**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS  
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2017 County Council Meeting held on 13th March 2017.

**PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bonner, B. |  | Lawlor, B. |
| Casserly, V. |  | Lavelle, W. |
| Coules, N. |  | Leech, B. |
| Dermody A-M. |  | Looney, D. |
| Donovan, P. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Duff, M. |  | Mc Cann, C. |
| Duffy, F. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Dunne, L. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Egan, K. |  | Murphy, M. |
| Fanning, E. |  | Nolan, R. |
| Foley, P. |  | O’Brien, D. |
| Genockey, M. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Graham, J. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Higgins, E. |  | O’Toole, L. |
| Holland, S. |  | Richardson, D. |
| Johansson, M. |  | Timmons, F. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Ward, M. |
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**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function  County Architect | B. Coman, E. Taaffe, F. Nevin, T. Walsh.  E. Conroy. |
| Head of Finance | R. FitzGerald. |
| Senior Executive Officers | H. Hogan, D. O’Connor, L. Leonard, |
| Senior Executive Engineer | J. Kennelly. |
| Senior Engineer | T. O’Grady. |
| Assistant Planner | B. Coyne. |
| Senior Parks Superintendent | S. Furlong. |
| Administrative Officers | C. Murphy, N. Comerford. |
| Staff Officer  Clerical Officer  Sord | P. Brennan.  M. Dunne.  A. O’Brien. |
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The Mayor G. O’Connell Presided.

Apologies were received from Councillor B. Ferron and C. King,

### H1/0317 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Minutes of Council Meeting 13th February 2017 which had been circulated were submitted and APPROVED as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor G. O’Connell seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

[H1 Minutes of February County Council Meeting](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55091)

A minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for Anne Marie, Paris, Holly and Jordan O’Brien the victims of the fire in Clondalkin.

At this point the Mayor Councillor G. O’Connell proposed and the Members **AGREED** to vary the sequence of items on the Agenda in order to take headed items no. 13 and 14 **(H13 and H14)** next:

### H13/0317 ****AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016****

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. G. Kennington, Chairperson of the Audit Committee and was CONSIDERED:

[H13 Audit Committee Annual Report 2016](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54871)

The Mayor Councillor G. O’Connell wanted to thank Mr. Kennington and all the committee members.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor G. O’Connell, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Audit Committee Annual Report be **ADOPTED and APPROVED.**”

### H14/0317 ****ADOPTION OF SPEED LIMIT BYE-LAWS****

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and were CONSIDERED:

“A speed limit review has been undertaken by SDCC in accordance with the document “Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland” (hereafter referred to as the “Guidelines”) issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in 2015. These Guidelines constitute a direction of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

The Road Traffic Act of 2004 (Sections 5 to 8) establishes speed limits that apply to defined categories of roads. These apply on a default basis and can only be changed on a permanent basis by county and city councils through the making of special speed limit bye-laws.

The Road Traffic Act of 2004 (Section 9) sets out the current legislative basis for the setting of special speed limits. It is a function of the Elected Members of county and city Councils.

The current speed limits were last reviewed and updated in 2009.

In accordance with the Guidelines, SDCC consulted with the Elected Members of SDCC, An Garda Síochana, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (in relation to National roads), adjoining Local Authorities and the public.

A set of draft proposals was advertised for the Public Consultation process on 27th September, 2016 with a closing date of 1st November, 2016 for receipt of submissions.

All submissions were carefully examined and following this a revised set of proposals was prepared and presented to the Area Committees of SDCC as follows:

Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee                                                   13th December, 2016

Clondalkin Area Committee                             14th December, 2016

Tallaght Area Committee                                19th December, 2016

Lucan Area Committee                                    4th January 2017

The elected members considered the proposals and requested a number of changes. These changes have now been included in the proposals resulting in a final draft set of proposals as follows:

**Draft Road Traffic (Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2017 together with accompanying Maps Ref: SL/2017/01.**

The formal adoption, rejection or amendment of the draft Road Traffic (Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2017 as proposed for the administrative area of South Dublin County Council is now required by Formal resolution of the Council.”

[H14b) Draft Road Traffic (Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2017](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55072)  
[H14c) SL/2017/01](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55073)

**A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. McMahon, D. Looney, K. Mahon and G. O’Connell.**

**Mr. E. Taaffe and Inspector Ronan Barry An Garda Síochana Traffic Division responded to the Members queries.**

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor G. O’Connell, seconded by Councillor W. Lavelle and **RESOLVED** by a show of hands vote and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 30 (THIRTY)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

“The Speed Limit Bye-Laws be **ADOPTED and APPROVED.**”

**H2a/0317** **REPORT FROM AREA COMMITTEES - RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE AREA COMMITTEE – 14TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

  It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**H2b/0317 REPORTS FROM AREA COMMITTEES - CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE – 15TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**H2c/0317 REPORTS FROM AREA COMMITTEES - TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE – 27TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**H2d/0317 REPORTS FROM AREA COMMITTEES LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE – 28TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

### H3/0317 STANDING COMMITTEES – ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading

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**H4a/0317 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES** -   **ARTS, CULTURE, GAEILGE HERITAGE & LIBRARIES SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor D. Richardson Chair of Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. **Report of Meeting held 1st February 2017**

**“Attended**

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| Cllr. Dermot Richardson (Chair) | Mr. Peadar O’Caomhanaigh |
| Cllr. Breeda Bonner |  |
| Cllr. Dermot Looney |  |

**Officials present**

Mr F Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms Orla Scannell, Arts Office

**Apologies**:

Cllr. Cora McCann

Cllr. Brian Leech

Cllr. Madeleine Johansson

Ms. Deirdre Mooney

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of SPC meeting 2nd November 2016**  Minutes were AGREED.  Matters arising: None |
| **Headed Item 2: Library Projects Report**  BF outlined a presentation on Library Capital Projects. Members complimented the ongoing work of our library service. Following a discussion to which all contributed a report was NOTED. |
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| **Headed Item 3:  Work Matters: business initiatives in Libraries**  BF presented a report on Work Matters outlining free services available to library members supporting work and enterprise initiatives within the county. Following some questions and discussion the report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 4: In Context 4 IN OUR TIME**  OS outlined South Dublin County Council’s Public Art Programme 2016-2019 under the Per Cent For Arts Scheme. A presentation was given on the selection process and the selected project proposals which were welcomed by the Members.  The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 5: A Framework for Collaboration: Arts Council/CCMA**  OS outlined a new framework agreement between the Arts Council and Local Government to collaborate on the Arts. The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 6: AOB**  A discussion was held on the heritage of the Round Tower, Clondalkin and the importance of Irish to the area. There was also a brief discussion on Creative Ireland and the citizen’s engagement with cultural creativity and heritage.  **Meeting concluded at 6.50pm.”** |

**(ii) Minutes of Meeting held 2nd November 2016**

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| “Cllr. Dermot Richardson (Chair) |  |
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**Officials present:**

Mr F Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms Bernie Fennell, County Librarian

Ms Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

**Apologies:**

MS. Deirdre Mooney

Cllr Francis Timmons

Cllr Breda Bonnar

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of SPC September 16.**  **Minutes were AGREED.**  **FN indicated that Cllr Liona O’Toole will confirm next action on Headed Item 5 : Possibility of setting up an Intervarsity in Traditional Music for the South Dublin County Council - Lucan Area** |
| **Headed Item 2 - My Open Library**  **BF outlined a presentation on the My Open Library project. Following a discussion to which all contributed the report was NOTED.** |
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| **Headed Item 3.  Red Line Book Festival 2016**  BF presented an interim report on the festival but indicated that the full review was not complete and would be presented to the SPC. All members congratulated those involved in the festival organisation. It was suggested that greater business involvement be sought for 2017 and an Irish language event be held in Tallaght.  The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 4. Public Art - Pearse Museum**  OS outlined the background and current position on the public art project at St Enda’s. The project was welcomed by the members and the report was noted. |
| **Headed Item 5. AOB - Executive Director post, - Rua Red.**  FN confirmed that the Board of Rua Red had, following a recruitment process, approved the offering of the post to the successful candidate. It is anticipated that the post will be filled in January and arrangements will be made to bring the Directors of the Civic Theatre, Rua Red, the County Librarian and the Arts Officer together to map the future of the “Cultural Quarter”. |
| **Headed Item 6 : AOB**  none  **Meeting concluded at 6.30pm.”** |

**H4b/0317 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES** - **ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC REALM & CLIMATECHANGE SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor P. Kearns Chair of the Environment, Water and Climate Change SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. **Report of Meeting 7th February 2017**

“In attendance

Elected Members

Councillor Pamela Kearns, Chair

Councillor Enda Fanning

Councillor Danny O’Brien

Councillor Ed O’Brien

Councillor Deirdre O’Donovan

Councillor Brian Lawlor

Sectoral Interests

Connie Kiernan

Donnie Anderson

Officials

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Michael McAdam SE

Chris Galvin SE

Leo Magee SE

Mary Maguire, SEO

Sorcha O’Brien, EAO

Apology

John O’Farrell

Cathaoirleach Councillor Pamela Kearns presided.

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 7th November 2016

The Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 7th November 2016 were proposed by Councillor Kearns, seconded by Councillor Ed O’ Brien.

Item 2: Draft Strategy Towards Climate Change Action Plans for the Dublin Local Authorities

The draft strategy for the Dublin Region and report on submission summary as circulated was NOTED. These documents will also be circulated to the full Council for NOTING at the February 2017 meeting.

Director of Services Teresa Walsh advised on the imminent timelines, with the SDCC Action Plan expected to be prepared by end if the summer following which it will be considered initially by the SPC.

Item 3: Update **on Flood Alleviation & Minor Improvement Schemes**

The presentation circulated was NOTED

Senior Engineers Michael McAdam and Chris Galvin responded to queried raised primarily in relation to:

* Delay at Chapel Hill, Lucan
* Ballycullen
* Templeogue Village
* Appointment of consultants for Poddle Scheme

It was agreed to circulate the drawing for the proposed surface water drainage works that are planned for the Old Lucan Road, Chalet Gardens and Chapel Hill Lucan.

Item 4: Report on Corkagh Park study

The presentation circulated was NOTED

Suzanne Furlong presented an update a study on potential options for Corkagh Park Study.

A discussion ensued with contributions relating primarily to

* Corkagh Fishing Lakes
* Transport links to Corkagh Park, Bus Services/ Shelters
* Playing Pitches
* Funding Sources and potential competition for funding for other significant projects
* Phasing

Teresa Walsh and Suzanne Furlong responded and it was noted that some improvement works are already provided for in the 3 Year Capital Programme.

Item 5: Review of Litter Bin Provision

The presentation circulated was NOTED

A discussion focused primarily on the following:

* C 100 additional bins provided in the last 2 years
* Bins affected by unauthorized disposal if domestic waste
* Requests for Litter Bins at bus shelters – potential to focus on stops where there is high impact
* Litter Bin provision in parks – abuse of bins for household waste in Sean Walsh Park, need for additional bins in some parks
* Big Belly Compactor Bins – position of pilot – street v park. IT was agreed to pilot at both locations
* Dog Litter – Dispenser Pilot at entrance to 2 parks – greater problem exists on streets
* Outstanding members reps / ACM commitments

It was agreed that the report would be circulated to forthcoming Area Committee Meetings.

Item 6 – Update on Abandoned Vehicles

The report as circulated was NOTED

Item 7 Summary Report on Litter Management Action Plan 2016

The report as circulated was NOTED

Item 8 2017 SPC Work Programme

The following work programme was agreed

**SPC 2017 Work Programme**

The following is an outline of the proposed work programme /activity areas for the SPC for 2017:

1. CFRAMS - Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes - ongoing
2. Review Litter Bin Provision – Feb 2017
3. Climate Change -  Consideration of “A Strategy towards Climate Change Action Plans for the Dublin Local Authorities – Feb 2017
4. Abandoned vehicles – Feb 2017
5. Corkagh Park Development Proposals– Feb 2017
6. Litter Management Action Plan – 2016 Summary
7. Climate Change – SDCC Climate Change Action Plan -  May 2017
8. Teen Space – Commencement of public consultation – May 2017
9. Review of Social Credits Scheme - May 2017
10. Biodiversity Plan – May 2017\*
11. Polling Places Postering – September 2017
12. Update on the Eastern /Midlands Waste Management Office & Plan, including WERLA Plan - September 2017
13. Parks & Open Spaces Strategy  – November 2017

 \*The draft County Biodiversity Plan is currently in development and will be followed by a public consultation process that should see it finalised before the summer.  The Heritage Officer will present draft to the SPC as part of the consultation process - possibly May.

The meeting concluded at 19.00”

1. **Minutes of Meeting 1st November 2016**

**“In attendance**

**Elected Members**

Councillor Pamela Kearns, Chair

Councillor Enda Fanning

Councillor Danny O’Brien

Councillor Ed O’Brien

Councillor Deirdre O’Donovan

**Sectoral Interests**

Connie Kiernan

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Mary Maguire, SEO

Sorcha O’Brien, EAO

**Apology**

Cllr Brian Lawlor

John O’Farrell

Donie Anderson

Cathaoirleach Councillor Pamela Kearns presided.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 6th September 2016**

The Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 6th September 2016 were proposed by Councillor Kearns, seconded by Councillor Ed O’ Brien.

**Item 2: Matters arising from the meeting**

Ms. Kiernan sought an update on the Flood Alleviation Schemes.

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services and Cllr. Kearns responded. It was further agreed to circulate an update on the schemes to the committee members.

**Headed Item 3: Report on Abandoned Cars**

The following report as circulated was considered:

“Abandoned vehicles are a major blight on the environment and cause considerable concern to the public.   The issue appears to be nationwide and is being considered at local and regional level by WERLA.

The following is an overview of the current processes and procedures applied in the management of this complex issue.

Relevant Legislation includes:

* Waste Management Act 1996
* Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended
* Road Traffic Act 1961 / Road Traffic (Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations, 1983.
* European Union (End of Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014

[**Section 71 of the Waste Management Act, 1996,**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1996/act/10/section/71/enacted/en/html) as amended, states that a vehicle must not be abandoned on any land and that both a person who abandons a vehicle and the registered owner shall be guilty of an offence.

It further describes "abandoned" as follows:  “abandoned”, in relation to a vehicle, includes left in such circumstances or for such period that it is reasonable to assume that the vehicle has been abandoned, and cognate words shall be construed accordingly

[**The Road Traffic (Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations, 1983**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1983/si/91/made/en/print) specify that a vehicle which has been abandoned on a public road or in a car park may be removed by or on the authority of a road authority, and that where an officer or an Inspector of the Garda Síochána requests a road authority to remove an abandoned vehicle, the road authority shall comply with such request.

A road authority may take such steps, including the making of an arrangement with any person, as they think fit, for the removal of an abandoned vehicle in a particular case or generally, and for the storage of a vehicle so removed.

[**Section 2 of the The Litter Pollution Act 1997,**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/2/enacted/en/html) as amended describes as follows 'litter means a substance or object, whether or not intended as waste (other than waste within the meaning of waste under the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or is likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any other such substance or object, and *regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit'*

[**Section 3.1**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/enacted/en/print#sec3) of the same act relating to prohibitions states that no person shall deposit any substance or object so as to create litter in a public place or in any place that is visible to any extent from a public place.

[**Section 6**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/enacted/en/print#sec6) of the act places a duty on occupiers of land and provides that the occupier shall keep the land free of litter that is to any extent visible from a public place.

[**Section 9.1**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/enacted/en/print#sec9) of the act provides for the service of notices and specifies that : Where it appears to a local authority that a person is contravening any provision of Section 6 , or that precautionary measures are required to prevent the creation of litter in the functional area of the local authority, the local authority may serve a notice on the person requiring the person to remove the litter to which the contravention relates or take such other precautionary measures specified in the notice as the local authority considers necessary.

[**The European Union (End of Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014 (SI No 281 of 2014)**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/si/281/made/en/print) came into effect on 30 July 2014. The Waste Management (End of Life Vehicles) Regulations were introduced in Ireland in 2006. These regulations ensure that when a car is scrapped, as much material as possible is recovered and recycled. This takes place in a way that does not harm the environment

Typically, an end-of-life vehicle will be an **intact** passenger car or a light commercial van that the registered owner wishes to dispose of as waste.

The matter of dealing with abandoned vehicles is an extremely complex one, therefore each case is dealt with on a case by case basis, in many cases in conjunction with the Garda Síochana under the relevant sections of the legislation referred to above.

Complaints relating to abandoned vehicles usually comprise the following:

* vehicles parked for a long period of time without being used
* vehicles appearing 'overnight' in housing /industrial estates
* vehicles which are burned out, and
* vehicles which are categorised as stolen vehicles and in bad condition

On receipt of a complaint the Council must determine if vehicles are in fact abandoned. The following characteristics are generally common to abandoned vehicles, and one or more will be taken into consideration when determining if a vehicle is abandoned:

* they are untaxed for a considerable period of time
* they have no evident details of recent activity on the motor tax register eg change of ownership / address
* they are stationary for a significant period of time
* they are significantly damaged, in poor state of repair or non-roadworthy (flat tyres / wheels removed etc.)
* missing registration plates

In some cases burned out cars are reported as abandoned. However, a vehicle in a totally burned out and in a shell state is deemed to be metal waste.

Photographs are obtained of the vehicle to record its location and condition.

It should be noted that certain complaints of "abandoned" cars are solely traffic matters and these are referred directly to the Gardaí.

Similarly, other reports relate solely to "nuisance vehicles" are not in fact abandoned, such ` as:

* vehicles poorly parked
* vehicles causing an obstruction
* vehicles involved in residential parking disputes
* broken down vehicles
* Untaxed and uninsured vehicles

The inspection of the abandoned vehicle by the Council's Warden Service informs the procedure to be applied by the Council for the removal of the vehicle.

As referred to above, the Council may utilize the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, and the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended and Road Traffic (Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations, 1983 and the European Union (End of Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014.

In the case where registration plates are in evident, an ownership check to ascertain the registered owner of the vehicle is requested from the Motor Tax office. (The registered owner has the meaning assigned to it by the Road Traffic Act 1961).  On receipt of same, a letter issues to the registered owner advising of the complaint regarding their vehicle and asking them of their intentions of the vehicle.

If the vehicle remains in place and is considered to constitute 'litter', within the meaning of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, the Council may issue a Notice pursuant to Section 3 and / or 9 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, requiring the removal of the vehicle.  If this Notice is not complied with, within the timeframe specified in the Notice, the Council will arrange its removal under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, to an authorised treatment facility (ATF).

Where no registration plates are evident  and the Council pursued all reasonable steps to identify the registered owner of a vehicle, the vehicle shall, pursuant to Section 71 (7)(c) of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, become the property of the Council and the Council, can, in good faith, arrange for its removal to an authorised treatment facility.

South Dublin County Council receives complaints on a regular basis regarding "abandoned" vehicles.  However as outlined above, not all such complaints prove to be relative to abandoned vehicles.

The following is an outline of the complaints received since 2014

* 2014          -     134
* 2015          -     179
* 2016 (to date)   387

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Road Traffic (Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations referred to earlier, the Council also continues to work in close collaboration with the Gardaí in relation to vehicles which may be "of interest" in the course of their investigations of criminal activity.

A conversation ensured during which the complexity of dealing with such incidents under a suite of statutes, thereby requiring a case by case approach, was acknowledged.

It was noted that, given the statistics circulated, this appears to be an escalating issue which may be linked in part to an increase in insurance costs and falling value of scrap metal, and which is also on the regional radar.

It was agreed to undertake an analysis of the 2016 reported incidents and to provide an update on these incidents (if / how they were resolved) to the next SPC meeting.

In the interim, it was further acknowledged that there is need to have regard to the financial and regulatory matters when dealing with incidents, and to raise with the Joint Policing Committee.

**Item 4: Motion Referred from Council Meeting September 2016 - Social Credit Scheme**

"To compliment Management and staff on the working of the Social Credits Scheme and to ask the Chief Executive for an update on its  operation and that a discussion take place on how it might be expanded".

**The following report as circulated was noted:**

**REPORT:**

The Social Credits Scheme (SCS) rewards community groups and individuals who take ownership of their environment and improve their local area by carrying out pro- environmental actions such as community clean-ups, maintenance of community gardens, graffiti removal and weeding of footpaths.

The scheme was first developed within South Dublin County Council in 2010, and from 2011 to 2012 was promoted nationally and supported by the Dublin Regional Authority as part of the Carbon Social Credit Scheme.

The scheme continues within South Dublin County Council and has proved very successful since.

Non-monetary rewards offered to communities through the scheme are continuously reviewed and are further developed having regard to demonstrated need and available resources.

The following materials are available throughout the county, in the two Council offices and a number of community centres to successful applicants: litter pickers, bags, hi- vis vests, shovels and brushes. Groups who avail of the supports are requested to return the materials following their clean up so that other groups may avail of them.

Following the completion of a review of the Social Credits Scheme in early 2016, additional supports / materials have been introduced eg paint, paint brushes / rollers.  Native/pollinator seeds, insect motels and bat/bird boxes were also introduced and the aim is to continue to identifying suitable additions to the programme within available resources.

In 2015 over 2350 applications were received and assistance provided through the Social Credit Scheme.

From January to July 2016 1,523 applications have been received and assistance provided through the scheme.

Applicants can apply using our [**online form**](http://www.socialcredits.ie/forms.aspx) which can found on our website [**www.socialcredits.ie**](http://www.socialcredits.ie/) or by contacting us directly at (01) 4149000.  

**A lengthy discussion ensued with focus primarily on the following:**

* Continuous assessment of benefits and awards available
* Promotion mechanisms
* Registration of new associations / committees (with PPN)
* Availability / distribution of materials eg bulbs
* Potential for expansion – non monetary assistance
* Potential for greater interdepartmental collaboration

Members of the committee agreed to liaise with their local groups and associations in order to establish their requirements, and to revert back to aid determination of further potential for greater non-monetary assistance.

**Item 5 Interim update on Litter Bin Review**

The following summary report as circulated was considered:

**Report**

The following is a summary of details relating to the existing litter bin service provision. It should be noted that the surveying of the existing bin stock is not yet complete, while an up to date listing of the bin stock has been completed the surveying of bins with regard to their condition and other matters is still underway. It is proposed to revert to the February 2017 SPC meeting with the complete details from those surveys.

* Attached spreadsheet gives full location listing for each litter bin route
* There are 5 dedicated street litter bin routes covering the following areas
  + Lucan, Palmerstown
  + Clondalkin, Newcastle
  + Rathfarnham, Terenure, Walkinstown
  + Tallaght, Firhouse, Ballycullen
  + Tallaght, Saggart, Rathcoole
* There are 675 bins serviced in total on these 5 dedicated routes (this number has increased from 585 in 2014 to 675 at present)
* There is one operator per route driving a side loading truck
* There were 372 tonnes of waste collected from litter bins in 2015
* Litter bins in parks are serviced separately by park maintenance staff
* There are 122 litter bins in park locations
* The cost per annum to provide the litter bin service is €340,000 covering labour, plant and machinery, materials and waste disposal
* The budget provision includes adequate provision for installation of approx. 100 bins in total per year (in general these are mostly replacements)

The following list of issues have been raised on membersnet and on the agenda of Area Committees in recent time these issues require further consideration under this review –

* Condition survey of bins to be completed and findings presented to the February 2017 SPC meeting.
* The need to examine the extent of disposal of domestic waste in street litter bins.
* Requests to examine the need for litter bins at all bus stops.
* Requests to substantially increase litter bin provision in parks.
* The need to increase provision of street litter bins around the County, with an emphasis on those areas where there is a deficit in provision at present.
* Need to consider viability of installing compactor bins in some appropriate locations.
* SDCC policy is not to provide dog litter bins, dog waste can be disposed off in the normal street or park litter bins once it has been properly wrapped or bagged.
* The need to assess trial of dog poo bag dispensers, once trial is complete, to determine if this system can assist in reducing the occurrence of dog litter (dispensers are due to be installed this week).
* Examination of membersnet queries relating to litter bins is now also required to establish if any commitments have not yet been honoured.
* Additional funding in budget 2017 for litter management plan implementation.

**Requests for litter bins**

The following is the list of requests for provision of litter bins received from elected members through both membersnet and ACM business over the period 1 Jan 2015 to 1 Nov 2016. The status column in the table below indicates the current position regarding each request showing for the most part that a bin has either been installed or a commitment given to do so. In some cases the request was declined, if the location of the request was deemed unsuitable from the point of servicing for example, and this information is given in the status column also.

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| **Location of request** | **Source** | **Date** | **Status** |
| Rowlagh Community Centre | ACM | Sept‘16 | Installed |
| Bus stop at Rowlagh C/C | ACM | Sept‘16 | Installed |
| Junction of Neilstown Road/St Ronans | ACM | Sept‘16 | Installed |
| St Peter the Apostle Primary School | ACM | Sept‘16 | Installed |
| Newcastle Village | ACM | June‘16 | Installed |
| Newcastle graveyard | Membersnet | June‘16 | Not installed, location not suitable |
| Clondalkin Tesco | ACM | Dec’15 | Bin replaced in new location |
| Clondalkin SDCC offices | ACM | Jan’15 | Bin installed |
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| Griffeen Park, near Old Forge | ACM | Oct’16 | Bin due to be installed |
| Ballyowen Road, outside Larkfield | ACM | May’16 | Location deemed unsuitable |
| Griffeen Avenue, opposite Di Bella restaurant | ACM | May’16 | Bin due to be installed |
| Griffeen Valley Park playspace | ACM | May’16 | Location considered not to have a significant litter problem |
| Griffeen Valley Park, additional bins requested | ACM | Sept’16 | 19 bins already in place, commitment to install an additional bin at on Griffeen Avenue opposite park entrance |
| Request for additional bins in parks to take dog litter | ACM | Sept’16 | Commitment to install a litter bin at the proposed dog run for Waterstown Park |
| Request for bins at Willsbrook Park | ACM | June’16 | Proposal to install a new bin at either end of the footbridge that connects Willsbrook Park with Esker Lane |
| Requests from tidy town and community groups for litter bins in numerous locations | ACM | Jun’16 | Bins proposed for 7 locations in total – 2 at Willsbrook Park/N4 footbridge, 1 at Cherbury Park/N4 footbridge, 1 at ST Loman’s Road opposite entrance to St Edmonds Park estate, 1 adjacent to The Old Forge estate, 1 on Griffeen Avenue at entrance to Griffeen Valley Park extension and 1 proposed for Waterstown Park in association with the proposed new dog run. |
| Request for bins to be installed in parks | ACM | May’16 | Bins have been provided at Willsbrook Park, Hermitage Park (Ballyowen Lane), Lucan Demesne and Griffeen Valley Park. |
| Request for review of litter bin provision in Adamstown | ACM | Oct’15 | New bin installed on Station between shops and schools |
| Request for dog waste bins at Griffeen Valley Park | ACM | Oct’15 | 19 bins already in place, commitment to install an additional bin on Griffeen Avenue opposite park entrance |
| Request for litter bin at Station Road, Adamstown | ACM | Oct’15 | New bin installed on Station between shops and schools |
| Request for litter bin at Station Road, Adamstown | ACM | June’15 | New bin installed on Station between shops and schools |
| Request for review of litter bin provision in Lucan and Palmerstown | ACM | Apr’15 | Review under way |
| Request for litter bins within Griffeen Park adjacent to the Newcastle Road | ACM | Feb’15 | Bin installed at park entrance |
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| Request to remove bin on Osprey Road and move it inside Tymon Park at the Limekiln entrance opposite the bus stop | ACM | Sept’16 | Commitment to examine the need for this. Not done as yet. |
| Request for bin at Darglewood Park | ACM | Apr’16 | Commitment to examine the need for this. Not done as yet. |
| Request to install a bin on the road between the Templeroan Estate and Sancta Maria School | ACM | Mar’16 | Commitment given to install a bin here. |
| Request for bin at the entrance to Knocklyon Park at Ballyboden St. Enda's Clubhouse. | ACM | Jan’16 | Bin installed |
| Bin request for Ballycullen Road | ACM | Dec’15 | Bin installed |
| Bin request for Firhouse Road between Morton’s Pub and Scoil Carmel | ACM | Nov’15 | Bin installed |
| Request for litter bin/ dog poo bin at the green in Boden Park | ACM | Sept’15 | Commitment given to install bin, not yet provided |
| Request for provision of litter bins at Ballycragh play space | ACM | May’15 | 3 bins installed |
| Request to provide litter bins at the main entrances, exits and car Parks to the River Dodder Linear Park | ACM | May’15 | 3 bins installed at entrances to the park from Old Bawn Road and Seskin View Road |
| Request to provide waste bins and dog poo bag dispensers along the newly opened cycle track from Grange Road to Nutgrove | ACM | May’15 | Bag dispenser trial proposed for Rathcoole and Rathfarnham Castle Parks. Cycle track considered not suitable for litter bin installation. |
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| provision of litter bins within the Kingswood Park | ACM | June’16 | Commitment given to examine this |
| Provision of a litter bin at the garage walkway at Brookmount | ACM | June’16 | Commitment given to examine this, as it may the responsibility of the garage owner |
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| Request for provision of additional bins around the perimeter of The Square | ACM | Feb’16 | Commitment given to examine the requirement here as part of the overall review of the service. |
| Request to install additional bins in Tymon Park | ACM | Apr’15 | Commitment given to install additional bins. 2 bins installed at park entrances. |
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An accompanying report on the 5 “Bin Routes” as referred to above was circulated and considered in tandem.

A discussion ensued with focus on, inter alia:

* Potential for Big Belly Bins pilot
* Extent of disposal of domestic waste in street litter bins
* Servicing of litter bins

It was agreed that a further report be presented to the February 2017 SPC meeting with a view to making recommendations to full Council thereafter.

**Item 6 Interim update on internal Burial Grounds Review**

Director of Services Teresa Walsh advised of the following:

* Seventeen Council managed cemeteries within the SDCC area at the locations mapped below, with approximately 2,800 plots currently available for sale
* Service operating at a financial deficit (income €874,000 v expenditure €1.1m)
* Key Issues of concern and under examination:
  + - Cost of headstone permit a cause of concern to many bereaved leading to examination of potential for a reduced roll up of cost.
    - Standard and frequency of maintenance
    - Anti-social activity
    - Illegal dumping
    - Non adherence to principles of lawn cemetery
    - Access times
    - Human Resources

The meeting noted that the report will inform development of a Burial Ground Strategy.

**Item 7 AOB**

* Japanese Knotweed – The following was noted:

A programme to map the occurrence of non-native invasive species was initiated in 2016 by the Heritage Officer in conjunction with Environmental Services, Planning and IT Departments. Locations are being identifying for inclusion in the general maintenance schedule for 2017. It was noted that this is an issue nationally, particularly in the south of the country and is not all on public lands.

* Political Postering – Cllr Fanning circulated data which he has collated from other countries as part of the work of the subcommittee established to look at options.
* **The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm”**

**Councillor L. O’Toole had a query re one of the reports and Councillor P. Kearns responded to her query.**

**H4c/0317 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor C. O’Connor Chair of the Economic, Enterprise &Tourism Development SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. **Report of Meeting held 8th February 2017**

**“Attended**

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| Cllr A. Dermody |
| Cllr .F. N. Duffy |
| Cllr B Ferron. |
| Cllr. P. Foley |
| Cllr. E Higgins |
| Cllr R. McMahon |
| Cllr G O Connell |
| Cllr C. O Connor (Chair) |
| S. .Brennan |
| T.de Buitlear |
| S. .Reid |
| D .Roche |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services (FN)

Colm Ward – Head of Enterprise (CW)

**Also in attendance:**

Ms. Andrea Carroll, Sustainable Business Programme Manager, South Dublin Chamber.

**Apologies:** Cllr. F.N. Duffy

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| **The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr C. O Connor. |
| **Headed Item 1: Minute of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of November 2016**  The Minutes were AGREED. |
| **Headed Item 2 Update on Various Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Areas.**  A. .Carroll outlined the results of the recent survey of local exporters. This survey was conducted by South Dublin Chamber on behalf of the Council and funded from the Council’s Business Support Fund.  Following contributions from Cllrs. McMahon & Higgins, the survey results were NOTED.  FN provided an update on various Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development areas including the Tourism Strategy and the feasibility study on potential options for Corkagh Park.  Contributions and questions from Cllrs. Higgins, O’Connell & McMahon and T.de Buitlear were responded to by F. Nevin & C. Ward,  CW provided an update on the Business Support Fund.  Questions and queries from Cllrs. Ferron, Dermody, Foley, McMahon, O’Connell, & O’Connor, S. Brennan & T.de Buitlear were responded to by F. Nevin & C. Ward.  It was AGREED that the Business Support Fund should be reviewed in the context of the **Draft Local Implementation Plan for Dublin Regional Strategy 2017.** |
| **Headed Item 3 Draft Local Implementation Plan for Dublin Regional Strategy 2017**  **C. Ward circulated the Draft Implementation Plan 2017 and it was AGREED that a further meeting of the Committee would be scheduled for Thursday, 23rd February to consider this Plan.** |
| **Headed item 4 – Any Other Business: None”** |

1. **Minutes of Meeting 9th November 2016**

**“Attended**

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| Cllr B Ferron. |
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| Cllr P. Foley |
| Cllr A. Dermody |
| Cllr R. McMahon |
| Cllr G O Connell |
| Cllr C. O Connor (Chair) |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services (FN)

Colm Ward – Head of Enterprise (CW)

Stephen Deegan, Senior Executive Officer (SD)

**Also in attendance:**

Mr. William Hynes & Mr. Daniel Moody (both from Future Analytic Consulting Ltd.)

**Apologies**: Cllr F.N. Duffy, Cllr E. Higgins, T.de Buitlear, S. Reid, D. Roche.

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| The meeting was Chaired by Cllr C. O Connor. |
| **Headed Item 1: Minute of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of September 2016**  The Minutes were AGREED. |
| **Headed Item 2 Presentation of Draft Regional Enterprise Strategy**  FN provided an overview of the development of the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy.  Mr. William Hynes & Mr. Daniel Moody, from Future Analytic Consulting Ltd presented a report on the strategy.  Contributions and questions from Cllrs. Ferron, Foley, Dermody, McMahon, O’Connell, & O’Connor were responded to by F. Nevin, C.Ward, W. Hynes & D. Moody.  It was AGREED that the Draft Enterprise Strategy be presented to the full Council meeting for approval. |
| **Headed Item 3- Implementation of Strategy in South Dublin County.**  F. Nevin outlined proposals to dedicate the next SPC meeting to an extended workshop relating to implementation of the Regional Enterprise Strategy in South Dublin County in conjunction with an examination how the Business Support Fund can be best utilised to support the local business community and the implementation of the Strategy.  Following contributions and questions from Cllrs. Ferron, Foley, Dermody & McMahon which were responded to by F. Nevin & C.Ward, it was AGREED that:   * The next meeting of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee in January 2017 will develop the implementation plan for the Regional Enterprise Strategy in South Dublin County; * This meeting will also consider the best use of the Business Support Fund to support both local businesses and the implementation of the Strategy; * That, subject to the approval by the Council’s Organisation Procedures and Finance Committee, the next Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee in January 2017 will be held over an extended period of 5:30pm to 9:30pm. |
| **Headed item 4 – Any Other Business:**  Cllr. Dermody proposed the development of a local Women in Business network. C.Ward advised that plans are being progressed to launch such a network locally in December 2016.  Cllr. McMahon requested an update on the Dublin Mountains Project and F. Nevin provided an update on progress in the procurement of the design team.  **The meeting ended at 7:00pm”** |

1. **Report of Meeting dated 26th February 2017**

**“Attended**

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| Cllr. F, N. Duffy |
| Cllr P. Foley |
| Cllr R. McMahon |
| Cllr G O Connell |
| Cllr C. O Connor (Chair) |
| S. .Brennan |
| T.de Buitlear |
| D. .Roche |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services (FN)

Colm Ward – Head of Enterprise (CW)

**Apologies:** Cllr B. Ferron, Cllr. E. Higgins, Cllr A. M. Dermody & S. Reid.

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| The meeting was Chaired by Cllr C. O Connor. |
| **Headed Item 1: Update on Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development matters arising:**  FN updated the Committee the Committee on the visit to the Innovation Factory, Belfast by F. .Nevin, C.Ward & S. .Deegan on 22nd February. (Report attached)  FN updated the Committee on the launch of the Council’s Tourism Marketing website on 9th February and the hosting of Gaelforce event on 18th February.  On behalf of the Committee, Cllr. O’Connor extended congratulations to the Council, relevant staff and all organisations involved in making both events a success. S. Brennan, Cllrs. O’Connell, Foley & Duffy & T.de Buitlear also made contributions. |
| **Headed Item 2 Draft Local Implementation Plan for Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017**  C.Ward presented the attached Draft Implementation Plan 2017 to the Committee.  Following contributions and questions from Cllrs. O’Connell, Foley & McMahon and T. de Buitlear, FN & CW provided responses and clarifications.  It was AGREED that the Draft Local Implementation Plan for Dublin Regional Strategy 2017 be recommended to the Council for approval at the next Council meeting.. |
| **Headed Item 3 Business Support Fund 2017**  Further to discussion at the SPC meeting of 8th February, the Committee further considered the operation of the Business Support Grant in 2017 with contributions from Cllrs. O’Connell, Foley, McMahon & O’Connor and S. .Brennan, it was AGREED that the grant continue in 2017 with a review of the take up of the grant to be undertaken by the Committee during 2017. |
| **Headed item 4 – Any Other Business:**  None” |

1. **Draft Local Implementation plan for Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017**

**Draft Local Implementation Plan for Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017**

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| **Key Upgrade Goal**  **2017-2020** | **Collaborate to develop a unified vision and enterprise proposition for the Dublin Region, with an international focus to attract FDI and a highly skilled and talented workforce.**  **(Key Strategic Area: Local Enterprise Development Services)** | |
| **Recommendations** | **Enterprise Actions** | **LEO Implementation Actions 2017** |
| Develop a ‘Dublin Regional Enterprise Brand’ and proposition for national & international promotion. | Using the dublin.ie website as a medium, create and develop an agreed 'enterprise brand' for the Dublin Region to be promoted nationally and internationally. | Ongoing enhanced promotional campaigns to extend the reach of LEO within both the microenterprise sector & the broader business community to embed the first stop shop for business concept.  Working with IDA, Enterprise Ireland & other Dublin Local Authorities collaboratively to shape the Dublin enterprise vision; |
| Apply to the *European Entrepreneurial Awards*. | Coordinate and collaborate to lodge an application to the EU Committee of the Regions for the *European Entrepreneurial Region* (EER) awards by the end of the Strategy’s lifetime. | Ongoing promotion and development by LEOs in Dublin of entrepreneurial culture and start up supports in 2017 (and over each of the next three years) to allow an application to be made for regional recognition.  Delivery of Local Enterprise Week 2017;  Support ongoing youth enterprise programmes; local enterprise awards & Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition; |
| **Key Upgrade Goal**  **2017-2020** | **Through work with other bodies, agencies and businesses, deliver a high-quality, efficient, responsive and supportive enterprise environment for all businesses in the Dublin region.**  **(Key Strategic Areas: Business Information & Advisory Services / Enterprise Support Services)** | |
| **Recommendations** | **Enterprise Actions** | **LEO Implementation Actions 2017** |
| Develop a coordinated approach to promoting and supporting models of enterprise space across the Region. | Create an Action Plan to promote, facilitate and incentivise the uptake of vacant and underutilised enterprise space (retail, commercial, industrial, etc.), and to identify and address key infrastructural barriers and increase progression from supported enterprise space. | Continue promotion of business support fund initiatives including:  • Business Support Grant 2017.  • Area Improvement Schemes  • Microenterprise Development Fund & Start-up Supports  • Individual Unit Supports;  Additional Business Support Fund specific actions to be developed in conjunction with SPC.  Pursue RAPJ commitment to develop integrated Dublin-wide offering on enterprise space for start-ups “Start-up Space Dublin”;  Explore potential local application of collaborative models e.g. Belfast Innovation Centre, Boxworks Waterford, The Mill, Drogheda. |
| Further enhance the effectiveness and targeted nature of the LEO business support system. | Enhance the interrogation of the DJEI's Annual Employment Survey to determine the success of LEO supports in the creation of jobs and the promotion of enterprise, with the aim of being able to more appropriately and effectively assign funds and support.  LEOs to increase involvement in conferences and showcases, including those related to venture funding, innovation and emerging enterprise areas. | Ongoing delivery of Measure 1 supports including Feasibility, Priming, Business Expansion & Technical Assistance grants;  Client portfolio management used to target supports best suited to client needs including for EI progression pathways;  Continuing to improve standards within LEO South Dublin though improved governance, financial management, procurement, staff development and customer engagement.  Identification of sectoral clusters with network potential Maximising the potential of local businesses/sectors through collaborative initiatives with key strategic local, regional and national partners (e.g. Food Start-up Online Portal, LEAN, Accelerate, Plato etc.)  Ensuring pathways to and from Enterprise Ireland for appropriate clients;  Development of Brexit supports in conjunction with national LEO Network;  A dedicated programme of supports for local exporters based on findings of local Exporters Survey 2016;  Delivery of LEAN 4 Micro and LEAN business supports;  Increase promotion of Trading Online Voucher Scheme including hosting an information seminar for the Greater Dublin Region in South Dublin in partnership with the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment; |
| Create a Business Opportunities Register to provide better access to enterprise related information and to develop enterprise development. | Develop an online 'Business Opportunities Register' under the 'Working' section of the Dublin.ie website, to be the first place where enterprises and entrepreneurs go to avail of key information and other resources. | Develop (in partnership with LEO Dublin City/ DCC) www.dublin.ie as a key information point signposting to LEOs and providing a dashboard of enterprise related information; Improved signposting and provision of information relating to protocol partners support including Revenue, Department of Social Protection, Credit Review Office, Employment Training Boards, Skillnets, Microfinance Ireland, Failte Ireland and the National Association of Community Enterprise Centres; |
| Assess the amount, availability and type of land and business space. | Conduct a 'census of enterprise space' / 'land availability study' with the purpose of determining the total quantum and type (industrial, retail, office, other niche sectors) of business space available to enterprises and the potential capacity for zoned lands to deliver business space. | Detailed assessment of enterprise space – including progressing options for the collaborative development of appropriate innovation centres with key partners under the Council’s Business Support Fund to improve innovation, cluster development and job creation; |
| **Key Upgrade Goal**  **2017-2020** | **The Dublin local authorities will work collectively to promote and foster enterprise in the identified ‘growth opportunity areas’**  **(Key Strategic Areas: Enterprise Support Services / Local Enterprise Development Services)** | |
| **Recommendations** | **Enterprise Actions** | **LEO Implementation Actions 2017** |
| [[1]](#endnote-1)Target the delivery of start-up space/incubation space for the promotion of enterprise in the ‘growth opportunity areas’ | Support the provision of flexible incubation and kitchen space for emerging food start-ups and food training and education courses throughout the Region. | Explore implementation of recommendations of enterprise space assessment when received;;  Promote kitchen time (LEO client) as an opportunity to support food start-ups;  Continued support of Dublin Food Chain network; Promotion and delivery of Kick Start Your Own Food Business & Food Academy programmes; |
| Facilitate the synergistic clustering of enterprises. | Promote Grange Castle and the Dublin Enterprise Zone for large-scale, extensive FDI investment and activity in the Dublin Region using consistent branding, signage and landscaping in each.  Explore collaborative 'Mountains to the Sea' tourism opportunities in the context of the 'A Breath of Fresh Air' tourism marketing campaign to promote the Region's marine and mountain amenities.  Organise a collaborative FinTech event targeted at the Region's IFS and ICT sectors.  Develop a plan to maximise the visibility of local food products as part of the tourism offer of the Region  To pilot a best-practice, collaborative, multi-departmental town/village centre improvement initiatives, involving the relevant departments of the local authority, as well as local representatives and stakeholders (residents, retailers etc.), to enhance local place making and economic vitality. | Targeted growth of local clusters potentially using existing local strengths including the IT Tallaght, the hospital and resources from food, nutrition, biopharma, medical, logistics sectors and “growth opportunity areas” identified in Regional Enterprise Strategy, i.e. Design and Creative Industries, Food, CleanTech & Environment, International Financial Services, Pharma/ Biopharma, Software / Digital, Tourism and Education / Training.  Using the Council’s Business Support Fund to support physical infrastructural improvements to facilitate innovation/clustering.  County Promotion Unit to work with South Dublin Chamber to provide specific South Dublin investment promotional campaign;  Ongoing tourism initiatives to promote South Dublin;  Work with LEO DC as lead on Fin Tech event; Ensure LEO South Dublin presence at event together with strong promotion of event with LEO clients, ITT & Appropriate local businesses.  Tourism marketing material to specifically highlight local food options as part of South Dublin offering;  Support promotion and showcasing of villages in the County through village initiatives, signage programme, tourism initiatives (including opportunities in arts & culture) and explore options for Purple Flag status;  Explore retail support initiatives in conjunction with Retail Excellence Ireland;  Support for new & existing networks including: Business Exporting Network; Network of Enterprising Women in South Dublin; Dublin Food Chain; Plato Management Development Programme; Business Starters Network; Innovation Enterprise Network; |
| Publicise across the Region the opportunities for education, training and upskilling, enterprise and employment growth within the identified ‘growth opportunity areas’. | Promote the principles of CleanTech in all enterprises  Develop a ‘Dublin for STEAM’ event to improve awareness of current & emerging ‘Growth Opportunity Areas’ for the region amongst secondary-level students and entrepreneurs. | Deliver sustainable business information programme for SMEs in partnership with South Dublin Chamber and local Environmental Awareness Office.  Examine potential to develop new STEAM programme in conjunction with ITT/local entrepreneurs. |
| **Key Upgrade Goal**  **2017-2020** | **Through collaboration with other agencies, encourage and facilitate targeted educational and training initiatives to meet the current and emerging future needs of enterprise.**  **(Key Strategic Area: Local Enterprise Development Services)** | |
| **Recommendations** | **Enterprise Actions** | **LEO Implementation Actions 2017** |
| Through collaboration and coordination improve information flows in developing education and training plans and the monitoring of outcomes. | Local Authorities to work with ETBs and other training course providers to coordinate the streamlining of courses with the aim of improving the delivery of targeted courses to meet specific needs and to minimise inefficient duplication of training and certificate-level courses. | Meet with training providers / use Regional Skills Forum to examine areas of overlap and gaps;  Ensuring effective training delivery to meet the developmental and skills requirements to assist strong growth of local enterprises through LEO training programme; Business Support Fund training; Training Needs Survey; |
| **Key Upgrade Goal**  **2017-2020** | **Promote a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation across the wider community through supports, promotion, marketing and branding initiatives.**  **(Key Strategic Area: Entrepreneurship Support Services)** | |
| **Recommendations** | **Enterprise Actions** | **LEO Implementation Actions 2017** |
| Support the provision of enterprise training, including targeting communities with higher levels of unemployment or deprivation and lower levels of educational attainment. | Facilitate a major programme of engagement through seminars, classes, talks, etc. between enterprises and third level institutions that are open to local communities, including in deprived/disadvantaged areas, to make enterprises and the public aware of the innovation taking place in these institutions and the benefits to be garnered through partnership, as well as the opportunities for careers and success. | Enhanced LEO promotional activities including increasing the engagement of students in primary & secondary schools; Streamlining the provision of training programmes to ensure delivery has minimum duplication and maximum effectiveness; Working with South County Partnership and other key agencies including ACE & Partas to target specific demographics; Developing a programme of entrepreneurial promotion and engagement for second level students in specific communities to broaden aspirations. |
| Promote social entrepreneurship as an enterprise area. | Work with the Irish Local Development Network (ILDN) to investigate opportunities for collaboration with the aim of promoting and facilitating social enterprises and innovation. | Establish South Dublin Social Enterprise Committee;  Use ILDN report as potential template to structure Social Enterprise Supports;  Investigate opportunities for collaboration with the aim of promoting and facilitating social enterprises and innovation.;” |

1. **IF Report**

“The Regional Enterprise Strategy recommendations include to “Develop a coordinated approach to promoting and supporting models of enterprise space across the Region.” LEO staff have been researching how we might commence same.

In this regard, on 22nd February, Frank Nevin, Colm Ward and Stephen Deegan visited [IF in Belfast](http://innovationfactory.ca/) and met the management of the centre and Belfast City Council. The Centre opened in September 2016.

The main points of the operational model are :

1. £9M investment in development
2. Supported by Belfast City Council and Invest Northern Ireland.
3. Managed by [Oxford Innovation](http://www.oxin.co.uk/) (OI) following procurement process.
4. Very high quality fit out and connectivity.
5. Customers provide own furniture & equipment.
6. Entrance interview carried out by Manager, prospective customers must :

* Display innovation.
* Growth capacity
* Social integration.

1. Subject to continued compliance with the above up to 2 x 9 Month licences are issued
2. Rent levels include mentoring/workshop and other supports delivered by OI.
3. To allow access to larger spaces 85% occupation optimum. (Total space c 5,200 M2, c3,000m2 offices)
4. NO workshops/labs.
5. Floor space split approx. 60/30/10 split – customers offices /common areas/management facilities.
6. 24/7 access for customers.

It was noted that the Centre is managed on the basis of the extensive background and experience of Oxford Innovation in the design and management of such centres.

Based on the experience outlined above, in relation to the Strategy objective, it is proposed that we commence a procurement process to secure:

* An audit of existing enterprise space and supports in the County.
* An analysis of the supports and space currently required.
* A plan for meeting those needs based on best use of existing and proposed additional resources in the future.

As this process is being carried out further research will be carried out on best practice elsewhere in this regard. Further details will be brought back to the SPC and site visit(s) arranged if considered appropriate by the members.

The Mayor Councillor G. O’Connell thanked the Manager and all his staff for all the hard work they have done.

**H4d/0317 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - HOUSING SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. B. Coman, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development and were **CONSIDERED:**

* 1. **Report of Meeting 9th February 2017**

**“PRESENT:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr C. King (Chair) | B. Coman | Director of Services |
| Cllr N. Coules | D. O’Connor | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr M. Duff | Y. Dervan | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr L. Dunne | H. Hogan | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr M. Genockey | M. Kavanagh | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr T. Gilligan | L. Madden | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr K. Mahon | M. Murtagh | Senior Staff Officer |
| Cllr M. Ward |  |  |
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| **Representatives:** | | |
| Tricia Nolan, Volunteer Centre | | |
| Betty Tyrrell-Collard, ICTU | | |
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| **Apologies:** | | |
| Brendan MacPhiarais, Nabco | | |
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**H-1(1) – Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 10th November 2016.**

The minutes of the Housing and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on10th November 2016 were proposed by Cllr. C. King, seconded by Cllr. M. Ward and were confirmed and approved as a true record.

**H-I (2) – Housing Rents Policy OAPs**

L. Madden presented a report on Housing Rents Policy in relation to Old Age Pensioners.

[Link to Report.](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54762)

Following the presentation a number of questions were forwarded through the chair.

Cllr. C. King, Cllr. N. Coules, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. L Dunne, Cllr. M. Genockey, Cllr. M. Ward, T. Nolan and Cllr. M. Duff contributed to the discussions.

B. Coman thanked everyone for their input. He noted the relatively low differential rent contributing to the cost of housing provision, annual boiler maintenance programme and maintenance of social housing units to such a high standard.

**H-I (3) – Housing Supply Report**

B Coman provided reports on social housing; Housing Supply Update, Profile on Medical Priority and an update on Capital Construction Projects.

[Housing Supply Update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54754)

[Profile on Medical Priority](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54639)

[Capital Construction Projects Update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54765)

In response to a query through the Chair, B. Coman confirmed that details in relation to the Mortgage to Rent Scheme are not yet forthcoming.

He provided an overview of the Repair and Lease Scheme to be introduced in 2017. This is designed to target the estimated 3,500 abandoned or derelict units identified in the last census. The funding mechanism for the scheme could be provided through a minimum 20 year lease agreement. The challenges facing this scheme include the ability to contact the owners of these units, e.g. derelict houses may occur due to elderly owners having moved to nursing homes.

Cllr. M. Duff enquired can South Dublin County Council purchase units from RAS landlords selling their properties. B. Coman confirmed that the Council is open to purchasing such units.

Cllr. L. Dunne enquired regarding the availability of further land to build on once the current Part 8 schemes complete. B. Coman confirmed the availability of further sites. A presentation by F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development on South Dublin County Council Land Banks was noted as scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st.

Cllr. M. Ward enquired in relation to the cancellation of a meeting regarding construction at St. Marks in Clondalkin. M. Kavanagh noted this was not cancelled but postponed until a time convenient for all participants.

Cllr. M. Ward requested a meeting be arranged with residents at Mayfield Park, Clondalkin in relation to queries on an upcoming construction project. B Coman replied that responses had already been provided in relation to all issues of concern. Residents were very positive in relation to responses, it was agreed to repair a portacabin on site and construction hours of work had been agreed.

Cllr. M. Ward also enquired regarding the tenancy of new infill builds at Lealand and St. Cuthbert’s. B. Coman confirmed that all available allocation options would be considered.

Cllr. N. Coules stated his opposition to selling land at the The Grange / Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project site to the private sector given the large housing list and lack of secure tenure provided to tenants within RAS and HAP schemes. B. Coman replied that it would be unsuitable to have such a large number of social units in one scheme, rather that a mix of tenancies be used to encourage integrated and sustainable communities. Funds realised from this sale would be re-used to provide further social housing. Cllr. N. Coules suggested that South Dublin County Council build all the units on the site and subsequently enable a suitable tenancy mix by means of sales, affordable rent and direct social housing provision. B. Coman confirmed that some 200 units will be used for social housing. The Affordable Rent Scheme would require South Dublin County Council funding which could be enabled by selling landbanks but such funding would be sustainable only for four to five years.

Cllr. T. Gilligan asked if the Accelerated Housing Purchase programme was to continue during 2017. B. Coman confirmed this would not be funded during 2017.

Cllr. C. King requested formal a notification in relation to the cancellation of this scheme. He also requested an update on the The Grange / Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project for the next SPC meeting.

B Coman responded in full to all issues raised in relation to Housing Supply.

**H-I (4) – Proposal to direct build by LA on foot of borrowings over a 25 year period**

B. Coman presented a report on a proposal to direct build by LA on foot of borrowings over a [Link to Report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54778)

The report concluded

‘Currently the Council’s Allocation Scheme allows for a max income for a couple to €36,750. In order to service the cost of the Council’s borrowings, the income criteria for housing applicants (a couple) would have to increase to €75,500 pa. (from €36,750) to allow for weekly Differential Rent based on 10% household income.

If and where income ceiling was increased, this would be counterproductive insofar as the current income threshold for a House Purchase Loan per couple is €75,000 household income.’

Following the presentation a number of questions were forwarded through the chair.

Cllr. N. Coules, Cllr. C. King, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. L Dunne, Cllr. M. Genockey, Cllr. M. Ward and Cllr. T. Gilligan contributed to the discussions.

Alternative means of addressing the funding issue were discussed, also the incremental impact on the Housing List should earnings ceilings be raised.

Cllr. K. Mahon and Cllr. N. Coules both submitted working papers on funding proposals.

[Cllr. K. Mahon Submission](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=6c29bb39-4e99-47ca-bf6b-a72800a75201)

[Cllr. N. Coules Submission](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=e2eb5a27-b6d7-491b-8928-a72800a79822)

On the suggestion of Cllr. C. King it was agreed to set up a new Subcommittee of the Housing SPC over the next six weeks to further examine this item.

**H-I (5) – Housing Needs Assessment Statistics**

B. Coman presented a report on Housing Needs Assessment Statistics.

Following the presentation Cllr. C. King enquired regarding the figure of 18% non-responders cancelled; an increase on the previous year. H. Hogan noted this occurrence due to applicants selecting South Dublin County Council as a second choice to other Housing Authorities; former applicants having moved house or left the area; literacy and other issues. Other Housing Authority had higher levels of non-responders.

**H-I (6) –** **Review of Housing Allocations Scheme**

H. Hogan provided a verbal report on the Housing Allocations Scheme, proposing that South Dublin County Council broadens the choices available under the Choice Based Lettings Scheme to take an agreed proportion of medical and homeless. He suggested a multiparty discussion to formulate an agreed view on this. Cllr. C. King suggested a sub-committee of the Housing SPC to manage this. H. Hogan asked that views on this be forwarded to him to enable formulation of a proposal. B. Coman asked that this initially be brought to the Housing SPC. H. Hogan agreed to bring this to the next meeting of the Housing SPC.

**H-I (6) – Any other business:**

B. Coman reported on NAMA properties offered to South Dublin County Council. Of the 500 units offered at Tallaght Cross South Dublin County Council accepted 65 units; this reduced density to assist the development of sustainable communities, also there was a question of snagging issues on the building finish. In retrospect this building proved unsuitable as there was over €10m of works required to complete cladding. Cllr. C. King also noted that an intensive residential development such as this would be contrary to the Tallaght Masterplan.

The meeting concluded at 7:25pm.”

* 1. **Minutes of Meeting 10th November 2016**

[Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting 10th November 2016](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55027)

**H4e/0317 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES** - **LAND USE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor W. Lavelle Chair of the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. **Report of Meeting  16th February 2017**

**“PRESENT:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr Wm Lavelle (Chair) | E. Taaffe | Director of Services |
| Cllr P. Donovan | L. Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr M. Murphy | W. Purcell | Senior Executive Engineer |
| Cllr L. O’Toole | S. Kelly | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr P. Gogarty |  |  |
| Cllr R. Nolan |  |  |
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| **Non-Elected Members:** | | |
| Neil Durkan | | |

**In attendance: Mr. Eoin Gillard, Head of Strategic & Transport Planning, TII**

**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. Wm Lavelle, seconded by Cllr. L. O’Toole and **AGREED.**

**H.I. 2. N4 and N7 Study**

[**N4N7 Study Summary Feb 17.pptx**](file:///\\SDCC-file3\Roads\Rdsad\Meetings\SPC's\1%20LANDUSE%20PLANNING%20&%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC\2017\February\Items\N4N7%20Study%20Summary%20Feb%2017.pptx)

Mr. E. Gillard, Head of Strategic & Transport Planning, TII presented the Study to the meeting.

The report included:-

1. The Study area,
2. Objectives of the Study
3. Study area projections TII and SDCC

* Future year demand projections based on full build out of SDCC Development Plan 2016 - 2022
* A horizon year of 2023 was chosen for the study

1. Forecast population 2030 distribution process.
2. NTA Do Minimum Scenarion Impacts

* Consider reduction in highway demand due to committed schemes
* Examination of the future year demand profiles in the NTA’s ERM

1. SDCC Future Roads Proposals

* Committed schemes:
* Newlands Cross Upgrade
* Adamstown Road Improvement
* Nangor Road Realignment

1. Potential Local Improvement Schemes Assessed

This is a scoping exercise undertaken with SDCC and TII from which a range of potential schemes within the Study area were identified and brought through a sifting exercise

1. Most beneficial Scheme brought forward for a Do-Something Scenario

* Fonthill Road Junction improvements
* Grangecastle Road Junction Improvements
* Western Dublin Orbital Route
* Clonburris Internal Road Network

1. Transport Modelling Scenarion
2. Preferred Strategy (Do-something vs Do-minimum) – map
3. Impact of Ongar Link (N4-N3 Link) and M50 DM – maps
4. Conclusions

Following a discussion with queries and contributions made by Cllrs Gogarty, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Donovan, Cllr O’Toole, Cllr Lavelle, and N. Durkin. Mr. Gillard answered the questions and queries raised.

Cllr Lavelle thanked Mr. Gillard for taking the time to come in and make the presentation. The report was **NOTED**

**H.I. 3 M50 Emergency Management**

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Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer gave the report. He informed the meeting that the TII had a number of requests to put the document on their website and that the Interagency Incident Response Group (IICG) comprised of members of An Garda Siochana, Local Authorities, Dublin Fire Brigade, TII and the Motorway Traffic Control Centre. This group to ensure that there is a co-ordinated response to a major emergency on motorways in the Greater Dublin area and to put in place protocols for the management of such major incidents. He also informed the meeting that SDCC would also put information in this regard on our website to inform the public of the campaign.

Mr. Purcell responded to questions raised by Cllr O’Toole, and Cllr Lavelle regarding the new signage on the M50. The report was **NOTED**

**H.I. 4 Planning Enforcement**

[**Planning Enforcement Report Feb SPC.docx**](file:///\\SDCC-file3\Roads\Rdsad\Meetings\SPC's\1%20LANDUSE%20PLANNING%20&%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC\2017\February\Items\Planning%20Enforcement%20Report%20Feb%20SPC.docx)

Mr. E. Taaffe, presented the report. The report included statistics of enforcement activity for 2016. The number of enforcement complaints had been reduced by one third in 2016. A lot of complaints received were in regard to exempted development. There are new staff assigned to Enforcement cases and this should address the issues.

Mr. Taaffe responded to questions raised by Cllr. Donovan, Cllr Murphy and Cllr Lavelle and the report was **NOTED**

**H.I.5 Update on Vacant Sites Levy**

[**SDCC Vacant Site Register - Draft Presentation to SPC 16-02-17.pptx**](file:///\\SDCC-file3\Roads\Rdsad\Meetings\SPC's\1%20LANDUSE%20PLANNING%20&%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC\2017\February\Items\SDCC%20Vacant%20Site%20Register%20-%20Draft%20Presentation%20to%20SPC%2016-02-17.pptx)

E. Taaffe, DOS gave the report update. The report gave a brief outline of background and context of the Vacant Site Register, what a vacant site is, Council progress to date and summary of the key issues. The Council are currently in the process of writing to landowners of potential vacant sites including Council lands where they fit the criteria.

Mr. Taaffe responded to questions raided by Cllr Murphy, Cllr. Donovan and Cllr Lavelle and Mr. N. Durkan and the report was **NOTED**

**H.1.6 Draft Traffic Calming Criteria**

[**DRAFT Traffic Calming Criteria Document SDCC (kr) Rev 1.docx**](file:///\\SDCC-file3\Roads\Rdsad\Meetings\SPC's\1%20LANDUSE%20PLANNING%20&%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC\2017\February\Items\Final%20DRAFT%20Draft%20Traffic%20Calming%20Criteria%20Document%20SDCC%20(kr)%20Rev%201.docx)

It was agreed that this item would be brought back to the next SPC to be discussed. Members in the interim were asked to have a look at the Draft and come back to the next meeting with their input. This was **AGREED**

**H.I. 7. Pilot for Supervised School Bus Service**

E. Taaffe, DOS informed the meeting that a meeting had been held with the NTA regarding the funding of a pilot school bus service. The NTA whilst not against the idea, they were not prepared to fund it. Mr. Taaffe stated that SDCC would not have the resources to fund such a venture and that the reality was that the Councils function was not to provide a school bus service. This would be an issue for schools themselves to get involved in in consultation with Parent Teacher Associations. If any Councillors or members had any ideas themselves regarding same they would be appreciated.

Following a discussion the report was **NOTED**

**COR 1. Ireland 2040 – Our Plan – National Planning Framework**

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Correspondence received from Department of Housing, Planning Community and Local Government.

This item will be going to the March Council meeting for discussion.

This was **NOTED**

**H.I. 8 A.O.B.**

No other business

**The meeting concluded at 7.10p.m.”**

1. **Minutes of Meeting 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 made to the policy. It was suggested by Cllr Wm Lavelle that the next stage would be to make a presentation on the Policy to the Corporate Policy Group rather than to the various SPC’s before being presented to the full Council. 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 consisted 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 Policy Forum Report**

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 before the Meeting to be held with the NTA on 8th December between 4.30p.m. and 5.30p.m.

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

The Environment Department have requested that a nominee from this SPE be part of the Working Group. Cllrs Gogarty and O’Toole expressed an interest. Their names to be forwarded to the Environment 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.”**

**H4f/0317**  **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor D. O’Donovan of the Social & Community SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. **Report of Meeting 21st February 2017**

**“Attendance:**

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| Members | Officials |
| Cllr. D. O’Donovan | B. Coman, Director of Services |
| Cllr. Emma Murphy | A. Byrne Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. V. Casserly | 1. Silke Sports Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | T. McDermot SDC Sports Partnership |
| L. Kelly PPN | M. Finn, Social Inclusion Officer |
|  | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |

**Apologies:** Cllr. K. Egan, Cllr S. Holland

A quorum was not reached. It was agreed to report on the items on the agenda and present a report in this regard.

**Minutes of September Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in November were noted.

**Matters arising**

A number of awards were received since the last meeting

Pride of Place Dominic’s Community Centre

Chamber Awards Health and Wellbeing

Lama Kishogue

National Volunteer: Sharon Byrne

Confirmation will be sought on the nominating arrangement for the LAMA Awards

**Community Initiative Fund and Community Grants**

P. McAlerney gave a presentation outlining the following dates;

Both will be advertised and open for applications from Monday 6th March 2017

Closing Date for receipt of applications is Friday 31st March 2017

Community Grant Workshops will be delivered across the County

Workshop dates will be circulated shortly.

**Participatory Budget – Lucan Clondalkin**

B. Coman reported on the preparations for the launch of the **Participatory Budget** which will be held on 28th February. Three workshops will be held to explain and promote the project.

A further four sessions will be held later with focus groups. Details will be circulated via social media, PPN etc.

**Food Festival**

B. Coman reported that contact has been made with the Migrant Forum. A number of ideas have been put forward by them and these will be followed up. Schools, IT Tallaght and community organisations will all have an input. A time scale of June has been put forward.

A report will be available for the May meeting.

**Transport Survey and Report**

This was discussed and it was agreed to circulate the full report via the SPC on the CMAS system

**AOB**

Cllr. O’Donovan congratulated Cllr. Murphy on finishing the Gaelforce challenge.

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**The meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.”**

**(ii) Minutes of Meeting 15th November 2016**

**“Attendance:**

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| Members | Officials |
| Cllr. D. Looney | A.Byrne Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. Emma Murphy | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| Cllr. V. Casserly | 1. Silke Sports Officer |
| Cllr. K. Egan | T. McDermot SDC Sports Partnership |
| Cllr S. Holland | M. Finn, Social Inclusion Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | S. Hickey, Social Inclusion Unit |
| L. Kelly PPN |  |

**Apologies:** B. Coman, Director of Services

**Introductions**

The Chair, Cllr. Looney expressed his sadness on the death of Joe Horan, former County Manager.

**Minutes of September Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th September which have been circulated were proposed by Cllr. Looney, seconded by Grainne Ní Mhuirí and agreed.

**Sports Partnership**

Thos McDermott gave a presentation on a new sports strategy being prepared by the Local Sports Partnership.

The Sports Partnership has three roles: To Lead, To Inspire, and To Enhance.

This is at pre consultation stage. A draft will be prepared by the Sports Partnership which will take account of the many initiatives and other strategies in existence such as Healthy County, Disability initiatives, Tourism Strategy and the Play Space Strategy.

Once a draft is complete, it will move to the consultation stage which is expected to be early in the New Year.

Members of the SPC will be kept up to date of developments.

**FAI – Football for All**

A comprehensive presentation was given by the FAI Development Officers. This was welcomed by the members, who appreciated the depth of programmes delivered by the officers throughout the County.

There was a lively discussion covering school based programmes, locally based programmes, programmes focusing on children with a disability and older persons.

The Development Officers welcomed the suggestions of the members and agreed to consider these when developing their 2017 programmes with the SDCC Sports Officers. These include:

Primary School Teacher Summer Courses

BEAM and LGBT Awareness programmes looking to NFL and Rugby programmes for guidance

School Completions and inclusion of ROMA boys in programmes

Increased programmes for persons with a disability

**Social Inclusion Week**

Maria Finn gave an update on how Social Inclusion Week 2016 was progressing.

Schools Competition, numbers of events, numbers attending are all up on previous years. The inclusion of many new organisations was highlighted.

This was welcomed by the members and the positive impression and leadership of the Council given by these events was welcomed.

**Less is More**

Alison Silke gave a presentation on the ‘Less is more’ initiative which is a new website/app which will be available to athletes/sports person who have maybe come to the end of their competitive sports life and are often at a loose end. This will provide a questionnaire which will give some info to the participant on what they should be watching out for. This is a collaborative venture between the SDCC Sports Office, IT Dept. and Cllr Kenneth Egan.

Members will be kept up to date of progress.

**International Food Festival**

This derived from the annual 2017 Council Budget and Councillors agreed to include this for 2017.

A number of suggestions arose

Possible Venue of Rathfarnham Castle grounds

Similar event to A Taste of Dublin

Include groups such as Direct Provision Centres and established groups representing Polish, Nepalese, Chinese etc.

Classes

Covered in Festival

Spread over a month with different venues

Include Schools and mention of twinning between schools with recipes etc. shared.

Establish a sub committee

This is to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Updates:**

**Tidy Towns**

Paul McAlerney gave an update on the group’s performance on this year’s Tidy Towns competition and updated members on the new groups in the County. A staff member now has a liaison role between all groups and the Council.

**Endeavour Awards 2016 / Chamber Awards / Pride of Place**

The Awards will be presented on 2nd December. All SPC members are invited as are all the groups who entered. South Dublin Co. Co. have also been nominated for Chamber Irelands awards for the Community Initiative Fund, the Cycling Programme and Health and Wellbeing, all of which have been regular items on this SPC. Five groups were nominated by SDCC into the Pride of Place competition and winners will be named at a function later this month.

**Local Economic Community Plan**

An update was given on the consultation for the Community elements of the LECP work plan 2017. Two consultation sessions have already taken place in conjunction with the PPN, with a further one scheduled to be held as part of the plenary meeting on 22nd November. The LCDC will then consider the issues raised when finalising their work plan. Councillors and PPN representatives are included on the Local Community Development Committee.

**Health County Status**

South Dublin County has received Health County Status and this will be conferred at a function on 29th November 2016 at City Hall. Members will be kept up to date on developments.

**Shared Space**

Members agreed to keep this going forward as something to be considered by the SPC.

**AOB**

Cllr. Dermot Looney explained that his role as chair ends at the end of 2016. He thanked all the members and officials for their work and support during his tenure as Chair.

Paul McAlerney on behalf of the staff of SDCC thanked Cllr. Looney for his guidance and commitment as Chair and his support for the many projects undertaken and supported by Cllr Looney and this SPC.

Cllr Deirdre O’Donovan will take over as Chair in 2017.

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**The meeting concluded at 7.40 p.m.”**

Councillors D. O’Donovan and S. Holland wanted to congratulate Councillors E. Murphy and F. Duffy on completing the Gaelforce event.

The Reports were **NOTED.**

### H5/0317 REPORTS REQUESTED FROM AREA COMMITTEES

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor G. O’Connell, seconded by Councillor S. Holland and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q29 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### Q1/0317 HOUSING APPLICANTS

### QUESTION: Councillor L. Dunne

To ask the Chief Executive to give a report on how many new applicants have presented as homeless since January of this year? With a breakdown as follows:

How many single males?

How many single females?

How many couples?

How many families?

**REPLY:**

New presentations for the month of January were 133, the breakdown of this figure is not recorded as requested.

However at the end of January those included in the Homeless Register is broken down as follows:

No. Registered Homeless    437

Single Male                        192

Single Female                   48

Couples                             2

Families                            195

### Q2/0317 HOME SECURITY SCHEME

### QUESTION: Councillor P. Foley

Has a decision been made on the Home Security Scheme?  Is it going to be run again this year? Could a statement be made on the matter?

**REPLY:**

Funding has been provided in the 2017 Budget to run this scheme again.  It is expected to advertise this in the spring. Councillors will be notified when expressions of interest are sought.

### Q3/0317 PART V

### QUESTION: Councillor S. Holland

To ask the manager how many Part 5 properties have been agreed or are in planning to come into council stock for this year.

**REPLY:**

Currently a total of 119 units for social housing will come to the Council through the Part V provision in 2017 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. However this number may change as some building schedules may have to be altered.

### Q4/0317 PART V

### QUESTION: Councillor S. Holland

To ask the manager how many developers have transferred houses on land other than that being developed to this local authority in satisfaction of their Part 5 requirements?

**REPLY:**

The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 amended the operation of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000. One of the amended Part V delivery options ( post Act of 2015 ) related to " the transfer of ownership to the local authority of completed social housing units on other land ( i.e. not on the land where the development is taking place. )

From 2015 to date there have been 2 cases where the Council has agreed with a developer to secure a social unit off site in order for their Part V requirement to be met.

### Q5/0317 HAP APPLICANTS

### QUESTION: Councillor M. Johansson

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that all HAP applicants are offered to go on the HAP transfer list and to outline how many on the HAP transfer list have been offered and how many have accepted housing by the council?"

**REPLY:**

Applicants who apply to be included on the HAP Transfer list within 2 weeks of signing up to HAP retain their time on the list. Applicants who apply for a transfer at a later stage do not retain their time on the list and are treated as a new application. All HAP applicants are offered the option of being included on the HAP transfer list on signing up to the HAP scheme.

It is the intention that HAP transfers will be available on Choice Base Lettings and work is in progress to enable this access.  To date no HAP transfers have taken place.

### Q6/0317 HOUSING LIST

### QUESTION: Councillor M. Johansson

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that all HAP applicants who opt to go on the HAP transfer list retain their time on the housing waiting list and accumulate time while remaining on HAP, but do not have access to Choice Based Letting?"

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### Q7/0317 GRASS CUTTING

### QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle

To ask the Chief Executive if sufficient resources, cover and management processes are in place to ensure the effective delivery of a three-weekly grass cutting schedule in residential areas in late spring/early summer noting the serious difficulties encountered in both 2014 and 2016?

**REPLY:**

It is proposed that the annual grass cutting programme will commence across the County in the coming two to three weeks.  This is a number of weeks earlier than would normally be expected and is as a result of the mild winter. The service will be provided on the same basis as in previous years, that is open spaces and roadside margins will be cut fortnightly while playing pitches will be cut weekly.

A number of issues are being examined at present in an effort to improve the delivery of this service in 2017. The record of grass cutting events in 2016 is currently being examined to identify where problems arose, as is the record of complaints received in 2016 regarding poor grass cutting standards.  The information obtained from this exercise will identify problems from the 2016 season which need to be addressed in 2017, if not already resolved.

It is proposed that the weed control which is required in margins around trees, sign poles, utility boxes, barriers and also in boundary areas will commence earlier than in previous years and that this will improve the appearance of those areas from an early date in 2017.

It is also proposed that a system will be implemented in 2017 whereby all available grass cutting resources around the County can be pooled in such a manner that there is a consistently high standard of grass cutting achieved across all parts of the County.  This will represent a move away from the existing system whereby the service is provided from operational depots which are responsible for grass cutting in specific geographical areas which are linked to them.  This has in the past resulted in a variation in adherence to the grass cutting schedule from one area to another and a variation in the standard achieved across the County.

### Q8/0317 N4 – N7 STUDY

### QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed response to the recently published TII N4-N7 Study and to advise on any actions which this Council intends pursuing or recommending arising from the Study?

**REPLY:**

The N4/N7 Corridor Study undertaken by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and its consultants examined the existing National and Regional Road Network in the South Dublin County Council Area in the context of traffic volumes on Main routes and the future traffic demands in the area based on projected population growth.

The objectives of the Study, which was very much focused on the Road network, were to:-

1. Describe and quantify the existing transport network in the Study Area, and the factors that influence existing behaviour;
2. Understand the future growth in population, employment, retail, leisure uses and underlying economic activity that will drive future increases in travel demand;
3. Develop and assess alternative approaches for responding to future demand using a combination of control measures and infrastructure investment on National and Regional/Local Roads to facilitate growth in population and employment, and corresponding increases in economic activity; and
4. To achieve this in a way that seeks to address on-going capacity issues, provide for short term growth and facilitate the future provision for public transport and other modes.

However, it should be noted that the Study concentrates on road capacity and does not take into account the transportation benefits associated with investment and improvements in Public Transport Infrastructure. The Study itself recognises this and Section 2.2 of the Final Report States:-

“The publication of the NTA Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016–2035 provides a context within which this N4-N7 corridor study should be framed. The NTA Strategy was published in April 2016 and therefore this study could not consider all aspects of the measures proposed, or their impacts. However, it is acknowledged that the medium and long term strategies for responding to future travel demand in these areas will have a strong public transport focus. The delivery of major public transport projects are generally medium to long term initiatives, therefore the focus of this study is to consider measures which seek to address on-going capacity issues, provide for short term growth and facilitate the future provision for public transport and other modes.”

The Study is of most use in that it examines a number of interventions in the Strategic Road Network and their impacts and benefits. In particular the potential impacts and benefits of (a) Demand Management on the M50 and (b) the Long Term Road Objective contained in the County Development Plan of an N4 to N7 Link Road to the West of Lucan and Grangecastle. It should also be noted that TII consider the provision of this latter objective to be a local, as opposed to National matter, at this point in time.

### Q9/0317 ROAD SAFETY OFFICER

### QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the planned appointment of a new Road Safety Officer?

**REPLY:**

The recruitment process for a replacement Road Safety Officer has commenced and it is expected a new Road Safety Officer will be in place shortly.

### Q10/0317 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

### QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the current staffing available to deliver and support this council’s planning enforcement function?

**REPLY:**

A significant amount of Staff Resourcing has been allocated to reviewing Planning Enforcement Cases and a large number of cases have been successfully closed or resolved as a result.  Fortnightly review meetings are held with Senior Staff in the Registry Section of Planning to review progress in this regard.  An additional member of the Planning team will be assigned to Inspections/reports in late March and it is considered that following this measure, sufficient staff resources will be available to provide an effective Enforcement Service.

### Q11/0317 PLAYGROUND AND PLAYSPACES

### QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on current tender processes underway for playground and playspace projects in the County?

**REPLY:**

The following play space and playground projects are planned to be progressed in 2017. Some have already commenced in terms of consultation, design and tendering. The refurbishment of the Griffeen Valley Playground will commence shortly once the tender standstill period has expired and a contract is awarded. Four projects commenced in 2016 are at an advanced stage and three (Kingswood, Kilnamanagh and Glendoher) are effectively opened. The playground in Tymon Park North will be opened in April 2017. In addition, it also proposed to commence design scoping for the refurbishment of the Corkagh Park playground.

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| **LUCAN** | |
| **Location** | **Update** |
| Griffeen Valley Park | Tenders received and analysed. Recommendation made. Tender standstill period in place. Expected commencement May 2017 |
| Lucan Demesne | Design work to commence |
| Newcastle Road area | Consultation scoping commenced |
| Hillcrest Estate Lucan | Consultation to commence |
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| **CLONDALKIN** | |
| Neilstown area | Consultation commenced |
| Collinstown Park |
| Bawnogue Area (including  Cherrywood Park and  St Cuthbert’s Park) | Consultation to commence |
| Boot Road | Consultation to commence |
| **TALLAGHT CENTRAL** | |
| Ballymount Park | Consultation to commence |
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| **TALLAGHT SOUTH** | |
| Jobstown Park | Design work commenced |
| Saggart | Consultation to commence |
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| **TEMPLEOGUE TERENURE** | |
| Delaford | Consultation to commence |
| Glendown Park | Consultation to commence |
| Perrystown | Consultation commenced |
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| **RATHFARNHAM** | |
| Marian Road | Consultation commenced |
| Longwood/Stonepark Abbey Rathfarnham | Consultation commenced |
| Elkwood | Consultation to commence |

### Q12/0317 SOCIAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

### QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on all social housing construction projects underway or planned in the County, and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

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* Fernwood

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### Q13/0317 SPEED LIMITS

### QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed speed limit changes in the County, and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

 Following discussions at all Area Committees the Draft Speed Limit Byelaws have been amended and submitted to TII and An Garda Síochana for their Consideration.  Subject to written replies being received from both Organisations it is anticipated that the Draft Byelaws can be presented for final consideration by the Members at the March Council Meeting.

### Q14/0317 GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

### QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on district heating, geothermal energy, micro-hydroelectric projects and other sustainable energy resource schemes planned or underway by the Council, and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The County Architect provided a detailed briefing on energy matters to the Council at the November meeting: The Council has been successful in attracting funding under the Inter-Reg V.(b) programme for the development of piping and heat-exchange infrastructure for a district-heating system linking, initially, the Tallaght Hospital and County Hall.   The project will require the laying of pipework’s and the development of a procurement and governance model for the realisation and operation of the network. The energy centre (not funded by Inter-Reg) will include a combined Heat and Power Plant. Closed-loop geothermal is one of the possible renewable sources under review for this CHP. The Inter-Reg section of the project must be completed by mid-2019.

A number of micro-hydroelectric projects were evaluated in the County-wide study but the current energy market does not render them economically viable for the short-term.

### Q15/0317 LIBRARY STATISTICS

### QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on library usage statistics, including online services and the mobile library, and to make a statement on the matter.

The Library Service in South Dublin is a vibrant and essential service. Last year **1,002,379** citizens visited our 7 branches and 4 mobile libraries. On these occasions 1,075,266 transactions took place.

**Issues**

Desk: 369,268

RFID: 580,432

**Total Issues: 1,075,266** which includes 125,566 transactions (renewals)

Almost 5,000 events were organised by South Dublin Libraries last year for children and adults. These included literacy, cultural and educational events. As well as the 56 .5 hours per week that branch libraries are open for public service, there were over 200 extra after- hours events in 2016.

**ICT:**

Libraries have over 180 public PCs with free internet access. The public spent over 205,000 hours using these facilities between internet sessions and organised computer learning classes.

Internet sessions: 205,603

Wi-Fi Sessions: 63,410

Visits to the Library website: Web Views 898,47 Web sessions: 464,838

The public accessed Internet through their own devices while connected to the Free Wi-Fi facilities, in all our branch libraries and on the mobile libraries on 63,410 occasions in 2016.

**Online resources** are increasing in popularity and South Dublin Libraries provide a large number of online resources to the public.

Last year 155,402 of these resources were accessed by library patrons.

* BorrowBox (eaudio and eBooks) 10,513
* E Britannica 48,541
* Consumer Health 149
* INA 24,164
* Mango Languages 1,243
* Proquest 7,903
* Tumbelbooks 1,639
* Universal Class 33,933
* Zinio 14,153
* Vision-net 3,588

**Mobile Libraries 2016** - over 2,700 hours of service to the public.

School Service: (42 weeks/year) 483 hours

The mobile library visits 19 schools monthly

Public Stops: 2,080 hours 39 stop locations 148 serviced stops per week

Each afternoon three mobile libraries are in service around the county in South Dublin and two mobile libraries are in service until 8pm Monday - Thursday.

**Outreach:** approx. 200 hrs in 2016

Monthly deliveries of books, DVDs and audio books to crèches, nursing homes, community centres, festivals etc. by the mobile library or personal visits from staff of the mobile library service for story telling sessions and library promotion. (32 crèches, 8 nursing homes,)

### Q16/0317 INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATE RENTED PROPERTIES

### QUESTION: Councillor D. Looney

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on inspections of private rented properties in the County, and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

Private rented properties in the County are currently inspected under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 and the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2009. These inspections are carried out by the Council’s Clerk of Works and by the Environmental Health Officers for the purposes of ensuring that rented properties comply with the regulations. [New regulations](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2017/si/17/made/en/pdf) to replace the 2009 regulations were signed by the Minister on 26th January and will come into effect on 1st July 2017.

During the 12 month period 1st January to 31st December 2016 **1353** dwellings were inspected. A total number of **1534** inspections which includes re-inspections, were carried out during this period. It is noted by NOAC in its report on Inspections of Private Rented dwellings that South Dublin County Council is among the best performers in this area.

Of the dwellings inspected 1195 did not meet the regulatory requirements. The most common contraventions of the minimum standards were the following:

* Smoke alarms – either not present, not working or not the required number
* Boiler service certification not available
* Fire Blanket – not present
* Carbon Monoxide Alarms – either not present or not the required number. Although this is not included in the current minimum standards, the Council advises that it is best practice for rented properties to have them installed. (This requirement has now been addressed in the new regulations coming into effect on 1st July).

All landlords have a legal obligation to ensure that their rented properties comply with these regulations in order to protect the health and well-being of their tenants, and that the rented property is safe and fit for habitation while let and available for renting.

In cases where the property contravenes the minimum standards the landlords are notified and requested to confirm the minimum standards are complied with. In 2016 two Improvement Notices requiring improvement works to be carried out were served. A prosecution has been initiated in relation to one, while a Prohibition Notice was served (in 2017) in relation to the other.

During 2017 the Council will be focusing on enforcement of the minimum standards and in this regard will be carrying out spot checks on properties which failed to meet the minimum standards in 2016.

### Q17/0317 HISTORIC ROAD FURNITURE

### QUESTION: Councillor R. McMahon

To ask the manager if there is a register of historic/antique road furniture and signage for the County and if so, is there a policy to maintain these. If no such register exists, is there any plans to compile such a register by the Council.

**REPLY:**

While there is no formal established register of historic or antique road furniture the Heritage Officer would be familiar with particular items of street furniture and other items in the County.  The Heritage Officer is consulted before any such items are removed or altered.  During the Village Enhancement projects cognisance is taken of historical items and their protection and preservation.  As part of the Heritage Plan review a list of such features can be compiled.

### Q18/0317 PASSPORT FOR LEISURE

### QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor

To ask the Chief Executive if he has noted the success of the Passport for Leisure Scheme operated by Dublin City Council and if he would confirm that it is a scheme which could be considered for our county.

**REPLY:**

As part of a Lord Mayor’s Special Initiative for older people “Embracing Ageing” some years ago Dublin City Council introduced a Passport for Leisure Scheme. The Passport is a discount card and directory that includes vouchers and discounts offered by businesses throughout the city. It also includes free / discounted access to Dublin City owned and managed, leisure and recreation facilities though with some restrictions applied recently.

South Dublin County Council does not directly operate and manage the leisure and recreation facilities and any such scheme would have to be negotiated with South Dublin County Leisure Services Limited who operate the management of Tallaght Leisure, Centre, Clondalkin Sports and Leisure Centre and Lucan Sports and Leisure Centre on behalf of the Council.

Both Clondalkin (Tue & Thurs) and Tallaght (Mon &Wed) currently provide senior (over 55’) discounted swimming sessions.

In the context of the ' Life Cycle' approach the Council is committed to providing opportunities to improve their quality of life and sense of wellbeing.

Clondalkin (Thurs) and Tallaght (Thurs) currently facilitate the Living the life programme - €3 which is a fitness programme specifically for 55+.

A brief summary of the supports/programmes delivered to older adults is set out;

Ongoing PAL’s Training – Physical Activity Leader Training – we facilitate workshops whereby participants complete training to become a physical activity leader – the skills they acquire enable them to teach sessions to their own group.

Refresher PAL’s Courses: we facilitate refresher sessions for those whom have completed PAL’s training

Senior Games: We host an annual senior games event – older adults will have completed taster sessions and then go on to compete in the senior games tournament to represent their county in the national finals – the programme in run throughout the month of May with National finals held in early June.

Equipment: We have an extensive equipment library that older adult groups have the opportunity to borrow equipment without the expense of having to purchase their own equipment. We have a number of items specific to older adult games that is available all year round.

We facilitate talks with older adult groups – we speak to them about their activity levels, general health & Wellbeing and link them in to whatever services we can locally – i.e. health promotion, libraries, support networks.

A whole range of events and activities are listed on the Councils new 55+ Daily Activity Booklet 2017 edition now available.

### Q19/0317 COUNTYWIDE HOUSING PLANS

### QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor

To ask the Chief Executive if he would make a statement confirming proposals for housing developments on state or council owned lands in our county and in reporting will he detail what discussions he has had in the matter.

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### Q20/0317 HALLOWEEN 2016

### QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor

To ask the Chief Executive if he will present a full report detailing the cost to the Council of issues relating to the 2016 Halloween bonfire season; will he list the separate costings involved in collecting such material before bonfire night and also the open space restoration process and will he give such details in respect of each electoral area.

**REPLY:**

Council crews working over the weekend immediately before 31st October removed a total of 41 tonnes of material which had been stockpiled for bonfires. During the two week period prior to Halloween the crews removed a total of 192 tonnes of waste, a large portion of which was stockpiled bonfire material.

There were 306 Halloween bonfires, 130 on the South Side of the Naas Road and 176 on the North Side.

The total cost of the clean-up was €121,950 including payroll and waste disposal costs.   It is not possible to provide a cost breakdown by electoral area.

Post Halloween, priority is given to the restoration of damage sustained to pitches and areas of high amenity through provision of top soil and grass seed. This work will be done in March / April.

### Q21/0317 HOMELESS CRISIS

### QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor

To ask the Chief Executive to present an updated report on actions he is continuing to take in respect of the homeless crisis as it effects our county; will he comment on the targets set in this regard by the current Minister for Housing and will he also detail his efforts to facilitate homeless families in accommodation other than hotels.

**REPLY:**

As at end of January 2017, there were 437 applicants on the Homeless Priority List.

South Dublin County Council currently operates two facilities in the Tallaght Area. Tallaght Cross houses 64 families on a temporary basis and Killininny House offers accommodation for 21 single men and an additional 9 placements as step down/transitional in Gleann na Horna in Springfield managed by the Peter McVerry Trust. South Dublin County Council also has nomination rights to another hotel in the Tallaght Area for placement of South Dublin Families. Also Riversdale House has 24 occupants who are incapable of independent living. All other Hotel & B&B accommodation is operated through the Central Placement Services and is not in the control of this local authority, and as a result the service can only offer the accommodation that is available on any given day.

All families included on the Homeless Register are notified to the Focus Family HAT who appoint a Case Worker to further assist those families.

SDCC is also working with Focus Ireland on the HAP Preventative Measure to assist and prevent those families at risk from becoming homelessness.

The Council also operates an outreach service and multi-agency approach to address rough sleepers.

Dublin City Council is the lead authority in terms of Homeless Services for the Dublin Region. Funding for Homeless accommodation and preventative measures comes from the Department Housing Planning Community and Local Government with a contribution from each of the Dublin authorities. Funding is also provided for a number of services from the Department of Health/HSE.

### Q22/0317 TREE MAINTENANCE

### QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor

To ask the Chief Executive to table a report on the current Tree Programme detailing the efforts by his staff to deal with what might be described as emergency calls relating to damaged Trees and will he also confirm the progress of the Programme arising from the employment of additional staff.

**REPLY:**

The 2016 Tree Maintenance programme remains ongoing and any outstanding commitments have been carried into this early part of 2017 for completion. All works listed under the 2016 Tree Maintenance programme will be actioned in advance of commencing a new programme of tree maintenance works.  A full report on the 2016 Tree Maintenance programme will be presented at the March meeting of the four Area Committees.

The Council has an emergency plan for severe weather conditions and has tree maintenance crews on call 24 hours a day for any tree related emergencies.

The Council currently has two full-time tree maintenance crews in operation.  Provision has been made in the Council's 2017 budget for set up of a third full-time tree maintenance crew.  This crew is not yet in operation but the recruitment process for this crew is underway.

### Q23/0317 PRIVATE RENTED DWELLINGS

### QUESTION: Councillor D. O'Donovan

To ask the Manager what steps SDCC are taking to tackle the problem of rogue landlords changing the use of rented homes into multi-occupancy residences, leaving tenants with little or no protections and living in sub-standard accommodation?

**REPLY:**

Minimum standards are set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 and the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2009. These regulations specify requirements in relation to a range of matters such as structural repair, absence of damp and rot, sanitary facilities, heating, ventilation, light and safety of gas and electrical supply. Full details are available on the Department’s website www.environ.ie.

All landlords have a legal obligation to ensure that their rented properties comply with these regulations and Local Authorities are responsible for the enforcement of the regulations.

All rental accommodation must be maintained in a proper state of structural repair. This means that the dwelling must be essentially sound, internally and externally, with roof, roofing tiles and slates, windows, floors, ceilings, walls, stairs, doors, skirting boards, fascia, tiles on any floor, ceiling and wall, gutters, down pipes, fittings, furnishings, gardens and common areas maintained in good condition and repair and not defective due to dampness or otherwise.

The Council through the Clerk of Works and Environmental Health Officers carry out regular inspections of rented properties. In 2016 a total number of 1534 insppections were carried out. Where dwellings fail some of the requirements of the Regulations, the landlord is written to by the Council and requested to confirm that they have made the necessary alterations required so that the dwelling meets the necessary standard. It should be noted that NOAC have reported that South Dublin County Council is one of the top performing Local Authorities in the area of Private Rented inspections.

In some cases Improvement Notices are served on the landlord, requiring him / her to carry out certain works to bring the dwelling up to standard. During inspections any issues that appear out of the ordinary are reported.

### Q24/0317 FACILITIES FOR TEENAGERS

### QUESTION: Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the plans to carry out a Study on facilities for older children, as per previous question (see below)

Monday, February 13, 2017 QUESTION NO. 26

**QUESTION: Councillor L. O'Toole** To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the feasibility study to be carried out in 2017 in relation to facilities for older children.

**REPLY:** Provision has been made in 2017 to progress a study with regard to the provision of teenage facilities in the county. This study will include:

* consultation with relevant interest groups as well as reporting to the Elected Members as the study is progressing
* background research to assess current level of provision for this group

It is intended to commence this study as soon as possible.

**REPLY:**

Provision has been made in 2017 to progress a study with regard to the provision of teenage facilities in the county. The study will include:

* Background research to assess current level of provision for this group.
* Consultation with relevant interest groups as well as reporting to the Elected Members as the study is progressing.

The initial background research has commenced.

### Q25/0317 DOG FOULING

### QUESTION: Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the total number of fines issued in relation to dog fouling in the County including the total number of paid fines, for years 2015 and 2016.

**REPLY:**

Members of the public are required to take measures to prevent the creation of litter, including dog litter.  In accordance with [Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997,](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/22/enacted/en/html) as amended, dog owners or person in charge of a dog in a public place, or in any place to which this section applies, is responsible for cleaning up after their dog, and for the disposal of the dog's litter in an appropriate manner - ***Any Bag, Any Public Bin.***

The following table outlines details as requested in respect of 2015 and 2016

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Issued** | **Paid** |
| 2015 | 1 | 1 |
| 2016 | 4 | 3 (1 summons returned unserved) |
|  |  |  |

### Q26/0317 PARKING FINES

### QUESTION: Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the total number of fines issued in relation to illegal parking in the County including the total number of paid fines, for years 2015 and 2016.

**REPLY:**

In 2015 6989 fines were issued in relation to failure to comply with the parking bye-laws in South Dublin and in 2016 the figure was 9,219. Of the fines issued 4753 were paid in 2015 and 6328 in 2016.

### Q27/0317 SPORTS FACILITIES

### QUESTION: Councillor L. O'Toole

To ask the Chief Executive to update this committee on previous question/response (see below) given in particular the formal launch that was to take place.

(QUESTION NO.23

**QUESTION: Councillor L. O'Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the Sports facilities audit which was due to be carried out at the beginning of the year.

**REPLY:**

A working group made up of representatives of different departments have developed a Community Facilities Map.   Following a community consultation process the Community GIS was soft launched in April and is now publicly accessible on the Council website: [*http://sdublincoco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4d79220add374011babea9002d015ab7*](http://sdublincoco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4d79220add374011babea9002d015ab7)

This shows community centres, neighbourhood facilities, sports facilities including pitches and playgrounds which are managed or supported by South Dublin County Council.  Details are also provided of other facilities in the county which provide facilities and services which are available within communities such as schools, health centres etc.  This project is still a work in progress, consultation and feedback is ongoing and welcome.

It is anticipated that a formal launch of the project will be held later this year)

**REPLY:**

The Community Facilities [Map](http://sdublincoco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4d79220add374011babea9002d015ab7) is currently live and available, allowing members of the public to search for a range of community facilities in their area or within the county. The project will remain "live", with information updated when necessary.

The most recent addition is an  "[Open Data Portal](http://data-sdublincoco.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets?t=Community%20Sports%20and%20Youth%20Centres)" which enables the user to download the information sought into any format such as an excel or word document.

We are working with the members of the Community and Social SPC to launch this project in 2017.

### Q28/0317 HOMELESS

### QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons

To ask for a report into SDCC outreach service for Homeless and ask what is provided and contact number for same and how many outreach workers are employed ?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council currently employs one outreach worker.

The Council operates an outreach service and multi-agency approach to address rough sleepers across the County. The Outreach worker works closely with the HSE in particular in identifying rough sleepers and sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services. The needs of rough sleepers are often very complex and challenging and require a comprehensive and coordinated approach. The Homeless Forum under the auspice of the South Dublin County Partnership is currently finalising a work plan for 2017 which will include actions around improved coordinating of services, sharing of information and preventative measures.

The Outreach Worker can be contacted through the main South Dublin County Council phone number 01-4149000.

In addition to the Council Outreach worker the DRHE and Housing First has an outreach team in place that work with families and reported rough sleepers at night.  When they make contact they endeavour to place them in accommodation.  However not all offers of accommodation are taken up.   This team can be contacted at the following out of hours phone numbers:

Family Intake Team – 087-6884267

Rough Sleepers Intake Team – 086-8139015

Both services are run by Focus Ireland

### Q29/0317 COUNCIL SITES

### QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons

To ask for a list of all council owned sites by area that could potentially be built on? For Housing and community facilities

**REPLY:**

The Councils land bank is constantly under review in terms of opportunities to deliver Council strategic objectives in terms of disposal and/or development of property in its' ownership.

A full report in this regard will be brought to the meeting of the O, P&F Committee in March 2017.

### Q30/0317 YOUTH CAFÉS

### QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons

To ask for an update report on any Progress made on below motion passed on development plan?

45026Councillor F. Timmons [Development Plan Meeting - 18 June 2015](http://membersnet.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/Agenda/1314) Motions 03/06/2015

That a core objective of SDCC will be that youth cafes and safe meeting places for teenagers will be looked at being provided in Local Community centres and such facilities that may be unused in the evening times in an effort to provide much needed facilities for the 13-19 age group.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council Community Development team continue to work with local organisations, DDLETB through Foroige and Crosscare and the management of community facilities throughout the County to increase the quality of the facilities on offer to the local community.  This includes the provision of cafe style facilities in community buildings where appropriate.   Some examples of this in recent years of such facilities include Ballyroan Community Centre, St. Dominic’s, Killinarden Community Centre, Griffeen, The Big Picture, Tallaght Luas Stop and Rathcoole which include informal cafe style areas.

Pobal administers Youth Capital Funding on behalf of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. To date this funding relates to the provision of capital funding for Youth Cafés. All community centres are notified when calls for funding are announced.

### Q31/0317 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

### QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons

In Light of recent and ongoing reports on Institutions by HIQA in the News lately and a general acceptance that this time of living needs to be phased out - what plans are in place to move people with Intellectual Disabilities into Adapted / Housing out of congregated setting into community houses accommodation within SDCC?

**REPLY:**

We are currently in the process of reviewing the Draft National Guidelines for the Assessment and Allocation Process for Housing Provision for People with a Disability which includes moving people with disabilities out of congregated settings into adapted and standard housing and also community houses within SDCC administrative area.

Within our own Housing Strategy Group for People with Disabilities, we have successfully moved 11 people with disabilities from congregated settings into Council properties with the support of the Service Provider and Care Packages from the HSE.  All properties have been inspected and passed inspection by HIQA.  We are in the process of moving 2 other applicants from congregated settings in our administrative area directly into local authority dwellings.

### Q32/0317 HOUSING LIST

### QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons

To ask for a report into how many people are on the following Housing list?

1 bed, 2 bed, 3 bed, 4 bed and how many are on homeless list and medical priority by area?

**REPLY:**

Housing List applications below @ 28/02/2017.  These figures includes Homeless and Medical applicants.  The total on housing list is 8142. (Please note some applicants have chosen both housing areas)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| SIZE | NORTH OF THE NAAS ROAD | SOUTH OF THE NAAS ROAD |
| 1 Bedroom | 1438 | 2134 |
| 2 Bedroom | 1918 | 2291 |
| 3 Bedroom | 1122 | 1158 |
| 4 Bedroom | 125 | 124 |

The medical list (which is included in the above figures) comprises of the following

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Medical List | North of Naas Road | South of Naas Road | Either Area |
| 495 | 195 | 224 | 76 |
| A further 89 Applications are with the Medical Referee being assessed | | | |

Homeless list as per end of January

Registered Homeless          437

1 bed                                230

2 bed                                103

3 bed                                88

4 bed                                16

These are broken down as follows

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Size | North of Naas Rd | South of Naas Rd |
| 1 bed | 157 | 214 |
| 2 bed | 61 | 74 |
| 3 bed | 51 | 44 |
| 4 bed | 13 | 14 |

### Q33/0317 CORRESPONDENCE

### QUESTION: Councillor M. Ward

Can I get a report on all letters of correspondence to Ministers based on Council Motions I had submitted and were subsequently passed by this Council from March 2016 to date? Including how many, when they were sent and what if any replies were received?

**REPLY:**

**The table below outlines details of the number of motions in your name or co-signed by you from 2016 to February 2017. Once a motion is passed and requires the issuing of correspondence a letter is sent to the relevant Minister. A copy of the correspondence issued is sent to the member for their information. If no response is received within a two month period a reminder is issued. When the response is received it is put onto the next Council meeting under correspondence.**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Letter submitted to Department Ministers** | **Letter Sent Date** | **Letter received from Department** |
| SM01/0217 | 06/03/2017 |  |
| SM04/0217 | 06/03/2017 |  |
| SM01/0117 | 16/01/2017 | NO REPLY |
| SM02/0117 | 16/01/2017 | NO REPLY |
| M24/1116 | 25/11/2016 | NO REPLY |
| SM03/1116 | 23/11/2017 | 16/12/2016 |
| SM02/1116 | 23/11/2016 | 20/02/2017 |
| SM01/1116 | 23/11/2016 | NO REPLY |
| M09/1216 | 23/01/2017 | NO REPLY |
| M25/1016 | 25/10/2016 | NO REPLY |
| M04/0716 | 14/07/2016 | NO REPLY |

### H6/0317 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**H7/0317 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND ADJACENT TO 1 CLOONMORE DRIVE, TALLAGHT, D. 24**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED:**

“The owner of property at 1 Cloonmore Drive, Tallaght, Dublin 24 has applied to the Council to regularise title to a plot of Council owned land adjacent to his property, as outlined in red on Drawing No. LA/37/16. This plot is contained within the boundary of the property since at least 2004.

The matter was referred to the Council’s Valuer for examination and he has recommended the following terms which he considers to be fair and reasonable and which have been accepted by the Applicant.

Accordingly, I now recommend that the Council disposes of the plot of land measuring 0.029 hectares the attached Drawing No. LA/37/16 to the Applicant, Mr. Imad Hassan, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions as recommended by the Council’s Valuer:-

1. That the Council disposes of the subject plot for the consideration of €20,000 (twenty thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).
2. That the subject plot is outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA/37/16 having a net area of 0.029 hectares (290 square metres).
3. That the land is disposed of with full freehold title and vacant possession.
4. That all boundary features shall be in accordance with the Planning & Development and the Building Control legislation.
5. That the Applicant shall pay the Council’s legal fees plus VAT and outlay.
6. That the Applicant shall pay the Council’s Valuer’s fees of €800 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT.
7. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
8. That the Law Agent shall draft the necessary legal agreements and shall include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
9. That no contract enforceable at Law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
10. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands being disposed of form part of the lands acquired from Dublin City Council (formerly Dublin Corporation) in 1997 under the Scheme of Transfer of Lands pursuant to the Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1993.

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**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive”**

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Fanning and L. Dunne.

Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development responded to the Members queries.

A vote was taken by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 19 (NINETEEN)**

**AGAINST: 6 (SIX)**

**ABSTAINED: 1 (ONE)**

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor G. O’Connell, seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan and **RESOLVED:**

“That the proposed Disposals of properties/sites be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### H8/0317 ****MANAGEMENT REPORTS****

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. D. Mc Loughlin, Chief Executive and were **CONSIDERED:**

**Billing and Collection Statement**



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**Use of overdraft facility**

Approved overdraft facility = €25,000,000

No of days in Overdraft from 1st January to 28th February = 0

[H-I 8b) Strategy Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55096)  
[H-I 8c) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55097)

The Reports were **NOTED.**

### H9/0317 ****PART 8 REPORT**** A LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME ALONG THE N81 FROM THE JUNCTION WITH THE N82 (City West Road) TO THE M50 AND ALONG THE R137 FROM THE JUNCTION WITH THE M50 TO THE JUNCTION WITH THE R817, (EXCLUDING THE TII ZONE OF RESPONSIBILITY AT THE M50).

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change and were CONSIDERED:

“The Part 8 process for a landscape improvement scheme along the N81 from the junction with the N82 (City West Road) to the M50 and along the R137 from the junction with the M50 to the junction with the R817 (excluding the TII zone to the TII zone of responsibility at the M50) was on public display for the statutory period from Thursday 17th of November 2016 to Friday 6th of January 2017.

The closing date for receipt of written submissions was up to 4.30pm on Friday the 20th of January 2017.

The proposed works primarily comprise the following:

* + New speed reducing traffic table and pedestrian crossing at the Old Bawn Road south of the N81.
  + Upgrading and realignment of the existing carriageway from the Belgard Road to the Old Bawn Road including a widening of the median.
  + Upgrading and realignment of the junction of the N81 with the Old Bawn Road, omitting 2 traffic islands on the north side of the N81 in accordance with the Tallaght Town Centre Framework Plan.
  + Upgrading of the existing crossing at Avonmore Road/Glenview Park in accordance with the Avonmore Road/N81 Junction Improvement Toucan crossing upgrade proposals.
  + Upgrade to bicycle track and pedestrian footpath and crossing points proposed in the N81 (Fortunestown to N82) Part VIII layout, with slight changes to cycle track and footpath arrangement.
  + Provision of a new footpath at N81/Old Blessington Road junction and from the M50 roundabout to Glenview Drive.
  + Upgrading and realignment of the cycle track along the N81 from Cookstown Way to Belgard Square South.
  + New landscape works along the N81 including upgrading of planting to the verges and median.
  + New hard landscape works and planting on the N81 median and verges from Old Blessington Road to Old Bawn Road.
  + Landscape works at the junctions with the R136, Firhouse Road West, Belgard Road & Cypress Grove Road.
  + Upgrade the paving and planting at Kiltalown Park.
  + Create a linear park from the Fortunestown Road to Maplewood.
  + Create a linear park to the south of Whitestown stream from the Old Bawn Road to Avonbeg Road.
  + New landscape works at Knockmore and Killinarden estates, Maplewood estate, Wellington Lane, and the Glenview and Spawell roundabouts.
  + New landscape works between the N81 and the River Dodder from Avonmore Road to the M50 roundabout.
  + Upgrade the entrance to Sean Walsh Park at the Old Bawn Road.
  + Upgrade the landscape treatment at the frontage and entrance to Tymon Park at the R137.
  + Provision of new public lighting, signage, art works, street furniture, associated drainage for the route and
  + All ancillary works

**Plans and Details**

Plans and details are available at the following link:

[Part 8 details](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-landscape-improvement-scheme-along-n81-junction-n82-city-west-road-m50-and-along)

**Public Consultation:**

19 submissions were received from the public during the course of the public consultation period. These have been summarised and responded to within the CEO report attached.

The following summarises the changes to the scheme as recommended by the Chief Executive on consideration of the submissions received:

* **Regarding the proposed removal of railing at Dromcarra; it is proposed to amend the Part 8 proposal to retain the section of the railing parallel to the road; the railing will be moved to the back of the proposed planting at the top of the existing bank. In order to ensure residents continue to have access to the open space area; links and access points to the new footpath will be provided to Dromcarra.**
* **The Part 8 proposal will be revised to remove the proposed footpath and proposed associated lighting from the open space south of Raheen Drive.**

Following consideration of the submissions the Chief Executive is of the view that the issues raised by way of the submissions can be satisfactorily addressed by the above proposals during the detailed design stage and as outlined in the foregoing report.

**It is recommended that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development, that the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal, for a landscape improvement scheme along the N81 from the junction with the N82 (City West Road) to the M50 and along the R137 from the junction with the M50 to the junction with the R817 (excluding the TII zone of responsibility at the M50).**

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, G. O’Connell and D. Richardson.

[H9b) Part 8 CEO Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55033)

A vote was taken by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 28 (TWENTY EIGHT)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The reports were **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor G. O’Connell, seconded by Councillor D. Richardson and **RESOLVED:**

“That the PART 8 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### H10/0317 DRAFT POLICY ON INFRASTRUCTURE NAMING, PROVISION OF MEMORIALS & PLAQUES

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and was CONSIDERED:

[H10 Draft Policy on Infrastructure Naming, Provision of Memorials, & Plaques](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55090)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Looney, E. O’Brien, P. Gogarty, R. McMahon, W. Lavelle, P. Kearns, P. Donovan, B. Leech, D. Richardson, C. O’Connor, N. Coules, K. Mahon and G. O’Connell.

Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation responded to the Members queries.

An Amendment to the Draft Policy was proposed by Councillor D. Looney and seconded by Councillor D. Richardson as follows:

To remove the sentence from part 4 of the Policy document (see below)

*“Any proposals to commemorate living persons will not be considered. Nominees will have to have died at least 50 years ago.”*

To also remove 5.4 (see below)

***“5.4*** *Installation of a memorial commemorating a person will not generally be considered within 50 years of the death of that person. For an event the period is also 50 years.  This allows for the development of a historical perspective and for consideration of the criteria for significance.”*

A vote on the Amendment was taken by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 28 (TWENTY EIGHT)**

**AGAINST: 4 (FOUR)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The Amendment to the Draft Policy was **PASSED.**

A vote on the Amended Draft Policy was taken by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 32 (THIRTY TWO)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The Amended Draft Policy was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor D. Looney, seconded by Councillor D. Richardson and **RESOLVED:**

“That Amended Draft Policy be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### H11/0317 ****BALLYCULLEN VARIATION****

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and was CONSIDERED:

### [Ballycullen Variation](http://intranet/cmas/documents/County%20Council/2017/March/March2017CountyCouncilMeeting/1bd4bc44-ffab-4634-89a6-57fe5b794bb3.pdf)

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Foley, D. O’Donovan, P. Donovan, S. Holland, B. Lawlor, R. McMahon and G. O’Connell.

### Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation responded to the Members queries.

A vote on the Ballycullen Variation was taken by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 30 (THIRTY)**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The Report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor G. O’Connell, seconded by Councillor S. Holland and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Ballycullen Variation be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### H12/0317 ****PUBLIC REALM PROGRAMME 2017****

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change and was CONSIDERED:

[H12 Public Realm and Water Services Works Programme 2017](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55130)

### **A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole, R. McMahon, M. Ward and P. Foley.**

### Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Member queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

### H15/0317 ****ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2017****

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and was CONSIDERED:

**REPLY:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2017** |  | Date: Feb 15 2017 |
|  |  | Cost € |  |
|  | **CLONDALKIN AREA** |  |  |
|  | **Roadworks- Clondalkin Area** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | New Nangor Road- Phase 2 | 220,000 | Resurface |
|  | Orchard Lane Clondalkin | 65,000 | Resurface |
|  | Aylmer Road | 185,000 | Resurface |
|  | St Brigids Cottages / Knockmeenagh | 65,000 | Resurface |
|  | Athgoe rd | 55,000 | Resurface |
|  | Harelawn Green | 35,000 | Resurface |
|  | St Ronans Est | 45,000 | Resurface |
|  | Fonthill link rd | 60,000 | Resurface |
|  | Owneens lane | 50,000 | Resurface |
|  | Slade Valley | 80,000 | Resurface |
|  | Farrells Lane | 35,000 | Resurface |
|  | Steelstown rd | 65,000 | Resurface |
|  | Moorfield Estate | 80,000 | Resurface |
|  | **Total Roadworks- Clondalkin Area** | 1,040,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | **Footpath Repairs- Clondalkin Area** |  |  |
|  | Lealand Close | 20,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | St Anthony’s Avenue | 20,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Oatfield | 60,000 | Resurface/Concrete |
|  | Monksfield | 35,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Melrose Lawn | 45,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | St Patricks Estate | 35,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Stoney Lane | 50,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Michael Collins Park | 35,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Cloverhill road | 25,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | St Marks Estate | 25,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | **Total Footpath Repairs- Clondalkin Area** | 350,000 |  |
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|  | **LUCAN AREA** |  |  |
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|  | **Roadworks- Lucan Area** |  |  |
|  | Mill Lane Palmerstown | 80,000 | Resurface |
|  | Kennelsfort road Upper | 45,000 | Resurface |
|  | Lucan Newlands Road | 75,000 | Resurface |
|  | Lucan Heights | 35,000 | Concrete Road repair |
|  | **Total Roadworks- Lucan Area** | 235,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | **Footpath Repairs- Lucan Area** |  |  |
|  | Kennelsfort road | 35,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Ardeevin | 55,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Riversdale Estate | 45,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Turret Road | 35,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Ballyowen Lane | 30,000 | New Footpath near N4 junction |
|  | Ballyowen Lane | 35,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Woodville Green & Walk | 45,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Elmbrook | 50,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Ballyowen Park | 30,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Wheatfield Estate | 55,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Beech grove | 30,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | Wheatfield road | 25,000 | Concrete Footpaths |
|  | **Total Footpath Repairs- Lucan Area** | 470,000 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |
|  | **TALLAGHT CENTRAL AREA** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | **Roadworks- Tallaght Central Area** |  |  |
|  | Treepark Rd (Either side of Dunnes) | 50,000 | Road bays |
|  | Mayberry Road | 60,000 | Resurfacing a section near Belgard Road |
|  | Broomhill | 15,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Maplewood Rd | 48,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Oldbawn Community School | 15,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | St Dominic’s Road | 35,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | **Total Roadworks- Tallaght Central Area** | 223,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | **Footpath Repairs- Tallaght Central Area** |  |  |
|  | Milbrook Lawns | 30,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Oldbawn/Glenasmole Estate | 50,000 | Road bays |
|  | Redwood (Kilnamanagh) | 30,000 | Footpaths |
|  | **Total Footpath Repairs- Tallaght Central Area** | 110,000 |  |
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|  | **TALLAGHT SOUTH AREA** |  |  |
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|  | **Roadworks- Tallaght South Area** |  |  |
|  | Ballymaice Lane | 30,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Brittas Village | 25,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Brookview Close | 30,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Cushlawn | 100,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Dromcarra Ave | 40,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Glenshane | 30,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Hazelgrove Junction | 20,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Horans Lane | 40,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Killinarden | 40,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Kiltipper Rd | 25,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Garter Lane | 35,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | **Total Roadworks- Tallaght South Area** | 415,000 |  |
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|  | **Footpath Repairs- Tallaght South Area** |  |  |
|  | Cushlawn | 75,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Dale park Rd (Ailsbury) | 30,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Killinarden | 50,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Knockmore | 30,000 | Footpaths |
|  | **Total Footpath Repairs- Tallaght South Area** | 185,000 |  |
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|  | **RATHFARNHAM AREA** |  |  |
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|  | **Roadworks- Rathfarnham Area** |  |  |
|  | Cruagh Road | 65,000 | Patch repair, resurfacing, |
|  | Stocking Lane | 25,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | **Total Roadworks- Rathfarnham Area** | 90,000 |  |
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|  | **Footpath Repairs- Rathfarnham Area** |  |  |
|  | Allenton Estate | 40,000 | Footpaths |
|  | R114 Bohernabreena | 25,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Castleside Estate | 25,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Ballyroan Crescent & Laneway | 30,000 | Road bays, footpaths |
|  | Brookvale | 25,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Edmondstown (Ph 2) | 50,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Fairways - Laneway | 10,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Glenvara Estate | 40,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Hermitage Estate | 30,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Templeroan Estate | 50,000 | Footpaths |
|  | **Total Footpath Repairs- Rathfarnham Area** | 325,000 |  |
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|  | **TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE AREA** |  |  |
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|  | **Roadworks- Templeogue-Terenure Area** |  |  |
|  | R137/Templeogue (Bridge Junction) | 80,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Ballymount Rd Upper | 20,000 | Patch repair, resurfacing |
|  | Dangan Ave | 15,000 | Edge plane, reg, geogrid, overlay |
|  | Grosvenor Court | 50,000 | Resurfacing, footpath repair |
|  | Lansdowne Pk | 30,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Orwell Pk Crescent | 15,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Rockfield Avenue | 25,000 | Edge plane, reg, geogrid, overlay |
|  | Submarine Junction | 30,000 | Patch repair, resurfacing |
|  | Templeville Rd | 60,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Whitehall Rd | 20,000 | Patch repair |
|  | Willington Drive | 40,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | Woodlawn Pk Ave | 10,000 | Resurfacing |
|  | **Total Roadworks- Templeogue-Terenure Area** | 395,000 |  |
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|  | **Footpath Repairs- Templeogue-Terenure Area** |  |  |
|  | Cypress Grove | 30,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Dangan/Rockfield/Shelton | 60,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Hillsbrook Grove | 10,000 | Road bays |
|  | Kilmashogue Grove | 15,000 | Road bays, kerbing |
|  | Knocklyon Rd | 25,000 | Resurface driveways |
|  | Limekiln Estate/Mountdown | 43,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Orchardstown Drive | 20,000 | Road bays, footpaths |
|  | Templemanor | 30,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Templeogue Wood | 20,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Fernhill Rd | 25,000 | Road bays |
|  | Wainsfort Rd | 14,000 | Footpaths |
|  | Woodlawn Pk Ave | 5,000 | Footpath, drainage |
|  | **Total Footpath Repairs- Templeogue-Terenure Area** | 297,000 |  |
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|  | **SOCIAL HOUSING ESTATES** |  |  |
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|  | Upgrade to Social Housing Estates :- | 300,000 |  |
|  | The following Estates are Included: |  |  |
|  | Kiltalown |  |  |
|  | Glenshane |  |  |
|  | Drumcairn / Kilcarrig |  |  |
|  | Brookfield |  |  |
|  | Glenmore |  |  |
|  | Taylor Court |  |  |
|  | Cushlawn |  |  |
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|  | SUMMARY |  |  |
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|  | **Total- Clondalkin Area** | 1,390,000 |  |
|  | **Total- Lucan Area** | 705,000 |  |
|  | **Total- Tallaght Central Area** | 333,000 |  |
|  | **Total- Tallaght South Area** | 600,000 |  |
|  | **Total- Rathfarnham Area** | 415,000 |  |
|  | **Total- Templeogue-Terenure Area** | 692,000 |  |
|  | **Cycle-Track repairs- various locations** | 100,000 |  |
|  | **QBC repairs- various locations** | 100,000 |  |
|  | **Ramp repairs- various locations** | 110,000 |  |
|  | **Road Patching- various locations** | 65,000 |  |
|  | **Upgrade of Council Housing Estates** | 300,000 |  |
|  | **GRAND TOTAL** | 4,810,000 |  |
|  | The Report was **NOTED.** |  |  |
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### H16/0317 IRELAND 2040 OUR PLAN NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and were CONSIDERED:

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. Holland, W. Lavelle and G. O’Connell.

[H16a) Correspondence](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=54987)  
[H16b) National Planning Framework](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55005)  
[H16c) Position Papers- Issues & Choices](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=55006)

The Reports were **NOTED.**

### H17/0317 ****REPORT ON A PROPOSED SECTION 85 AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL HOUSING VIA A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP UNDER THE SOCIAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2020.****

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. B. Coman, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development and was CONSIDERED:

**To the Mayor and**

**Members of South Dublin County Council Report of the Chief Executive**

**Section 1  Overview of the Programme**

An over-view of the Programme is given in an information note dated the 1st March 2017 issued to the elected members on 6th March 2017.

**Section 2  Selected Site and Units in the County of South Dublin**

108 new social housing units (“the Units”) in the County of South Dublin at Kilcarberry the Grange, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 are to be developed under the Social Housing Bundle 1 PPP Programme pursuant to the Social Housing Strategy 2020

**Section 3  Overview of Functions/Responsibilities**

The provision of dwellings as social housing support within its functional area is vested in South Dublin County Council by virtue of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. Dublin City Council will act as the lead local authority for the purposes of the procurement and the management of the Project Agreement under the Social Housing Bundle 1 PPP Programme

  South Dublin County Council will be responsible for obtaining the necessary planning approvals and will retain the following functions in respect of the PPP social housing development in its functional area:

* responsibility for the calculation of the tenant’s rents, in accordance with the local authority’s differential rent scheme and100%
* Nomination rights for the Units.

The land will remain in the ownership of the local authority in whose functional area the development is constructed.

South Dublin County Council will be the landlord for the purposes of the tenancy agreements with the tenants of the Units.

**Section 4 Recommendation**

I therefore recommend that to give effect to the proposal above and in order to enable Dublin City Council to act as the lead local authority in the Social Housing Bundle 1 PPP Programme and to be the contracting authority in respect of the Units, the following motion be adopted by South Dublin County Council:

* *‘Pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended South Dublin County Council hereby agrees to enter into an Agreement with Dublin City Council whereby Dublin City Council will carry out such of the functions of South Dublin County Council under the Housing Acts 1966 to 2014 in respect of the Social Housing PPP (Bundle 1) Programme only insofar as is required for the procurement and management of the Programme in respect of 108 social housing units at [INSERT ADDRESS]*

*It is hereby resolved under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended to enter into an Agreement with Dublin City Council for the provision of the services as outlined above.*’

**Danny McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

**South Dublin County Council**

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Ward, L. Dunne, N. Coules, J. Graham, T. Gilligan, K. Mahon, B. Bonner, M. Murphy, E. Higgins, D. Looney, W. Lavelle, M. Johansson, P. Kearns and G. O’Connell.

### Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive and Mr. B. Coman, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries.

It was proposed byCouncillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor N. Coules to refer this Headed Item to the next Housing SPC Meeting.

A vote was taken by a **show of hands vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 27 (TWENTY SEVEN)**

**AGAINST: 6 (SIX)**

**ABSTAINED: 1 (ONE)**

The vote to refer the Headed Item to the next Housing SPC was **PASSED.**

### A further discussion followed with Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive asking for clarification from the Members in relation to the proposed advancement of a joint venture consisting of 1000 houses at Kilcarberry.

### Mr. B. Coman, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development outlined the details of the joint venture.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne, M. Murphy, D. Looney, B. Bonner, M. Ward, J. Graham, E. Higgins, P. Kearns, P. Gogarty, M. Johansson, B. Lawlor, N. Coules, M. Genockey, G. O’Connell, E. Fanning and B. Leech.

### It was proposed by Councillor D. Looney and Seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell and AGREED by the Members that a Special Meeting of the Council be held to deal with both the Section 85 Public Private Partnership and the joint venture proposal. It was further agreed that the request to refer the Section 85 to the Housing SPC meeting be withdrawn as the matter would be dealt with at the Special Meeting of the Council on the 23rd March 2017.

In accordance with **Standing Order No. 74** the Mayor, Councillor G. O’Connell proposed and the Members unanimously **AGREED** to suspend standing orders in order to deal with the following Suspensory Motion.

### SM1/0317 The following Suspensory Motion in the names of Councillors F. Timmons, R. McMahon, M. Ward, C. Mc Cann, D. Richardson, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, R. Nolan, L. Dunne, C. O’Connor, P. Kearns, M. Duff, B. Bonner, F. Duffy, E. Fanning, G. O’Connell, M. Genockey, M. Murphy, B. Leech, K. Mahon, M. Johansson, N. Coules, E. O’Brien, J. Graham, P. Foley, P. Gogarty, S. Holland and seconded by Councillor D. Looney, and was CONSIDERED:

### “That this Council writes to management of Tallaght Hospital to ask that efforts are made to ensure free car parking for cancer patients or a designated family member or carer during their treatment.”

### The Motion was AGREED.

At this point the Mayor Councillor G. O’Connell asked to suspend Standing Order No. 5 to extend the Meeting time past 7.00pm and the Members **AGREED**.

### H18/0317 ****Traffic Works Programme****

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and was CONSIDERED:

**The intended Programme of Traffic Safety Improvement Works in the County for 2017 is as follows:-**

**Misc. Traffic Works 2017**

Traffic Counts and Surveys   (as required)

Automatic Traffic counter Program (upgrades as required)

**New Signals**

Install 2 Number Pedestrian Crossings (Locations to be confirmed)

Install 2 no Junctions   (i.e. introduce signal control - locations to be confirmed)

**Traffic Signal Upgrades / Refurbishment**

1. Grange Castle Rd/ Bothar Katherine Tynan (revised staging)
2. Butterfield Ave/ Rathfarnham Main St (addition pedestrian crossings)
3. R838/ M50 (Ballymount) Upgrade to MOVA
4. Dodsboro/ Airlie Heights Additional Pedestrian crossings
5. Rathfarnham By-Pass Butterfield Ave
6. Watery Lane Clondalkin
7. N81/N82
8. Rathcoole Village Pedestrian Crossings (2 No.)
9. Kennelsfort Rd @ Silver Granite
10. Templeogue Rd @ Cheeverstown House
11. Naas Rd/ Killeen Rd Pedestrian Crossings

**Traffic calming**

€25,000 per Electoral Area    - Locations to be agreed with Area Committees

**General**

Extension of Peamount Hospital speed limit and ramp

Residential Speed

Signing and Lining General

Minor Improvement works

Traffic Management Centre Up-grade and Refit

Software

ITS systems Maintenance

The report was **NOTED.**

**CORRESPONDANCE**

**Ministerial**

### C1/0317 Letter from Minister of Finance dated 20th February 2017 regarding abolishing the interest rates charged to People who do not pay their Property Tax.

### C2/0317 Letter from Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade dated 20th February 2017, regarding the forced organ harvesting of Falun Gong in China.

### C3/0317 Letter from Simon Harris TD Minister for Health (M11/1216) concerning medicinal cannabis.

### C4/0317 Letter from Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government dated 20th February 2017 regarding the reimbursement of Money paid to Irish Water by family households.

### C5/0317 Letter from Sligo County Council dated 9th February 2017, regarding Credit Unions.

### C6/0317 Letter from Donegal County Council dated 10th February 2017, regarding the Irish Coast Guard.

### C7/0317 Letter dated 22nd February 2017, from Tipperary County Council regarding Bus Éireann Services.

**Motions for discussion**

### M16/0317 MINISTER FOR HEALTH

### It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor R. Nolan and MOVED without debate.

That this Council condemns the waiting lists for our hospitals and calls on the Minister for Health to immediately prioritise children suffering with chronic pain conditions and in particular children waiting on Scoliosis related operations.

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed a letter will issue to the appropriate Minister, and when a reply is received it will be issued to the Members.

The Motion was **AGREED.**

### M21/0317 HOUSEHOLD PACKAGE

### It was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan and seconded by Councillor S. Holland and MOVED without debate.

That this Council calls on the Minister for Social protection Leo Varadkar, to reinstate the cuts made to the Household Package. This package is availed of by Old age pensioners, people with disabilities and carer households.

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed a letter will issue to the appropriate Minister, and when a reply is received it will be issued to the Members.

The Meeting finished at 7.02pm.

**Motions Not Reached**

**(M1)**  **MAYORS BUSINESS –EU SPC**

### Councillor G. O'Connell

This Council, being concerned at the possible implications of Brexit and acknowledging the role that the EU exercises in the lives of Irish Citizens, calls on the Chief Executive to initiate the establishment of an EU SPC under section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and as per guidelines under section 54(2) of the 2001 Act regarding SPCs. The Act and Guidelines provide the Council with a basis to proceed with the establishment of a specialist committee for European affairs within the scope of the SPC scheme.

### (M2) HOMELESS

### Councillor B. Leech

That this Council provide proper safety and attention to those who are most vulnerable in society and in particular Homeless Hostels, where a lot of the SDCC homeless are staying in hostels in another Council area.

### (M3) ST. MAELRUIN’S FIELD

### Councillor C. King

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to explore the positives in selling the site known locally as "Maelruain's Field" which sits adjacent to County Hall and which is one of the most valuable sites in South Dublin County Council. The proceeds of the sale would be earmarked for the building of social housing on other sites where I believe we as a Council could achieve a much better yield of housing for those on our Housing and Homeless lists.

### (M4) STAFFLESS LIBRARIES

### Councillor D. Looney

That this Council rejects the "My Open Library" initiative and the concept of 'staffless libraries"; this Council instead pledges its support to a fully-funded, fully-staffed public library service, one which continues to expand and innovate in order to serve the people of South Dublin County.

### (M5) EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

### Councillor M. Ward

This Council is opposed to the policy of requiring those in need of emergency accommodation to self-accommodate. We call on the Chief Executive to raise this matter with the Dublin Homeless Executive and the Minister for Housing and to introduce a policy whereby emergency accommodation is sources by SDCC staff directly. If additional resources are required then the Chief Executive should apply to the Department for this.

### (M6) YOUTH WORK CHANGES LIVES

### Councillor W. Lavelle

That this Council expresses its support for new ‘Youth Work Changes Lives’ campaign launched by the National Youth Council for Ireland; and calls on the Minister for Children & Youth Affairs to continue to increase funding for youth work services, including for the establishment or extension of projects in our own County, particularly in those communities which will see a significant increase in teenage

### (M7) RISK FREE ACCOMMODATION

### Councillor D. Richardson and Councillor L. Dunne

This Council calls on the Chief Executive to ensure that part of the Homeless budget is allocated to beds for single women.  Additionally, calls on the Chief Executive to work with other Local Authorities to work towards finding suitable & risk free accommodation for those that are in recovery or drug & alcohol free.

### (M8) ORGAN DONATION

### Councillor R. McMahon

This Council being very concerned at the low number of organ donations, now calls on the Minister for Health to bring in legislation to change the laws regarding organ donation to a system of presumed consent as opposed to our current opt in system.

### (M9) VISIT TO WHITEHOUSE

### Councillor N. Coules

That this Council calls on An Taoiseach to break with tradition and not to visit the White House on St. Patrick’s Day given the well documented views of President Trump on migrants and women, and because if the visit goes ahead it will be a cause of national shame.

### (M10) ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

### Councillor P. Donovan

That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to work with the Department of Education to introduce a mandatory Road Safety Programme as part of the curriculum for all Transition Year Students.

### (M11) HOSPITAL BEDS

### Councillor C. O'Connor and Councillor P. Foley

That this South Dublin County Council calls on Simon Harris TD, Minister for Health, to respond positively to the campaign to increase the hospital bed capacity which caters for communities in most of our county; asking him to appreciate the particular demand in that regard and to immediately engage in discussions with the HSE; will the CEO also forward the terms of this motion to the Minister, the CEO of the HSE and also copy it to Tallaght hospital, which is leading the campaign.

### (M12) DEFIBRILLATOR SIGNAGE

### Councillor L. O'Toole

That this committee asks the Chief Executive to further investigate the introduction of defibrillator signage within our County and to report back on the costs involved. The availability of defibrillators in our Community provide undisputed benefits and generally are provided through fundraising through sport clubs and other voluntary organisation. The introduction of signs identifying the location of defibrillators would greatly increase the likelihood of that they would be used effectively and quickly in case of an emergency. The erection of signage would also help identify areas which lack sufficient numbers of defibrillators.

### (M13) DISABLED TOILETS

### Councillor D. O'Donovan

That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister for Disability calling for him to introduce legislation ensuring all Disabled Toilets are installed with changing benches or hoists to facilitate parents.  The current situation means parents of disabled children are forced to lie their children down on toilet floors to change them, which is a very distressing and upsetting situation

### (M14) MARAHTON KIDS

### Councillor K. Egan and Councillor V. Casserly

To call on the manager to explore the programme Marathon Kids to work in conjunction with South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council and SSE Airtricity Dublin Marathon to take action to get children active. The Marathon Kids programme is a fun and enjoyable 8 week journey that involves students running the 26.2 miles. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) 2015 report, Ireland is set to become the most obese country in Europe by 2030 with 89% of all adults defined as obese or overweight. The Marathon Kids initiative is looking to encourage fitness, educate young people on the benefits of sport and promote an increase in activity levels in the early teenage population.

Fingal County Council participated in the programme which saw over 1,900 6th class pupils from twenty-nine Fingal schools participate, with children running 4-5 times per week in school, which led each student to complete a total of 25.2 miles (just one mile short of the Marathon distance), before completing the last mile at Marathon Kids Final Mile Event in the National Sports Campus on November 20th. The Marathon Kids programme is an educational and physical activity programme which supplements the school’s curriculum through a specially developed workbook, used as both a training guide and learning tool by pupils during school hours.

### (M15) GLYPHOSATE

### Councillor E. Fanning

Given concerns about the carcinogenicity and endocrine disruptive properties of the herbicide Glyphosate, this Council calls for the immediate banning of the use of Glyphosate by South Dublin County Council.

### (M17) DIFFERENTIAL RENT

### Councillor B. Lawlor

That this Council under Section 58 of the Housing Act, 1966 and having regard to Article 64 of the Housing Regulations 1980 and Circular Letter

HRT 3/2002 dated 6th March 2002 from the Department of Environment,

Increases the Differential rent by 2% per year for 3 years to a max of 6% and to be reviewed yearly thereafter.

### (M18) CAR SHARING SERVICES

### Councillor P. Gogarty

That this Council resolves to actively facilitate the provision of spaces for car sharing services, with a particular emphasis on electric vehicles, so that citizens can avail of this option in major population centres such as Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown (Newcastle/Rathcoole, Terenure/Rathfarnham and Tallaght having one each already, but could do with more) and immediately sets about engaging with major providers to examine where vacant sites or preferably on-street drop off/collection points could be set up and that a report regarding the imminent implementation of same be provided to the Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC, followed by the full Council, within three months of this motion being passed.

### (M20) RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME

### Councillor M. Duff

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to grant priority to those tenants who are housed under the RAS Scheme and have laid down their roots within the Community in which they live, who are under threat of eviction because their Landlord will not renew the lease, to ensure that they will be rehoused within the local Community and also to consider their case for rehousing from the commencement of the Notice to terminate the Lease rather than wait until they are almost homeless.

### (M22) SOFA SURFERS

### Councillor L. Dunne

This Council calls on the Minister for Housing to include the hidden homeless such as sofa suffers who present to authorities or services and women in refuges in the national homeless figures.

### (M23) MORE GARDAÍ

### Councillor D. Richardson

That this Council call on the Minister for Justice to supply more Garda to all stations across the County.  With the current surge in gun crime and general crime some Garda stations are finding it impossible to get to residents that are reporting crime in their area.  We need more Gardaí in our Communities across the County.

### (M24) DIRECT PROVISION

### Councillor E. Fanning

The Council requests that the Mayor leads a delegation of Councillors to visit the Direct Provision Centre at Clondalkin Towers, Ninth Lock Road, meets with both asylum seekers and management in the Centre and reports back to this Council.

### (M25) ORBITAL BUS ROUTE

### Councillor L. O'Toole

That this Council asks the Chief Executive to make further representation to Dublin Bus for the provision of a bus route along the Outer Ring Road which would connect Lucan (village) to Tallaght (village) via Clondalkin (village) and vice versa, making full use of this infrastructure.

This piece of infrastructure was designed with forward planning ensuring that facilities such as this bus lane and was put in place to be used when the demand arose.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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