

## May 2017 Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of May

### Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

The Annual Roadworks Programme is progressing and most projects are either completed or commencement dates agreed with Contractors. Discussions are on-going with TII regarding resurfacing works on the N81, including junction surfacing works at Plaza Hotel and Glenview Roundabout. An application has been made to TII to fund new low energy public lighting infrastructure on the N81 from Tallaght to Jobstown.

#### 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. Nine sites have been put on the Vacant Site Register and the status of a further c20 sites are currently being reviewed, however it is expected that further sites will be added to the register throughout the Summer. A recommendation to extend the life of the Fortunestown local Area Plan for a further 5 years has been submitted and if approved by the Members, a public consultation process will be initiated. Work on the Draft Clonburris SDZ scheme is approaching completion. However at the request of Lucan Councillors, the initiation of the Public Consultation process on the Chief Executives Draft has been postponed till early September.

#### 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. Design works on the NTA funded Projects that will go to Construction later in the year are progressing. A section 38 Public Consultation process will be initiated for proposed cycle-lane projects on Outer Ring Road at Willsbrook/Woodies and on Scholarstown Road in Knocklyon. Construction Works have been completed on a new roundabout junction at Doddsborough Rd /R838 Junction in Lucan. A "Traffic Calming Criteria" Document has been approved by the LUPT SPC and is scheduled for adoption by Council in June.

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

Work is substantially complete on the Installation of signs associated with the New Speed Limit Byelaws. New solar powered electronic signs are being installed where Temporary 30kph limits apply outside schools. The new Belgard Walkway was officially opened by the Mayor on 1st June. Works are scheduled to commence in Late June on Phase 1 of the Tallaght Village Improvement Scheme. Works are progressing on the village enhancement works at the Texaco Garage / Newcastle Lyons roundabout in Newcastle. Design works are progressing on Village enhancement works in Tallaght Village (phase 2) and Templeogue Village. A Draft Design for Templeogue village will be circulated to Members in June.

### Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC meeting held on 10th May. 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.

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

Grange Castle • Interxion – Open for business • Official launch of Interxion project held on 3rd March. • Grifols submitted planning application for production expansion and permission granted SD16A/0250. Works are ongoing. • Microsoft – Works ongoing • Eirgrid – S.I. Application granted by ABP 28/06/16. 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. Tender for excavation works to be published asap. • 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, installation 95% complete and line to be tested shortly. licence for temporary use of ducts agreed. • 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. Sod turning ceremony took place on Wednesday 31/05/2017. 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. 3No Tender submissions were received and are currently being assessed. 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. • SDCC has just received grant funding from SEAI to carry out an energy masterplan for Grange Castle Business Park

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

Library News 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. Bealtaine Events A varied programme of events for Bealtaine took place in all branch libraries during May. The events were well attended and it continues to be a success year on year. College Awareness We received a College Awareness Week Supporters Award on Wednesday in Trinity College. This was the inaugural year of the Supporter's Awards which are being presented to schools, colleges etc who have supported College Awareness Week. South Dublin Libraries were the only public library nominated. Caitriona Ryan, Higher Education Authority was the guest speaker and in her address specifically mentioned the success of the launch in Tallaght library, the variety of resources available and also the very strong community feeling in the library – all of which are to be commended. It was a nice event and we have a plaque for the wall. Green Ribbon Event. Staff attended the Green Ribbon Killinarden Community Centre Mental Health awareness showcase, an initiative to showcase the local supports available to encourage positive ageing and mental health. At this event we promoted our 'Read Your Mind Collection' An Enterprise Town event will take place in the Stadium in Tallaght on Saturday May 27th and representatives from the County Library will attend. The Great Tallaght Bake-Off Wednesday 24th May 6.30pm at the County Library, Tallaght. Upcoming Library events in June 2017 To celebrate World Refugee Day there will be a Talk by Yanky Fachler on Tuesday 20th June at 6.30pm in the County Library, and a movie - The Visitor on Monday 19th June 6.30pm. During the 2nd half of June the library will also host the Ruben Centre Mukuru Slum Photographic Exhibition. Watch your Trolley talk on eating smart by Jale Egan, Iridologist and Nutritionist - Monday 12th June at Lucan library Ruaille Buaille Music Festival will take place in various

venues in Lucan – including Lucan library – drumming workshop, early music, classical music with fairy theme and songs and sounds of summer. The Natural History Museum – a talk from keeper of the museum Nigel Monaghan, will take place at the County Library 6.30pm – 7.30p, Thursday 8th June. Birds of Tallaght talk from Bird Watch, Ireland Thursday 15th June at 6.30pm Full programme of events available at [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://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 In Context 4 website wins local government category in the eGovernment Awards 2017, and is also shortlisted in the general category. Creative Ireland South Dublin County Cultural and Creativity Plan 2017 was launched nationally by the Taoiseach on May 18th, 2017, collectively with other local authority plans. A local launch will take place before the end of June. An RFQ has gone out on e-tenders for a consultant to support the development of the County's five year Culture and Creativity Strategy. Grants & Bursaries The 2017 Individual Artists Bursary Awards have been selected. €15,000 has been awarded to 7 artists across a range of artforms to support practice and career development. €3400 has been awarded to 3 emerging artists under the Young Artist Development Awards. € 3000 has been awarded to two young musicians under the Annette Halpin Award for Young Musicians. Events Ruaille Buaille Lucan Childrens Music Festival takes place from the 7th-10th June. Over 40 events will take place in libraries, schools and in the 4 festival tents in Griffeen Park, over the course of the festival. The festival is presented in conjunction with South Dublin Libraries. [www.ruaillebuaille.ie](http://www.ruaillebuaille.ie) Programmes Music Generation South Dublin now reports 3000 children and young people in the county engaged in performance music education. Tallaght Young Filmmakers receive award at the national Fresh Film Festival.

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

Round Tower: • Fit out stages ongoing – Exhibition fit out to complete 3rd week June. • Projected opening in late June. Grand opening in September 2017. • Clondalkin Festival moved to 2nd week July. • Coach parking solution identified and works to be completed in June • Security – man guarding at night and into part of summer... • Room 8c - Libraries preparing temporary exhibitions. Themes agreed. Budgets confirmed. Local Studies... Reusable panels. • Appointment of Happy Pear – Lease drafted and with legal teams • May 23rd Event – Happy Pear meets Clondalkin at Aras Chronain • Marketing plan to be developed – meeting being scheduled with Crowe Horwath • Website being designed • Logo approved, Internal Signage approved. Environs signage plan almost complete • Corkagh Park Feasibility Plan– implementation and resources under consideration. Presented Clondalkin ACM May 18. Draft tender brief written for detailed market and tech feasibility and tender package by end 2017. • Funding bids made for heritage signage for Camac and Griffeen greenways – DAHLG Rural Recreation Scheme Dublin Mountains flagship: Bord Pleanála determination received and planning application being prepared. Design to be presented to elected members. Fáilte Ireland Grant approval Stage 1- Site visit being organised. Liffey Blueway: Collaborative Project with Fingal Co Co. May 11 – Stage 2 presented to Lucan and Fingal Cllrs. Consultation event for local groups held May 31st. Cost benefit report being compiled and final report due June 27th. Tourism website launched. Services contracted for external mgmt. of social media and website campaign from June-Sept. Tourism brochures being finalized. SDCC liaising with Fáilte and Chamber to organize tourism blogger fam trip to County – significant take up from operators.

### 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. Progress on delivery on over 220 Rapid Delivery Units during 2017 and 2018 as outlined in report to September 2016 Council Meeting with 3 projects through Part 8 with starts on St Aidans 91 units in May and Killinniney in June 2017. Part 8 for Oldcastle proposal being prepared. On site with 4 other projects. Estimate that circa 160 units will be on site by July 2017. To date in 2017 there are 8 acquisitions approved by the Department together with approx. Circa 30 through the Housing Agency Acquisition Fund. These are all progressing towards completion and tenanting by end June/July 2017. The Kilcarbery Integrated housing proposal went to tender Wednesday 26th April 2017. Closing date 16th June 2017. PPP for 108 Units as part of bundle of 500 units being progressed at this location also. Part 8 started 25th May 2017. 125 Part V acquisitions to be provided in 2107. 1679 active accounts on HAP at 29th May 2017. 469 on Homeless Register at end of April 2017 (254 single males/females). 482 presentations during April 2017. 252 Emergency bed Placements offered during April 2017. The Business Housing Transformation project is underway incorporating almost 100 recommendations of the Review of the Housing Functions Report. Presented report to May

Housing SPC. Integrated Housing System IT System tenders currently being evaluated.

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

2016 JPC Annual Report approved at JPC Meeting Work 26th May 2017. The Joint Policing Strategic Plan 2016-2022 for SDCC JPC presented to JPC meeting 26th May 2017. New Community Safety Booklet prepared through collaboration of JPC, Age Friendly and PPN and launched. New Programme being developed through FAI and Show Racism the Red Card which is a new Community based project – Brookfield with FAI support. Bealtaine Festival ongoing since the 1st May and proving very successful with large numbers attending all events. The Bealtaine Festival gives everyone the opportunity to discover a new talent or find a new way to use an old skill. 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 and based at Brookfield Family and Youth Community Centre. This program will run again for the 2017-18 academic year and is currently recruiting new participants. 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 local and international / intercultural cuisine and will tie in with RadFest – Rathfarnham District Festival. South Dublin County Council aims to highlight the diverse and vibrant food culture that exists in the county. The successful Traveller Culture Schools project delivered 18 workshops this term reaching approximately 468 children at both junior and senior national school levels. The Education Bursary partnership with IT Tallaght continues successfully and review of 2006 to 2014 just completed. The retention, graduation and employment rate of recipients is above IT Tallaght's averages and significantly above national averages. Since 2006 there have been 53 recipients of awards. For the period 2006 to 2014 there were 37 recipients and of these 37 recipients, 89% have graduated from IT Tallaght. 95% of recipients completed the first 2 years of their chosen course (2 years is the duration of the bursary) and 90% of those award recipients who have now graduated are currently employed in the field of their chosen study.

#### 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 SDCC National Play Day and Recreation week events are being finalised. In conjunction with the Sports Partnership 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 took place on Thursday 11th May from 9am to 3pm in Corkagh Park and had over 3,100 school children competing. This programme is getting more successful each year and in 2017 we had record no of participants and proved to be the largest track event this year. Healthy County Strategy Group "We Can Quit Campaign" for Women finished its third course. There were 22 Registered with 18 finishing the programme. Overall 70% success rate which is higher than the national 50% rate. Certificate ceremony was held on 3rd May at Fettercairn Community Centre. 4th Programme to run in September with one in Clondalkin. Home Security Scheme – Anti Snap Lock fitting – completed the tender process and scheme advertised for applicants. Sports Partnership Strategic Plan for SDCC being finalised.

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

PPN membership/registration continues to increase its membership. New PPN Co-Ordinator has started, taking over from Jamie Moore who has resigned. The SDCC Community Grants Round 1 and Community Initiative Fund 2017 are completed and will be announced in June. Community Grants are on agenda for June Council Meeting together with Summer Projects support funding. Local Policing Fora Meetings to continue in 2017 with 9 public meetings planned for year. - Tallaght x 2, North Clondalkin x 3 and SW Clondalkin x 4. Requests for new LPF at Templeogue/Rathfarnham and Lucan under consideration.

### Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Public Realm Maintenance: Works have commenced on some elements of the 2017 Public Realm Works Programme. N81 Improvement Scheme: Detail design stage underway. Options in relation to Old Bawn / Belgard section being progressed. Tree Maintenance Programme: Outstanding works from the 2016/17 Tree Maintenance Programme are ongoing. Tree crews are currently carrying out a programme of tree pruning and removal works in Delaford Estate and north of N7 they are currently operating in Hermitage Estate, Lucan. Derelict Sites & Dangerous Buildings – Enforcement activity ongoing. Map style finalised with Architects Dept 03/05 for Derelict Sites Statutory Notices Vesting Order being prepared for 4 Wheatfield Grove following approval by An BP. Service of notices under Derelict Sites Act and Sanitary Services Act. Scheduled Street Cleaning Programme: Tender process underway for procurement of new road sweeping contract. Other matters relating to cleaning by Council staff are covered by the PR review process. Litter Management Plan Enforcement & Licencing: CCTV Camera installed at Lynches lane. The two Rapid Deployment Cameras have been installed at Lennox Laboratories JFK Industrial Estate and Brookview, Tallaght. Awareness: Community Clean ups - 144 clean ups have taken place so far for May. Green Schools - 98 primary & 33 Secondary Schools registered - Water awards - St. Lorcan's BNS, Palmerstown, Best overall primary school – Audrey Bracken Scoil Mochua, Clondalkin – Mary McCabe LA21 grant for 2016/17 have been finalised and are ready to be returned to the Dept. LA21 grants for 2017/18 have been advertised through newspapers, the website, social media and the PPN. Stop food waste advert ran from 12-19th May. The Tackle litter advert ran from the 19th - 25th May. The Dog Fouling advert is running from the 26th May to 1st June. Community Clean ups - 236 clean ups have taken place so far for May, including two projects that worked on the removal of graffiti. Green Schools - 98 primary & 33 Secondary Schools registered - 38 Schools from SDCC are receiving flags at the awards in the Helix. 2 will be receiving their first green, 9 schools will be receiving their energy flag, 5 schools will be receiving their water and travel flags, 11 for biodiversity, 5 for global citizenship, litter and waste and 1 for global citizenship and energy. Gum Litter Task Force launched by Mayor Cllr Guss O'Connell on the 30th May in Clondalkin village in conjunction with Clondalkin TT and St Joseph's BNS. Roundabout Sponsorship: There are six roundabouts scheduled during 2017 for implementation of landscape improvement schemes at locations as follows: Ballymount (2 roundabouts), Orwell, Newcastle as part of the Village Initiative programme and Fonthill Road (2 roundabouts). Work is scheduled to commence on four of these schemes within the next 2-3 weeks.

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

Climate Change: Work is underway across the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and Codema drafting the Local Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plans. A Cross Departmental team has been established in each LA to develop content and a suite of actions. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA Awareness – Tackle litter advert ran from 19-25th May. Efforts ongoing to secure additional bring bank sites around the County where deficits exist. Surface Water Schemes: Chapel Hill SW Scheme 3 no. tenders received and these are currently being appointed. Works to be carried out during the schools summer holidays. Cookstown Industrial estate works complete, CCTV survey to follow. Design and preparations work underway for the 2017 Programme. Stream clearing works at the Glebe, Lucan have been completed. Works at Ballynakelly, Newcastle commenced. Climate Change: Work is underway across the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and Codema drafting the Local Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plans. A Cross Departmental team has been established in each LA to develop content and a suite of actions. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA Awareness – Tackle litter advert ran from 19-25th May. Efforts ongoing to secure additional bring bank sites around the County where deficits exist. Surface Water Schemes: Chapel Hill SW Scheme 3 no. tenders received and these are currently being appointed. Works to be carried out during the schools summer holidays. Cookstown Industrial estate works complete, CCTV survey to follow. Design and preparations work underway for the 2017 Programme. Stream clearing works at the Glebe, Lucan have been completed. Works at Ballynakelly, Newcastle commenced. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme -Works are progressing and pipe laying is complete in some sections of the scheme. Works are also ongoing with service provider in relation to the diversion and protection of services. Poddle - DCC Framework of Consultants is out to tender and the last day for submissions is 26th May. A tender assessment and the appointment of a consultant to the Poddle Scheme will follow in June with an appointment to follow. River Basin Plans and Measures: The Draft River Basin Management Plan was presented to the Environment Public Realm and Climate Change SPC and the 4 ACM's this month. LAWCO also carried out public meeting on the 15th and 18th of May. The deadline to submit a view on the draft plan is the end of August. The Department plan to publish the Plan in December with work on the plan to commence in 2018. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical Services: Tenders prepared for both the Grasscare External Garage Repairs & Supply of Grasscare

Machinery parts contracts - tender went live 16th May. Tenders received for the External Garage Repairs (Light duty Trailers) - Awarded to Westwood Trailers following standstill period. Tenders received for the SDCC Vehicle Fleet Periodic Inspections - Awarded to the Freight Transport Association of Ireland following standstill period. Tenders received for the purchase of litter warden vans and an electric van - currently under evaluation.

### 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. A significant increase in WFP applications in the past 2 months. Unauthorised collectors active in South of County distributing flyers for waste collections, SDCC using Social Media to inform public of bogus status. Fifty two (52) 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.

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

Regional and Local Parks: Corkagh Park being entered in national Green Flag Awards Scheme. Proposal re improved park maintenance is included in Public Realm Review scope. Playspace Programme: Griffeen Valley Park playground under construction. Tymon open and very successful. Official openings underway with Quarryvale; Kilnamanagh and Kingswood as first official playspace openings of 2017. 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 Clondalkin ACM in May. Report due to Council Meeting in July.

## Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Council Meetings: The May Council Meeting took place on 8th May and the Operational, Procedure and Finance Meeting took place on Thursday 18th May 2017. Mayor's Office: The opening of Centenary Plaza and unveiling of Breaking Emmet's Block Sculpture, Grange Road, Rathfarnham took place in May. A Mayor's Reception for Shane O' Donoghue took place on 22nd May. Voter.ie: Work is continuing on the data cleansing and collaboration with the other Dublin local authorities to manage the transition to a shared system for the preparation of the electoral register. Review of Standing Orders: A meeting held with the Group Leaders on 12th May to present the analysis of standing orders of local authorities with 40 or more councillors and discuss amendments. The proposed amendments were included for discussion at the May OP&F meeting. The amended Standing Orders are to be brought to the June 2017 Council Meeting.

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

Financial Management: The quarter 1 financial returns were prepared and submitted to the Department in accordance with their requirements. The Audit of the Council's Annual Financial Statement for 2016 by the external Auditor commenced on the 15th May. As part of the total Revaluation of commercial properties in the South Dublin County administrative area, preliminary valuation certificates were issued by the Valuation Office on the 13th April. The period for making representations in relation to these certificates closed on Monday the 22nd May and the Council facilitated a number of "walk-in" clinics with Valuation Office staff to assist Ratepayers understand the valuation process in the intervening period. Risk Management: The mid-year review of the Corporate Risk Register takes place in June. Audit: Implementation of the Audit Plan is on-going. The Next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13th June. Procurement: The Corporate Procurement Steering Group met on 10th May. Work is ongoing on the preparation of the Public Spend Code 2016 Quality Assurance Report. Freedom of Information and Data Protection: 91 FOI requests received to date. 4 Access to Information on the Environment requests received to date.

Preparation on the General Data Protection Regulations is underway for the implementation date of 25 May 2018.

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

- Data Cleansing project initiated with respect to the voters register in preparation for the new system in the Dublin local authorities on voter.ie
- ICT Security tender evaluation continues.
- Continuing to assist with the ICT requirements of the Palmerstown Digital Hub.
- Vacant Sites tender evaluated and now entering into standstill period.
- Assisting with the Housing Department's Annual Rent review which is currently under way
- Integrated Housing System Tender Closed, Evaluation team in operation, and evaluation underway. Engagement with vendors continues.
- Replacement of Server Infrastructure. Evaluation continues on storage area network. Servers awarded.
- In conjunction with the community department, soft launch of the when less is more initiative.
- School warden SMS capability completed.
- OASIS – migration to ArcGIS Online continues
- Commencing work on new Ortho Photography (GIS) Tender
- 300k Have Your Say! Voting portal was live for the designated times 22nd – 26th May inclusive and facilitated the public online voting on projects.
- Branding work finalised on the Property Economic Portal and development continues.

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

'300K- Have Your Say' Participatory Budgeting initiative: The public vote on the projects took 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: The Illegal dumping procurement challenge was launched. Awards: 15 applications were submitted to the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards. The In Context 4 website won an award in the Local Government Section, at the E-Government Awards Ceremony held on 26th May 2017. Consultation Hub: 1 consultation process on the Part 8 for the proposed Housing Development in Kilcarbery and Corkagh Demense opened on 25 May and will close on 6 July Press Office: 12 press releases were issued in May and ongoing activity on the social media channels

### 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. Work force planning meetings scheduled to take place with unions. Lean Six Sigma: Six final Yellow Belt projects were presented to the Lean Six Sigma Steering Group.