

February 2017 Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Feb

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Litter Management Plan: CCTV Camera installed at Lynches lane. The two Rapid Deployment Cameras have been installed at Lennox Laboratories JFK Industrial Estate and Brookview, Tallaght. Litter Bin review concluded with report to February SPC. Tackle Litter/Illegal Dumping and Dog fouling adverts ran in Cinemas. Prevention - 'Hints & Tips' Booklets issued to residence associations and delivered to over 900 residents. Community Clean ups continues- 134 have taken place so far in February. New registrations for Green dog walkers initiative continues and competition was launched. Green Schools flag assessments underway with 26 workshops taking place in Primary schools across SDCC on the Litter & Waste and prevention theme. N81 Improvement Scheme: Part 8 report brought to RTT and Tallaght ACM. Roundabout Sponsorship: Improvement works are awaiting scheduling on roundabouts in Ballymount Industrial Estate at junction Ballymount Road/Turnpike Road to enable sponsorship agreement to be finalised. It is proposed to schedule clearance of the roundabout at Orwell within the next 2 weeks to make way for implementation of a new landscape scheme. 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. 2017 programme has been presented to the Area committees. Contract awarded for the removal of 60 poplar trees at Glenview Park along the N81. Road-sweeping and maintenance: Village maintenance crews have now been deployed in Tallaght, Saggart, Clondalkin and Lucan. Derelict Sites & Dangerous Buildings: Enforcement activity on-going

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

Ballycullen stream - Work commenced on site on Monday 22th February with the installation of the contractors compound, with work on the pipe and service diversion is progressing currently. . A meeting was held with Councillors and Resident Associations, introducing them to the contractor and giving an overview of the construction stage of the scheme and of the planned means of communication with them throughout the project. Poddle - DCC have completed the tender documentation for the Framework of Consultants. This has also been approved by the DCC Procurement Section and will be go to tender shortly. Surface Water Schemes: 2017 Programme presented to the EWCC SPC. Surveying work completed for the Chapel Hill SW Scheme. Tender design completed for issue shortly. 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 on-going. River Basin Plans and Measures: EPA Catchment Management Network meeting held in Athlone; a significant increase in water engagement activity throughout the country noted. Community work planned for the River Dodder for the end of March 2017. Works on-going for 2017 Mechanical: Installation of new Transpoco GPS System in fleet underway - approx. 50% complete. New 18T Tipper Grab Truck delivered for Public Realm. 2017-2018 Vehicle Parts Contract awarded to ADE Ltd. Climate Change: A strategy towards climate change action plans for the Dublin Local Authorities was presented to the Environment and Climate Change SPC and to the February Council meeting and adopted. A meeting was held on 31st January in Codema's office in relation to the production of the Mitigation and Adaptation Plans. A template for the collation of an Action list has been circulated for

review and population.

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. Unauthorised collectors active in South of County distributing flyers for waste collections, SDCC using Social Media to inform public of bogus status. On-going monitoring of Trade Effluent. Control of Animals: Activity continues in relation to the control of dogs/horses and animal welfare. 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, the 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 include our remodelling as part of their national work. The tendering document has been submitted to the EPA on 15th February on behalf of the three Dublin County Council's by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. Cork City and Cork County local authorities are likely to have a separate tender, as are the remaining other local authorities which is organised by Kildare County Council. South Dublin was selected along with County Kildare and County Clare in a STRIVE small scale noise research project over the next two months. The study showed that South Dublin had 118 noise complaints in 2015, 25 which related to transport noise. Comparisons and contrasts have been made between Ireland, the Netherlands on the whole field of noise complaints relating to traffic.

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

Playspace Programme: Kingswood, Glendoher Park and Tymon Park approaching substantial completion. Possible locations for playspace at Newcastle being progressed. Tenders returned for Griffeen Park under assessment. Equine Facility: 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. 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. Tender for framework to deliver pavilion programme underway 02/02/17. Dodder Valley Mt. Carmel: Preliminary design stage continues. Sports Capital Grants 2017: 11 applications submitted to DTTS.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC Meetings held in Feb 2017. LEO training schedule started January 2017, including additional training provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. An Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 7th February 2017, approving 5 projects, creating 11.5 new jobs, with grant amounts of €119,000 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for 4th April 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. 1184 Applications were made under the Business Support Grant scheme, with an amount of €354,818 paid out.

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

Grange Castle • Interxion – Open for business • Official launch of Interxion project held on 3rd March. • 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. • 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 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

• The BSG support fund for 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. 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.

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

Library News March 2017 - A very bust month for Libraries - South Dublin Libraries will host over 450 events in March. - Seachtain na Gaeilge (1st-14th) –Corporate and Áras an Chrónáin - Enterprise Week (6th-10th) – in co-operation with LEO - Eco Week (27th-31st) – in co-operation with Environment - Engineers Week (1st Week in March) - World Book Day - 2nd March 2017 - Storytelling sessions in branch libraries – - Aontas Adult Learning Festival at the County Library - Schools Quiz: heats from 20th March across all the branches and final on 27th March in County Library. 61 teams from 29 schools have enrolled so far. Events in Branch Libraries (selection) Ballyroan: Engineers Week workshops for school children - 6th March Ballyroan: Eco week - Pedal Power Lab. 27/3/17 Castletymon: SnaG History of Tallaght - 6th March Castletymon: Reflexology 9/3/17 11.30am Castletymon: Eco week - Project Crea8 fir Green Flag schools 27/3/17 Stewarts: Climate Change Songs entertainment and discussion 29/3/17 Clondalkin: Mandala Therapy workshop – 4 weeks starting 6/3/17 Lucan: Mother's Day Flower workshop 13/3/17 10.30am Lucan: Job Search; A preparation workshop for job seekers 1/3/17 6.30pm County Library: iPad and Tablet Classes: classes for beginners -Thursday 2nd March for 4 weeks. Also computer classes for jobseekers, beginner's computer classes, age action programme and National Learning network classes. The Battle of Tallaght: To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Tallaght, local historian Seán Bagnall will be giving a talk on this subject on Thursday 2nd March at 6.30 pm at the County Library. In addition the Local Studies staff of the library are compiling an exhibition and they will be giving tours of the exhibition to school groups Hamlet presented by Cyclone Theatre Company in RUA RED Theatre as part of the Schools Senior Cycle support by the County Library and Ballyroan Library on Wed. 25th HEAL project (Health Education and Libraries) South Dublin Libraries are participating in the HEAL project (Health Education and Libraries). HEAL aims to support and promote health education and literacy in Ireland by offering a guide to online health resources approved by the health sector, which are free to use and easily accessible. The partners involved are the four public library authorities in Dublin (Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin), St Vincent's Hospital Health Care Group and UCD Research University. South Dublin County Tourism Marketing Provided content for new web site (libraries, Red Line Book Festival, TEDxTallaght); Promoting branding through library channels and network. Red Line Book Festival 2017 Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival fund: application results expected soon; Programme of events: some family event and schools events already scheduled, drama for Palmerstown and Rathfarnham Castle also confirmed; Call for proposals for a new literary strand to support local writers and emerging authors – in co-operation with Arts Office. Exploring new venues. 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. Meeting with SORD Data Systems Ltd. To firm up in ICT issues. (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

Round Tower: The Happy Pear announced as the preferred operator. Corkagh Park Feasibility Plan: Final report and implementation plan presented to Feb EETD and Env Services SPCs. Logo being designed for Clondalkin Cluster. Clondalkin ACM briefing held on 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 lodgement April 2017. Communications team and Project webpage being established. Next meeting of Project Team – 10th March. Briefings held with elected representatives and adjacent landowners. Failte Capital Fund reopened: Application submitted - SDCC now notified that decision due early March. SDCC, DLR and DMP progressing Dublin Mtns Prehistoric Discovery Trail – tender issued. Archaeological excavation at Hell Fire completed. Liffey Blueway: Collaborative Project with Fingal Co Co. Stakeholder consultation underway. Marketing: Tourism website launch held on 9th Feb 2017 in lead up to Gael Force Dublin Weekend. Tourism video in post-production. Draft collaterals approved. Final photos being planned for Jan 2017, Failte Ireland shoot proposed for March 20 Gael Force Dublin held on Feb 18th with 1000 participants taking part. Corkagh element of event will be scoped for potential in Autumn 2017. Proposals from other activity events operators under consideration.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Launch of the '300K Have Your Say - Participatory Budgeting Initiative' for the Lucan Electoral Area on the 28th February 2017; The Mayor has scheduled a conference for the evening of 3 April 2017 titled 'Putting People First in South Dublin County', to be held in Tallaght Stadium. The target audience are Councillors, the PPN and the Executive of SDCC; Work is ongoing on the preparation of the 2017 Register of Electors. An initial briefing meeting was held with Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to identify requirements for implementation of voter.ie in South Dublin in 2017.

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

Finance: The 2017 Commercial Rate demands were issued totalling €117.2m. Rates are payable in two moieties, the first moiety is payable on demand and the second moiety becomes payable on 1st July 2017. The Rates section continues to liaise with the Valuation Office regarding the revaluation of South Dublin County Council in 2017. The Q4 quarterly reports including the GGB return have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government. Audit: Implementation of the Internal Audit Plan is ongoing. The Audit Committee's annual report 2016 will be presented at the March Council Meeting. Performance Indicators: Preparation of the National Service Indicators for 2016 has commenced with the NOAC Local Government Returns system will be accessible mid-March. Changes to Local Indicators to be included in March report (Jan statistics). Targets for 2017 performance are to be included in new design when complete. Procurement: Implementation of the Corporate Procurement Plan and management of tender processes is ongoing. The Corporate Procurement Training Programme is to be rolled in in Q2 2017. 50 attendees have been identified across every department. Ethics Register: Preparation of the annual Ethics Register is now complete with all returns due by the elected members and relevant staff by the last day of February. Lean Six Sigma: Six Yellow Belt Lean Six Sigma projects are underway with the deadline for completion at the end of March. A LSS schedule for Training programmes and Steering Group meetings in 2017 has been prepared. Access to Information: There have been 35 new FOI requests to date in 2017. There were 25 decisions made to date in 2017 consisting of 8 Grants, 10 Part Grants, 5 Refusals and 2 Withdrawn. 4 new Access to Information on the Environment requests and 2 new Ombudsman cases were also received to date in 2017.

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

Vacant Sites – Functional specification being finalised on a regional basis in preparation for a SDCC led procurement. Integrated Housing System Tender issued [OJEU] with closing date of 20th March VM-Ware Replacement of Infrastructure. 2 OGP Tenders for SAN and Servers issued and tenders now closed. Evaluation commences OGP Tender for the purchase of pcs, laptops, and tablets concluded. Dublin mountains project – New section added to the website. OASIS – migration to ArcGIS Online continues Libraries – Wi-Fi Upgrade Project completed Participatory Budgeting – 300k Have Your Say! Online facilities added; a micro site for background information, a survey portal on the Council's consultation hub to harvest ideas from the citizen/public. Planning works continuing in respect of the online voting capability as the next phase of the project.

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

Participatory Budgeting Steering Group Meeting held on 16th February. Launch night 28th February. Workshop planning and graphic design and content for promotional literature underway. Initial scoping work of the requirements for the new CRM and Digital Services systems has commenced. Monitoring indicators for the Council's Third Irish Language Scheme were added to local monthly report to council. The annual Staff Briefings by the Chief Executive took place over four sessions in Tallaght Stadium on the 21/22 Feb.

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

Apprenticeship Programme with 13 participants commences in mid-March. Recruitment to fill current vacancies is ongoing and recruitment on the Libraries Workforce Plan has commenced.

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 220 Rapid Delivery Units during 2017 as outlined in report to September 2016 Council Meeting. 71 units to start in March 2017 and a further 64 during April / May 2017. RAPID Build projects have approved Part 8 at Old Bawn Mill Site and St Cuthberts. Tender notice issued in respect of St Aidens. Closing date for tenders was 15th February 2017 and currently being analysed. Completed 64 acquisitions in 2016. The Kilcarbery Integrated housing proposal being finalised. Work with NDFA and Beauchamps Solrs to conclude March 2017. PPP for 108 Units as part of bundle of 500 units being progressed at this location also. 1,550 active accounts on HAP at 27th February 2017. 437 on Homeless Register at end of January 2017 (240 single males/females). 625 presentation during January. The Business Housing Transformation project is well underway incorporating almost 100 recommendations of the Review of the Housing Functions Report.

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. Awaiting final input from Drugs Sub Committee to complete. 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. Dublin Rural LEADER in association with Clann Credo, Ireland's leading Community Loan Finance provider, will host a free seminar 'LEADER Funding Opportunities including: Clann Credo Community Loans and Grant Aid. The seminar is aimed at community and voluntary groups; charities; social enterprises; start-ups; medium-sized businesses and amateur sports clubs who are interested in finding out more about LEADER funding. Attendees will receive information about the new LEADER programme, including information on business grant aid levels, community loan finance and matching funding supports. Friday 8th March at 6pm Council Chamber Fingal Co Co Swords. The SDCC NALA Health and Wellbeing Programme for the Active Retired has been shortlisted for The AONTAS STAR Awards which acknowledges the fantastic work undertaken by adult learning initiatives throughout Ireland. The awards celebrate the positive contribution that these initiatives make to individual adult learners, local communities and wider society. The awards ceremony is on the National Concert Hall on Monday 6 March 2017.

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. Pilot project on Health and Wellbeing for staff in South Dublin organisations and a community project progressing with HSE and Trinity Research. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in partnership with Local Sports Partnerships organised a series of workshops on How to make an application under the 2017 Sports Capital Programme. 11 applications made by closing date of 24th

February 2017. Park Runs have started for 2017. 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. The Council is proactively involved as Gold Star Sponsors of the Echo Sportstars Monthly awards. Launched with the Mayor and Chair of the Social and Community SPC on 23rd February 2017.

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

PPN membership/registration now stands at almost 450 at end of January 2017 and communications to other groups is being broadened. The SDCC Community Grants Round 1 and Community Initiative Fund 2017 are now launched. A series of workshops planned and for Lucan Palmerstown area will be linked with the Participatory Budgeting Initiative. The PB Workshops as follows: • Tuesday 7th March: Adamstown – St. John the Evangelist School -7pm • Monday 13th March: Lucan-Lucan Leisure Centre - 7pm • Wednesday 15th March: Palmerstown- Palmerstown Community School - 6.30pm. 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.

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

Annual Roadworks Programme brought to each of the Area Committees and works will commence shortly. In addition the programme of Traffic and Safety Improvements is also finalised. Over 900 Public Lights have been upgraded to Low Energy LED Low lanterns in the Tallaght area since late last year. The tendering process for LED upgrades to public lights on the Regional Road Network has also been commenced. In addition an application has been made to TII for funding to upgrade all lighting on the N81 from the junction with Old Bawn to the Outer Ring Road.

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

The first round of formal notices regarding the Vacant Site levy have been issued to landowners in the County and further notices will be issued in the coming weeks. Landowners have 28 days to make written submissions and can appeal a decision to place them on the register to An Bord Planeala. A report has been prepared on the submissions received regarding the proposed amendment to the Ballycullen - Oldcourt Local Area Plan. Work is continuing on the preparation of the Draft Clonburris SDZ planning scheme and it is intended to publish the draft in April. A decision on the Council applications for LIHAF funding is expected in late March. Applications for Projects in Adamstown & Clonburris SDZ, Ballycullen LAP and Kilcarberry Mixed tenure Scheme are currently under consideration by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

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

Works have commenced on upgrading the waling and cycling track in Willsbrook Park in Lucan. The project will also include a new public lighting for the main walkway through the Park. Works are now complete on the Grange Road Plaza at St Endas and are progressing on Ballyroan Green Schools Cluster project. Details of the NTA 2017 Allocation for Sustainable Transport Measures have been circulated to all Members. It is anticipated that 3 Projects will go to Construction later in the year – Scholarstown Road (knocklyon to Orlagh Junctions), Outer Ring Road from Willsbrook to N4, and possibly N81 in Jobstown/Killinarden Junctions.

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 have been formally sent to An Garda Síochána and TII. Subject to replies being received from both Organisations it is expected the Bye-laws will be brought to the March Council meeting for adoption. Works have commenced on the village enhancement works at the Texaco Garage / Newcastle Lyons roundabout in Newcastle. Works are ongoing on the Belgard Walkway in Tallaght.

