

Chief Executive's Office

10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

To / Mayor and each Member

**Re: 300K Have Your Say - Participatory Budgeting**

Dear Member,

The consultation phase of this initiative is now complete. Multiple communication channels including social media, radio and newspaper adverts, leaflet drops and video clips were used to engage with communities locally in Lucan, Palmerstown and Adamstown. Our online consultation portal was visited 449 times, while 120 people attended the workshops.

A total of 160 wide ranging submissions were received. Eighty four of these emanated from the workshops and seventy six via the consultation portal. While there was a high degree of commonality between the submissions, there was also consistency with a strong emphasis on youth, recreation, heritage and amenity issues.

The Steering Group has met and considered all of the submissions before putting forward a recommended shortlist before you today for approval. It was necessary to exclude quite a number of submissions on the following grounds:

1. The project is already planned and finance made available e.g. Adamstown Community Hall, Lucan Pool etc.
2. The project proposal falls within the responsibility of another Government Department e.g. The National Transport Authority.
3. The project cost exceeds €300,000 e.g. the development of a new library in Lucan.
4. The project/proposal comes within the funding available under current schemes e.g. Community Grants, Summer Projects etc.
5. The proposal can be dealt with from within existing Repair and Maintenance Programmes e.g. Minor Improvement Works.
6. Proposals involve land in private ownership e.g. Sports Clubs.

In total 54 submissions involving 18 proposals, have now been shortlisted for public vote as per the attached schedule. In three cases the proposals submitted exceeded €300,000, but were deemed worthy of further investigation. These were the proposals for

- A pedestrian bridge over the Liffey at Lucan Demense.
- The repair of Silver Bridge Palmerstown
- A central plaza/focal point for the Lucan area.

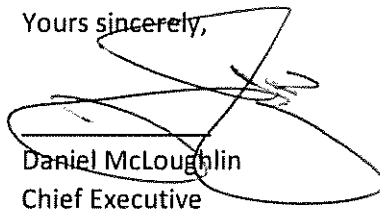
In these cases, Feasibility Studies are proposed. In the case of Youth Facilities, it is clear more than €300,000 will be required. The Steering Group however agreed to put forward €100,000 in good faith towards a Youth Project to be determined. The approval of the Members is now required for the Shortlisted Projects.

#### Next Steps

The following is a summary outline of the next steps following today's meeting.

1. All submissions will receive a response indicating if they were shortlisted and if not, Why.
2. All submissions will be listed on the consultation portal.
3. There will follow a multi-channel communications campaign to highlight the shortlisted proposals.
4. The online voting portal will be prepared for voting to take place in early May. Local polling stations will also be arranged for a limited specific time and date to be agreed.
5. Following voting the Steering Group will meet to verify the outcome and announce same at a public event at the end of May. Thereafter the proposals will be implemented within 12 months where possible.

Yours sincerely,



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