

April 2017 Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Apr

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

The Annual Roadworks Programme has been adopted and the following works have been completed:- Templeville Road (Drainage/Pedestrian Crossing), Greenhills Road – (Fencing). Projects on site at present include Cycletrack lining/antiskid works, Ramps repairs at Old Court (Ely) Avenue, Maplewood Road, Bancroft Avenue, Virginia Heights, Rossfield Grove; Concrete footpath repairs in Templeroan Estate, Templemanor Estate, Fernhill Estate, Limekiln Estate, Mountdown Park, Cloverhill rd footpath, Mill Lane Palmerstown resurfacing, Riversdale Est footpaths and pier rebuild, New Nangor rd resurface, Monksfield est footpaths, Lealand Close footpaths, Moorfield estate resurfacing & Orchard Lane Clondalkin resurfacing. The following projects are being procured:-Road Resurfacing at, Ballymount Rd Upper, Dangan Avenue, Submarine Junction, Grosvenor Crt, Orwell park Crescent Willington Drive, Maplewood Road Oldbawn Community School, St Dominics Road, Landsdowne Park & Woodlawn Park Avenue; Concrete Footpath works at Castleside Drive Estate, Grosvenor Estate, Allenton Estate, R114 Bohernabreena, Treepark Rd & Redwood Kilnamanagh. The Installation of new traffic calming ramps will commence next week as per recent discussions at Area Committees.

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

A further round of formal notices regarding the Vacant Site levy has issued to landowners in the County. Landowners have 28 days to make written submissions and can appeal a decision to place them on the register to An Bord Planeala. The submissions from the first round of notifications have been reviewed and a number of sites will be placed on the register in the coming weeks. Work on the Draft Clonburris SDZ scheme is approaching completion. It is anticipated that the Draft Plan and associated supporting documentation will be finalised at the end of May. Briefings for Elected members will be held in late May / early June with the Statutory public Consultation process taking place over the summer.

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

Works are substantially complete on upgrading the waling and cycling track in Willsbrook Park in Lucan. A new public lighting scheme for the main walkway through the Park will also be installed shortly. Works are now complete on the Grange Road Plaza at St Endas, which will be officially opened on 28th April. and are progressing on Ballyroan Green Schools Cluster project. Design works on the NTA funded Projects that will go to Construction later in the year are progressing. Construction Works have commenced on a new roundabout junction at Doddsborough Rd /R838 Junction in Lucan.

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

Work is progressing on the Installation of signs associated with the New Speed Limit Byelaws, and the majority of signs will be in place by the 8th May, the effective date for the Byelaws. New solar powered electronic signs have been procured where Temporary 30kph limits apply outside schools. These will be installed in May and will add to child safety at these locations. Works are progressing on the village enhancement works at the Texaco Garage / Newcastle Lyons roundabout in Newcastle. The new surfacing and lighting on the Belgard Walkway in Tallaght will be completed and open to the public in early May. Design works are progressing on Village enhancement works in Tallaght Village and Templeogue Village. A Draft Design for Templeogue village will be circulated to Members in early May.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Council Meetings: Two special Housing Council meetings were held on 30th March and 18th April and outstanding motions not reached have been moved to a Special Motions Council Meeting on 2nd May. Mayor's Office: Mayor's Conference 'Putting People First in South Dublin County' was held in Tallaght Stadium on the 3rd April 2017. Mayor's Reception for Greenhill Boy's Football Club- 11th April 2017. Official Opening of the new Civic Plaza and Public Art Sculpture, Grange Road Rathfarnham- 28th April 2017. Voter.ie: The Programme Board for the Dublin local authorities met and agreed a timeline for completion of the transfer to the new system of November 2017. Fortnightly meetings are now taking place internally between Corporate and IT Departments and work on the data cleansing has commenced and a draft schedule of known works has been put in place with a view to quantifying same and placing a preliminary time line on each task. Review of Standing Orders: Analysis of the standing orders of all local authorities with 40 or more elected members has been completed. Meetings of the Area Meeting Co-ordinators and the Group Leaders are to be scheduled with the intention of presenting a draft to the May OP&F.

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

Finance: The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) was presented at April Council Meeting. The Quarter 1 Revenue and Capital Accounts being prepared for submission to the Department in May. The Councils borrowing return for the periods January 2017 – March 2020 was submitted. Audit: The Audit Plan is ongoing. The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13th June. National Oversight and Audit Commission: The corporate return for South Dublin on the National Performance Indicators was submitted within the deadline of 27th April. Work on the preparation of the draft inventory for the Public Spending Code 2016 Report is underway across all departments as well as audits on relevant expenditure. The deadline for the return of the Public Spending Code Report is 31st May. Lean Six Sigma: The first tranche of Yellow Belt Lean Six Sigma projects present their projects and recommendations to the LSS Steering Group on 28th April. Yellow belt training was held for 16 staff on 5/6th April, following which the teams are examining potential projects. A Green Belt Project (illegal dumping process) has been agreed with the Director of Service in EWCC. Internal promotion of the LSS Programme is ongoing. FOI & Data Protection: 77 FOI requests received to date. 4 Access to Information on the Environment requests received to date. 6 new cases referred to the Council by the Ombudsman. The Data Protection Officer attended a meeting of the Data Protection Officers Network on 11th April 2017 which included discussion on the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

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

• ICT Security tender now closed and evaluation underway. • Vacant Sites tender closed and evaluation underway. • Integrated Housing System Tender Closed, Evaluation team in operation, and evaluation underway. Engagement with vendors continues. • Replacement of Server Infrastructure. Evaluation continues on SAN. Servers awarded. • OASIS – migration to ArcGIS Online continues • Participatory Budgeting – 300k Have Your Say! Planning works continuing in respect of the online voting capability and interaction of that with the consultation portal as the next phase of the project. • Intranet and Internet Redesign continuing • Branding work finalised on the Property Economic Portal.

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

'300K- Have Your Say' Participatory Budgeting initiative: The PB Steering Group met on 5th April to consider the 160 submissions that had been received through the public consultation process. 18 separate projects were identified out of these submissions and recommended to the Council for approval. At its April Council Meeting, the Council approved 17 of the shortlisted projects for the final voting and these were announced by press release and full details of each project is available on the website. Each person who submitted an idea has been contacted to inform them of whether their idea was approved for the public vote. The public vote on the projects will take place online from May 22nd to 26th and in Adamstown (St. John the Evangelist School), Lucan (Lucan Leisure Centre) and Palmerstown (Palmerstown Community School) on Thursday 25th May from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Smart Dublin: An information briefing was given to staff by the Smart Dublin coordinator on Friday 21st April. The Launch of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) project in relation to Illegal Dumping/Wayfinding/Gullies – Flood Risk took place on Tuesday 25th

April. Consultation Hub: Two consultations were closed in April with 5 submissions received between them.

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

Workforce Planning & Recruitment: Recruitment to fill current vacancies is ongoing. Forty two new clerical officer/library assistants commenced employment on Tuesday 18th April. Workforce planning meetings have been held with each department and the management team. Travel and Subsistence: New rates agreed nationally were implemented from 1st April.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

LEO training schedule started January 2017, including additional training provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end March, 148 clients have attended LEO provided training, with a further 146 attending training provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. An Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 5th April 2017, approving 7 projects, creating 12 new jobs, with grant amounts of €179,989 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for 30th May 2017. The Business Support Funds scheme is being promoted on the LEO Website, Council website, through social media and through SD Chamber. Shop Fronts: 32 applications received. 1184 Applications were made under the Business Support Grant scheme, with an amount of €354,818 paid out.

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

• Interxion – Open for business • Official launch of Interxion project held on 3rd March. • Grifols submitted planning application for production expansion and permission granted SD16A/0250. Works are ongoing. • Microsoft – Works ongoing • Eirgrid – S.I. Application granted by ABP 28/06/16. Was subject of a Judicial Review but was settled and discussions with Eirgrid re disposal of lands ongoing. • Capital Programme – Nangor Road / R120: Approved for funding by DTTAS. CPO Approved for R120. Work due to commence Q3 2017. • Archaeological – GC South: Archaeological work ongoing, feedback from the DAHRRGA is to preserve by record. • Edgeconnex: Application for new Datacentres approved directly adjacent to the Business park. Access to datacentre will be via Grange Castle Business Park, construction now ongoing. Supplementary Gas Main for Edgeconnex under construction. Proposed licence for temporary use of ducts under discussion. • Grange Backup Power. Planning application submitted for intensification of a previous application. • Takeda. Planning Permission granted on the 27/03/2017 for new production facility: SD 17A/0019. Planning application submitted for large signs on the side of existing building SD17A/0118: decision due 06/06/2017. • Lands to West. Tender for professional services issued in March 2017, tenders due back on 12/05/2017. ET3 SLO 1: To conduct a review of the zoning of lands south of the Grand Canal and west and north of the R120, including lands adjoining Peamount Healthcare, with a view to preparing a long term plan for the expansion of the Grange Castle Economic and Enterprise Zone to this area, to accommodate strategic investment in the future, while also seeking to provide public open space along the Canal, including a natural heritage area in the vicinity of the historic canal quarries at Gollierstown. IDA fully informed of status of available lands. SDCC actively seeking new clients

Objective 3: Manage the assets of South Dublin County Council in a way that supports economic development

• The BSG support fund for 2016 has been improved and launched. In conjunction with that SDCC will continue to identify projects whereby improvements to the Council infrastructure can have a wider beneficial impact. • Grange Castle Business Park employment figures are on the rise by way of new clientele and construction activities. Employment now circa 3,400 (incl construction) • Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events. Approval in place for third stand. Shamrock Rovers New Season commenced March 2017.

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

Library News May 2017 Library Capital Projects: 1) North Clondalkin Library - Working on design and tender

documentation continues. (2) Palmerstown Library - Fit-out is almost completed. Library furniture and fittings ordered and to be delivered shortly. (3) New Castletymon Library - Part 8 agreed and plans being drawn up for discussion. Library Collection - Read Your Mind: Bibliotherapy Scheme. This co-initiative with Jigsaw was launched on April 11th by Senator Lynn Ruane. Andrea Hayes author and presenter on TV3 gave a talk at the launch. This collection comprises over 120 titles by experts in the mental health field and is aimed in particular at young people.

https://issuu.com/sdublincoco/docs/rym_book_guide_tallaght.compressed

Bealtaine – Celebrating Age and Opportunity A varied programme of events for Bealtaine will take place in all South Dublin branch libraries during May including:

- A garden for all seasons with Suzanne O'Neill, 2nd & 9th May – County Library
- Mandala therapy workshop with Patricia Fitzgerald, 5th May – Lucan Library
- Love, Life, Laughter with Eileen Casey, 8th May – Ballyroan Library and 25th May 11am – Lucan Library
- Introduction to Aromatherapy with Miriam McNally, 10th May – Castletymon Library
- Getting to grips with your Smartphone, series of 4 classes starting 9th May – Lucan Library
- Ted Courtney Music Event, 10th May – Ballyroan Library
- Lego Architecture for Adults, 11th May – County Library
- Chair Yoga 10.30am – 12.30pm – Lucan Library
- Crafts: - Mandala Workshop - discover your mindful self through art. 6.30pm 11th May in The Old Courthouse, Palmerstown - Pom Pom Bookmark 11.30am – 12.30pm 17th May - County Library
- Quilting workshop 11am Wed 17th May - Castletymon
- Highlights: - An Illustrated History of the Office of Public Works - A talk from Angela Rolfe (OPW) 11th May 6.30pm - County Library, Tallaght - The Hugh Lane Gallery – Introduction to the Classics – Monday 15th May – Clondalkin Library - The Great Tallaght Bake Off Wednesday 24th May 6.30pm – 8pm - County Library, Tallaght - On-line Learning - Silvia Gallagher of Trinity College Dublin will give an overview of MOOCS (Massive Open Online Courses) where you can access university classes from all around the world online. 26th April at 6:30PM - County Library, Tallaght. Access to On-line learning resources available through the South Dublin library website: <http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/online-research/online-resources>

Exhibitions: - Judging by the Cover - Illustrators Ireland - County Library, Tallaght - Meadowbrook Art group – Ballyroan Library - Lucan Community College Adult Art Group – end of year exhibition – Lucan Library

Full programme of events available at www.southdublinlibraries.ie

Programme highlights in What's Happening April - June 2017 issue <http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/news/2017/04/whats-happening-south-dublin-libraries-april-june-2017>

Public Art Projects In Context 4 In Our Time: Six artists have been commissioned across a number of art forms to create new public artworks between 2017 and 2018. Details to be announced in March. International Early Childhood Arts Commission: One Commission awarded to theatre practitioner Anna Newell to develop a new work for babies aged 0-12mths. An additional development award was made to two collaborating artists to develop a module of an interactive sound sculpture for children. Grange Road Public Art Commission (Entrance to St Enda's Park) Emmets Table Installation complete Music Generation South Dublin The Music Development Officer for the Music Generation South Dublin Project has taken up her position. She is currently reviewing existing programmes and practices. Creative Ireland The Council's Culture team has been meeting regularly to: -Devise a programme for Crinniú na Cásca on the 17th April -Prepare to draft the Creative Ireland South Dublin 2017 Activation Plan and Creative Ireland South Dublin 5 year strategy. A public presentation and workshop will be held in Rua Red on the 8th March, 5.30pm-7.30pm.

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

Round Tower • Contractor for construction appointed May 2016 and construction commenced. approaching completion. • Detailed Interpretative Plan approved Nov 25th. Final design and production of full interpretative plan ongoing - to be installed over 5 weeks prior to opening. • Happy Pear identified as preferred operator-commercial following competitive process. Action plan developed with same and SDCC, weekly meeting ongoing. • March 15 ACM Happy Pear introduced to elected members and to local Heritage Group-Recruitment day held locally.. • Tourism plans, including Round Tower, presented to County Disability Seminar March 22ND • Corkagh Park Feasibility Plan – final report and implementation plan reviewed in Nov, presented to Feb EETD & Env Services SPCs. Implementation plan being prepared. • Logo being designed for Clondalkin Cluster. Dublin Mountains/Hellfire project : Communications team and Project webpage established (access via www.sdcc.ie). Project Booklet published. Briefings held with elected representatives during Feb and two adjoining landowners meetings held Feb 27 and Mar 22nd Project Open Days held on April 6th and 7th in Tallaght Stadium. Decision awaited from An Bord Pleanála regarding statutory process and EIA ongoing. Fáilte Capital Fund: Application submitted and approval received for initial funding of €100K. SDCC, DLR & DMP progressing Dublin Mtns Prehistoric Discovery Trail – tender issued. Archaeological excavation at Hell Fire completed. Liffey Blueway: Collaborative Project with Fingal Co Co. Consultant engaged, inception meeting held in October and stakeholder consultation completed.. ACM briefing held in Nov. Surveys and questionnaires published and 586 online completed and 135 face to face. Project update meeting held April. Final consultation report plus summary recommendations due early May, 2017. Meeting for elected members to

be scheduled for May. Tourism website and social media launched on 9th Feb 2017. Brochures under development. Meetings to be held with each sector in development. Shop Front Scheme: Widely publicized during Feb and March, closed March 31st. 32 applications received. Events/festivals for 2016/17 to be developed – Gael Force Dublin 2017 and Red Line Festival 2016. Gael Force Dublin Festival presented to SPC Sept 14. Over 800 participants in Gael Force 2017 on Feb 18th and festival debrief took place March 31st. Proposals from other activity events operators under consideration. Terms and details for an SDCC supported events and festivals scheme under development. Red Line Festival: Grant application made to Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival fund. See Libraries report above for more info.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

N81 Improvement Scheme: Detail design stage underway - incorporating input from part 8. Options in relation to Old Bawn / Belgard section being progressed. Tree Maintenance Programme: Works outstanding from the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme still ongoing. Two full-time tree crews are in operation, third Tree crew starting May 4th. Sean Walsh Park crew are near completion of tree pruning and removal works in Idrone estate and are scheduled to commence works in Delaford Estate next. The tree crew operating North of N7 recently completed a programme of tree pruning and removals at Cherbury Park Estate, Lucan and are currently operating in Ardeevin Estate. A report on the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme and a report on the proposed rolling Programme of Tree Maintenance for 2017-2019 was presented at the March meetings of each Area Committee. The tender for supply, planting and maintenance of c. 700 trees has been awarded to HSK Landscaping Ltd. Derelict Sites & Dangerous Buildings – Enforcement activity ongoing. Litter Management Plan: ALAG- Projects are ongoing. Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign – Cinema and Radio from 31st March - 7th April Illegal Dumping Advert Campaign 8th April - 14th April. Prevention -The regional Brown Food Waste/Food waste awareness campaign is currently underway. Community Clean ups - 193 clean ups have taken place so far for April. National Spring Clean - Launch took taking place on the 4th April in Lucan in conjunction with Lucan TT & St Andrews NS The GDW - 34 registered so far for this year Green Schools - 98 primary & 33 Secondary Schools registered Roundabout Sponsorship: Clearance of the roundabout at Orwell scheduled to commence at the end of April to enable implementation of new landscape scheme.

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

Climate Change: A template for the collection of actions to be included in the Mitigation and Adaptation Plans has been developed by Codema. This has been circulated to the 4 Dublin LA's. SCDD are currently working to populate this action list and meeting with all stake holders currently underway. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA Awareness Prevention – Stop Food Waste - running from the 14-20th April Tackle Litter - running from the 20th -27th April Update: ECO Week – Environmental Awareness had a stand in the square on the 29th March and gave out Hints and tips booklets on waste management. Surface Water Schemes: Surveying work completed for the Chapel Hill SW Scheme. Tender design issued and updated. Works to be carried out during the schools summer holidays. Cookstown Industrial Estate works underway, due to be completed by end of April. Design and preparations work underway for the 2017 Programme. Stream clearing works at the Glebe, Lucan have been completed. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme -Works are progressing. Works are also ongoing with service provider in relation to the diversion and protection of services. Poddle: DCC completed tender documentation for the Framework of Consultants, which was approved by DCC Procurement Section and the framework has gone to tender. River Basin Plans and Measures: The public consultation period has open for the second cycle river basin management plan. The Plan for the second cycle is one plan for the entire country and the submission close date is 31st August 2017. The plan is substantial in detail with supporting SEA and Natura Impact documents to be read and considered before a formal submission can be made by the Council. During the public consultation period the Council will publicise the Plan in conjunction with our colleagues in LAWCO. The Draft River Basin Management Plan will be presented to the EWCC SPC and the ACM's in May. LAWCO will also be carrying out public meeting in the county in May, dates to be confirmed. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical: Contracts signed for 2017 vehicle replacement programme and CE order recommendations submitted for processing. All items on 2017 Vehicle replacement program now ordered. 16FT roller mower & trailed wood-chipper delivered. Replacement Workshop ramp now also ordered for Ballymount. Fleet Panel beating tender in standstill period until 27th April. External repairs tender currently under evaluation. Tenders for 3 no. Litter Warden vans

& 1 No. Electric van advertised - closing date - 8th May.

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

Waste Enforcement Action: Scheduled inspections and Audits/Reviews undertaken on permitted facilities in accordance with risk rating ongoing. Unauthorised collectors active in South of County distributing flyers for waste collections, SDCC using Social Media to inform public of bogus status. Warning letters were issued in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended. Control of Animals: Ongoing enforcement activity in relation to the control of dogs/horses and animal welfare. Air Quality: To date in 2017, there have been two breaches of the Particulate Matter below 10 microns (PM10) at the Old Bawn Road site. There were similar breaches above 50ug/m3 of air at all the other monitoring sites on the same two days. Our normal levels would be in the region of 10-20 ug/m3 but cold sharp temperature drops is reflected in a big increase in domestic heating. It is also noticeable that weekend days can be higher than weekday levels, when people are in their home for much longer periods. Minister Naughten recently announced the publication of a consultation paper on a National Clean Air Strategy at the start of March, and it is open until April 20th. The Department are keen to get input from local authorities generally but also from the CCMA on their thoughts and ideas on this strategy which will see a doubling from 31 to 64 fixed monitoring stations across the country. One of the major air quality issues is the proliferation of solid fuel stoves which are being fitted into open fireplaces. The attraction is the higher heat output and efficiency over the open fires but the pollution level from burning timber and turf is an air quality issue.

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

Playspace Programme: Tymon open and very successful. Griffeen Valley Park playground in lead-in period. Official openings underway with Quarryvale as first official Playspace opening of 2017. Allotments: Tymon Park allotments design progressing. Assessment of need undertaken, feed into design of allotment upgrade. Pavilion Programme: Pavilions: Single operator 2 year framework proposed. Dodder Valley Mt. Carmel: Preliminary design stage. Delivery of objectives in the Tourism Strategy in relation to events and recreational activities within Parks: Projects & Plans: Liaison with EETD on progression of implementation plan for Corkagh Park, update to SPCs & ACM in May.

Housing, Social & Community Development

Objective 1 : Put in place a three year programme to supply social housing in the context of the Social Housing Strategy 2020

Council has continued to work with the Department in progressing the housing projects to tender stage. Focus on delivery on over 220 Rapid Delivery Units during 2017 and 2018 as outlined in report to September 2016 Council Meeting. Ballyboden Stage 3 Approved 15th March. Construction on two projects have started – 39 units. 113 units to start in May 2017. Completed 64 acquisitions in 2016. To date in 2017 there are 9 acquisitions approved by the Department together with approx. Circa 30 through the Housing Agency Acquisition Fund. The Kilcarbery Integrated housing proposal to tender Wednesday 26th April 2017. PPP for 108 Units as part of bundle of 500 units being progressed at this location also. 125 Part V acquisitions to be provided in 2107. 1618 active accounts on HAP at 24th April 2017. 459 on Homeless Register at end of March 2017 (252 single males/females). 587 presentation during March 2017. The Business Housing Transformation project is underway incorporating almost 100 recommendations of the Review of the Housing Functions Report. Integrated Housing System tenders being evaluated.

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

Work on finalising the Joint Policing Plan for the SDCC JPC continues. Awaiting final input from Drugs Sub Committee to complete. New Community Safety Booklet being prepared through collaboration of JPC, Age Friendly and PPN. For approval in 2nd Quarter 2017. New Programme being developed through FAI and Show Racism the Red Card. Community based project – Brookfield with FAI support. Bealtaine Festival will take place from the 1st May to 31st May. The Bealtaine Festival gives everyone the opportunity to discover a new talent or find a new way to use an old skill. South Dublin County Council has organised a number of events during the month to celebrate the festival. The full brochure with the details of the wide variety of free events can be downloaded here <http://www.sdcc.ie/events/bealtaine-festival-2017>. The Sportivate sports training and coaching program is run by SDCC in collaboration with the DDLETB and DSP. This program will run again for the 2017-18 academic year. South

Dublin County Council will host an International Food Festival (Flavours of South Dublin) in Rathfarnham Castle Park on Sunday 25 June 2017. The Flavours of South Dublin Food Festival will showcase South Dublin County cuisine from the traditional Irish fare to the Asian fusion and everything in between. South Dublin County Council aims to highlight the diverse and vibrant food culture that exists in the county. The successful Traveller Culture Schools project is continuing and delivered 18 workshops this term reaching approximately 468 children at both junior and senior national school levels. The workshops were delivered to: St. Brigid's JNS, Brookfield, Tallaght (3 workshops), St. Marks JNS Springfield, Tallaght (3 workshops) and The Divine Mercy SNS Balgaddy, Lucan (12 workshops). The project initially targeted primary school children at 5th and 6th class level. Due to a number of requests from junior national school principals during this semester there were six workshops delivered to children in 1st class junior schools.

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

Park Runs continue for 2017 with increased numbers involved. The Council is proactively involved as Gold Star Sponsors of the Echo Sport Stars Monthly awards and involved in the monthly awards. The DCYA announced that funding has been made available this year to support activities for National Recreation Week (beginning 3rd July 2017) and National Play Day (Sunday 2nd July). The theme is 'Fun and Active'. The SDCC National Play Day and Recreation week events are being finalised and will involve: Capital Funding – apply for funds towards the refurbishment of play space in Corkagh Park and for National Play Day / Recreation week – host a family play event in Tymon Park to officially open the new Play space there. With the FAI there is a FREE full time – FAI/ETB course for the unemployed or school leavers which is run in the South Dublin Football League Centre (SDFL). Approx. certificates including ITEC gym instructors award FAI PDP 1 and PDP 2 (formally Kick Starts 1 and 2) and many more. There is also a QQI Level 4 Sport and Recreation major award which will help enable progression to PLC/College courses or gain employment. Participants will also be entitled to a Training Allowance. The start date for the next course which runs for 9 months is 29th May 2017. The SDCC Schools Cross Country Finals are taking place on Thursday 11th May from 9am to 3pm in Corkagh Park and will have over 3,300 school children competing. This programme is getting more successful each year and in 2017 we will have record no of participants. Healthy County Strategy Group "We Can Quit Campaign" for Women finishing its third course. 22 Registered with 18 finishing the programme. Overall 70% success rate which is higher than the national 50% rate. Certificate ceremony on 3rd May at Fettercairn Community Centre. 4th Programme to run in September with one in Clondalkin. 9 companies taking part in the Workforce Activity Challenge.

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

PPN membership/registration now stands at almost 480 at end of March 2016 and communications to other groups is being broadened. The SDCC Community Grants Round 1 and Community Initiative Fund 2016 are completed and evaluation is underway. Local Policing Fora Meetings to continue in 2017 with 9 public meetings planned. - Tallaght x 2, North Clondalkin x 3 and SW Clondalkin x 4.