

To: The Mayor and each Member of South Dublin County Council

Re: Three Year Capital Programme Progress Report – July 2017

Dear Member,

This quarterly capital progress report sets out briefly the current position in relation to Capital Projects that are active. It is the second Quarterly report since the adoption of the current 3 year capital programme on 12th December 2016.

Housing

A comprehensive progress report was tabled at the special housing meeting on 3rd March and regular updates have been given as part of the monthly management report. Currently projects are on site at St. Marks Green, Mayfield, MacUilliam and Dromcarra, while schemes at Neilstown, Ballyboden and Killinarden will commence in mid-July. In terms of Rapid Build, St. Aidan's will commence towards the end of July, while schemes at Killinenny and St. Cuthberts have gone through part 8 and will go to tender over the summer. The proposed PPP project at Kilcarbery is currently out to consultation and the closing date for expressions of interest on the neighbouring joint venture development was 23rd June.

Tourism Projects

As reported and updated in your monthly management report, good progress is being made across a range of projects as follows:

- The detailed planning and environmental assessment of the Dublin Mountains Gateway Project is practically complete and an application will be made to An Bord Pleanála in mid-July. The project has received a Stage 1 pass for funding under the Fáilte Ireland Major Infrastructure Fund. The estimated cost has reduced from €19m to €15m as the final design has become clearer.
- The Round Tower Project will open on schedule for end of June 2017.
- The findings and recommendations of a Corkagh Park/Camac Valley Tourism Cluster Study are being presented at today's meeting, with a view to their acceptance in principle pending more detailed assessment.
- An initial report on the potential development of the Liffey Blueway will be finalised over the summer and presented to council in September.
- The structural review of Rathfarnham Castle stables is nearing completion which will be followed by a conservation study and future options report. I hope to bring same to the council for consideration this summer.
- The next phase of the Dodder Valley Greenway was discussed at ACM and commenced part 8 consultation on 22nd June.
- The 1st phase of the Marketing and Branding Strategy has been signed off by the SPC including the Tourism Logo. The remaining elements of the Strategy including website development, marketing material and campaigns, county signage and infrastructure branding are under detailed consideration.

Villages Programme

Rathcoole and Rathfarnham together with initial footpath works in Tallaght and Lucan were completed in 2016. Works to Belgard Walkway and Newcastle Gateway were recently completed. Tallaght Phase 1 Greenhills Road has recently commenced with Phase 2 under active design. Templeogue design is still under consideration, Saggart will go to tender in the coming week and a revised part 8 for Lucan Village Centre will be prepared later in the year.

Roads and Drainage

The contractor for the €20m R120/Nangor Road Improvement will be appointed in August. The 2016 Commemorative Plaza at Grange road opened on 28th April. The proposed access road to the Exchange Hall lands will go to Part 8 by the end of summer. With regard to our major drainage projects, Ballycullen is on site at present and is due for completion by the year end. The design team for the Poddle scheme will be appointed in August and the cost benefit analysis for the Camac is being finalised. A consultant's brief is under consideration for Whitechurch.

Sport, Recreation and Libraries

- Palmerstown Library Hub opened on 14th June. Rowlagh will go to construction in Q4 2017 and Tymon library will hopefully be on site by the year end.
- Lucan Pool received approval to proceed to Part 8 on the 5th July. It is hoped to commence this process in the coming 2 weeks. The estimated cost of the project has increased from €11m to €13m as the detailed design and disability considerations have become clearer. This cost remains within the overall capital programme forecast.
- The Playgrounds Programme was the subject of a substantial report at the November Meeting. 17 are complete, Tymon and Griffeen are under construction. A further 20 locations submitted to ACM's in June for consideration. The Participatory Budgeting pilot resulted in another playground in Palmerstown being added to the list.
- A tender for the Old Bawn pavillion was considered excessive and is currently under discussion with the recommended tenderer with a view to reducing costs. The final outcome of this will inform the next part 8 for the Griffeen pavilion and others to follow later in the year.
- The Firhouse/Mount Carmel project has been through ACM and commenced part 8 on 22nd June.
- The Adamstown Community Hall has gone to tender and is hoped to be on site in September. A planning application has been lodged for adjacent all weather pitches.
- The Tallaght Stadium 3rd Stand tender process was unsatisfactory so we will now retender with a fully designed project rather than design build. This will result in an additional 3 month lead in time
- A detailed report has now been finished on Templeogue House, detailing a cost of €1.3m which has been approved in principle by the members. Plans are being prepared to progress to detailed design and tender this year.

Discussion with the basement tenant need to be finalised prior to embarking on the next stage.

- The design of a pocket part at Grange Castle Business Park is nearing completion with a part 8 to commence in July.

Public Realm

- Detailed designs for phase 1 of the N81 Scheme approved by the members is underway with a view to starting on site by the year end.
- 6 roundabouts are under design and scheduled for improvement this year. They are at Ballymount (2), Orwell, Newcastle as part of the village works, Fonthill Road and Adamstown.

Strategic infrastructure fund

It was confirmed last week that our application to the Fund was successful. Funding of €27.39m has been allocated to support investment at Adamstown, Clonburris and Corkagh. The Council is liable for a 25% contribution to the cost. It is anticipated that contractual commitments in this regard will be entered into in July.

Yours sincerely,


Daniel McLoughlin
Chief Executive