint Policing Plan for the SDCC JPC continues. Work through subcommittee of JPC. Awaiting input from Drugs Sub Committee for approval February 2017. New Community Safety Booklet being prepared through collaboration of JPC, Age Friendly and PPN. For approval in 1st Quarter 2017. New Programme to be developed through FAI and Show Racism the Red Card. Community based project - Brookfield. FAI to support.

### 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 with larger numbers participating. Sponsored by the Healthy County committee and is facilitated at Fettercairn Community Centre. Operation Transformation 2017 has one of the leaders (Sean Daly) coming from Clondalkin. Groups around the county will be looking to promote community fitness and wellbeing and the programme offers a great opportunity for sports clubs, schools and community groups to foster closer community involvement, and with it more direct support for your activities. SDCSP and South Dublin County Council are once again supporting groups to get involved by offering; FREE volunteer walk leader training (2.5 hrs), FREE PR materials (banners/posters), FREE nutrition talks and FREE equipment (weighing scales) for those who wish to offer a weight loss measurement to their programme. Also as part of Operation Transformation there will be holding Healthy Eating Talks given by HSE Dietitians in the following venues. St. Finian's GAA, Newcastle – Monday, 23rd January at 7.30pm Perrystown Manor Est. Community Centre - Wednesday, 25th January at 7.00pm Bawnogue Community Centre – Monday, 30th January at 7.00pm An Cosán, Jobstown, Tallaght – Wednesday, 1st February at 7.00pm Ballyboden GAA – Tuesday, 7th February at 7.00pm. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in partnership with Local Sports Partnerships is organising a series of workshops on How to make an application under the 2017 Sports Capital Programme. For information on the seminars and to make a booking click on the links in the table below. Venue: Conference Centre, National Sports Campus Wednesday, 08/02/2017 6.00-7.30pm & 8.00-9.30pm Park Runs have started for 2017. Staff and Community pilot projects through Trinity Research to start 1st Quarter of 2017. Co-ordinator recruited by Trinity Research has started. New HSE Obesity Plan launched 21st September 2016. A Healthy Weight for Ireland Obesity Policy & Action Plan 2016-2025 <http://health.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/A-Healthy-Weight-for-Ireland-Obesity-Policy-and-Action-Plan-2016-2025.pdf>. The Environmental Protection Agency and HSE are jointly funding a research project at University College Dublin (UCD). The Eco-Health project is exploring the positive health impacts of 'green' and 'blue' (= water, lakes, rivers) spaces. For this project, South Dublin has been selected as one of only three locations in the country for research to be undertaken on this topic. This selection was based on South Dublin being an accredited member of the Healthy Cities and

Counties Network.

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

PPN membership/registration now stands at 433 at end of December 2016 and communications to other groups is being broadened. The SDCC Endeavour Awards and Community Initiative Fund 2016 will be evaluated and reported to the Social and Community SPC prior to embarking on the 2017 Programmes. Local Policing Fora Meetings to continue in 2017 with 9 public meetings planned. - Tallaght x 2, North Clondalkin x 3 and SW Clondalkin x 4.

### Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Litter Management Plan: Implementation of the 2015/2019 Litter Management Action Plan continues and 2017 Action Plan developed. Actions include an increased visibility of the Litter Warden Service, targeted and coordinated patrols in villages /towns, relocation of programmable audio devices to deter litter/illegal dumping, dog fouling, assessments for additional CCTV, litter bin review, development and rollout of advertisements and promotional material/assistance through Social credits Scheme / WEEE to work . N81 Improvement Scheme: Part 8 for N81 on display. Information session held on Jan 17th, submissions being examined with Part 8 report going to ACMs in February and to full Council in March. Roundabout Sponsorship: Improvement works will be scheduled in the coming weeks on roundabouts in Ballymount Industrial Estate at junction Ballymount Road/Turnpike Road to enable sponsorship agreement to be finalised. Tenders for the supply of materials for improvement works to the roundabout at Orwell were returned on January 7th and orders are in process. It is proposed to arrange clearance of the roundabout within the next 2-3 weeks. A landscape scheme is in preparation for the entrance to Newcastle village as part of the gateway scheme being carried out under the village initiatives programme. Tree Maintenance Programme: Works outstanding from the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme are ongoing. One seasonal and two full-time tree crews are in operation. Sean Walsh Park crew are near completion of the programme of tree removals and pruning for the Tallaght area and will progress to complete outstanding works in the Templeogue / Rathfarnham areas. The tree crew operating North of N7 will commence a programme of tree pruning and removals at Cherrywood estate during the current week. A tender is being finalised for advertising to undertake supply, planting and maintenance of 700 street trees by contract by end of February. This will complete the winter 2016/spring 2017 Tree Planting programme totalling approx. 1000 trees. Road-sweeping and maintenance: Village maintenance crews have now been deployed in Tallaght, Saggart, Clondalkin and Lucan. 03/01/17 - 19/01/17 Derelict Sites - 16 Sites on DS Register Inspections - 16 Warning Letter - 0 Section 11 - 1 Section 8(2) 2 Dangerous Buildings - 11 Inspection S3 (1)(a) Notice - 0 Warning Letters - 2

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

Flood Alleviation Schemes: Ballycullen stream - The letter of Acceptance has been issued to the contractor for this scheme and a kick off meeting will be held on 26.01.17. SDCC/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 shortly. Surface Water Schemes: Surveying work completed for the Chapel Hill SW Scheme. Tender design completed for issue in January 2017. Cookstown Industrial estate works commenced. Design and preparations work underway for the 2017 Programme. Stream clearing works at the Glebe, Lucan have commenced. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations. UFW 34% Quality 99.96% Repairs 49 River Basin Plans and Measures: Works ongoing for 2017, EPA Catchment Management Network meeting to be held in February. Climate Change: A Draft Strategy Towards Climate Change Action Plans For The Dublin Local Authorities finalised. Presentation to February meeting of the Environment SPC and this will then be brought to the full Council Meeting for adoption.

#### 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. 1 WFP on hold awaiting ABP decision in February 2017. Unauthorised collectors active in South of County distributing flyers for waste collections, SDCC using Social Media to inform public of bogus status.

Three (3) letters issued for non-compliance of Trade Effluent Licence. One (1) S14's issued, Fifteen (15) warning letter were issued in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended. Control of Animals: Control of Horses - 22 seizures New state of the art equine centre at Ballyowen Park officially opened by Minister Michael Creed on 2/2/2017. Facility operating under Management Licence with Clondalkin Equine Club. Control of Dogs - S. 2 fines - 58 Dublin Noise Action Plan: Environmental Health in conjunction with Traffic Unit of LUPT have completed our evaluation of the round 2 and the differences between 2012 and 2016 road vehicular figures. We have concluded that we will require a partial re-modelling of our county for the length of the M50, N4 and the N7 national roadways. We have submitted this plan to the Environmental Protection Agency last week. It was agreed that the best and most cost effective option, was to seek the involvement of a noise consultancy company, and we hope that the TII consultancy company can conclude our remodelling as part of their national work. 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. A meeting took place here in Tallaght with the EPA and their UK noise mapping advisor earlier this month to discuss Round 3 changes and improvements. IT, Traffic and Environmental Health participated.

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

Playspace Programme: Kilnamanagh, Kingswood and Glendoher Park and Tymon Park approaching substantial completion. Griffeen Valley Park Playspace is at tender stage. 2 Possible locations for a playspace at Newcastle being progressed. During 2016 the Play-space programme delivered as follows: 14 play spaces progressing through planning / design stage at end of 2016, 8 in consultation, 2 completed and opened during 2016, 4 further play spaces under construction with 3 of those to be completed by year end and 1 to be completed early 2017. Provision has been made in the 2017 capital budget to continue to progress the playground provision and expansion programme. Equine Facility: New Ballyowen Equine Centre being formally occupied and opened 2nd February by Minister Creed DAFM Pavilion Programme: Provision has been made in the 2017 capital budget to continue to progress the pavilions programme with a 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. Dodder Valley Mt. Carmel: Preliminary design stage continues.