

## August 2017 Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Aug

### Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC meetings being held in September 2017. LEO training schedule continues in September 2017, with Autumn programme commencing, including additional training provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end July, 444 clients have attended LEO provided training, with a further 286 attending training provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. An Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 18th July 2017, approving 4 projects, creating 3.5 new jobs, with grant amounts of €122,200 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for 26th September 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. Business Support Grant 2017 to, 28/08/2016 521 applications received, (for the same period in 2017 500 applications received) Microenterprise Development Fund: 14 applications approved. Estimated total commitment: €280k. Spend to date €39,758. Individual Unit Support Scheme: 27 applications approved. Estimated total commitment €60k. Spend to date €12,369. Microenterprise Start Up Support (Rates) Scheme: 6 applications approved. Estimated total commitment: €90k. Spend to date €0.

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

Grange Castle • Interxion – Open for business • Grifols submitted planning application for production expansion and permission granted SD16A/0250. Works are ongoing. • Microsoft – Works ongoing, DFS site near completion, permanent entrance under construction • 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. Permit to work issued by SDCC to Eirgrid to commence on site, Eirgrid finalising some compliance issues and site entry is imminent. • Capital Programme – Nangor Road / R120: Approved for funding by DTTAS. CPO Approved for R120. Work due to commence Q3 2017. Tenders returned on 18/08/2017 and tender assessment ongoing. • Archaeological – GC South: Archaeological work ongoing, feedback from the DAHRRGA is to preserve by record. Tender for excavation works due back on the 15/09/2017. • 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 99% complete and line has been tested. licence for temporary use of ducts agreed and fibre cables now being pulled through the ducts. • Edgeconnex planning application for an additional data hall was approved on the 04/07/2017. • 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. Construction ongoing. • Energy Masterplan: SEAI granted funding to SDCC to carry out an energy masterplan for the Grange Castle Business Park. Element energy Ltd were appointed to carry out the masterplan and the project is ongoing. • Lands to West. Potential Grange Castle West Infrastructure Masterplan being examined 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 Grange Castle South: Archaeological Works Tender: Pre-qual for Grange Castle South Archaeological Works was advertised on 15/06/2017. Stage 2 submissions due back on Friday 15/09/2017. Potential client (CyrusOne) identified for a 16 acre site in Grange Castle South, Section 183 approved at the July 2017 Council.

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

## development

• 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 – the tender for the energy masterplan was published on 04/06/2017 with a closing date of the 23/06/2017. Element energy Ltd were appointed to carry out the masterplan and the project is ongoing.

## 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) New Castletymon Library - Part 8 agreed and plans being drawn up for discussion. (3) Palmerstown Library Digital Hub opened on June 14th by Mayor Guss O' Connell giving a more innovative library service to Palmerstown Area. Summer Stars National Reading Programme 2017 will be rolled out in all our branch libraries throughout the summer. Summer Activities for Children organised throughout the library branch network around various topics - Music, Reading, Art and crafts, Animals, Computers, History talks and introducing new events for children with autism. Clondalkin Round Tower outing for Children following History Live event on Tuesday 25th July. The popular Massey Woods Treasure Hunt will take place on 12th July – organised by The County Library, Tallaght. Full programme of events available at [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) Programme highlights in What's Happening July - September 2017 issue. <http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/news/2017/06/whats-happening-july-september-2017> Creative Ireland The Creative Ireland South Dublin awards programme for 2017 is in progress. Selection for the Artists/Creatives Award and Emerging Groups/Collectives Award will take place on the 11th September. Closing date for the Schools Award is the 6th October. A consultant has been appointed to assist with the strategy development process of the 2018-2022 Cultural and Creativity Strategy. The first workshop with the Culture Team will take place on the 4th September and be followed by a public consultation process. Programmes Music Generation South Dublin which now reports 3000 children and young people in the county engaged in performance music education will extend the programme to an additional number of Primary and Second Level Schools in the county.

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

The new Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin received widespread media coverage during National Heritage Week which took place from the 19-27 August 2017 with features on Nationwide, Morning Ireland and the RTE News. Stakeholder Consultation has commenced on a Marketing and Sales Strategy for the centre. The official opening of the centre by the Mayor of SDCC has been scheduled for the 3rd of October 2017@2pm. A website and brochure for the centre is currently being developed. Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre Development application under Section 175 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) lodged with An Bord Pleanála (ABP) on the 31st July 2017. Submissions can be made to ABP on or before the 25th September 2017. Details are available on <http://www.pleanala.ie/> and [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) . Documentation is also available for inspection in the offices of ABP, County Hall, Tallaght and Ballyroan Library, Rathfarnham.

## Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

During the Month of September the following Footpath repair contracts are due to commence:- Ballyowen Lane, Elmbrook, Wheatfield Road, St Marks Estate, Ballyowen Park, Ardeevin, Turret Road, Ballyowen Lane at apartments, Glenvara Est., Woodlawn Park Ave., Orchardstown Drive, Dangan/Rockfield/ Shelton, Templeville Drive /Rushbrook/Woodstown, Cushlawn, Killinarden. During the month of September the following Road Resurfacing Projects are due to commence:- Aylmer Road, Mill Lane, Fonthill Link Road, Slade Valley Road, Farrells Lane, Garter Lane, Lucan Heights. Orchardstown Drive, Lansdowne Park, Templeville Road, Templeogue Bridge junction In addition to the above Substantial footpath repair work are due to commence in Kilclare Drive under the Councils Social Housing Estate improvement works fund

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

The Draft Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme has been published on 22nd September and Submissions have been invited. The Formal 5 Year extension the life of the Fortunestown local Area Plan has been approved by the Members.

Pre-draft public consultation on a new Local Area Plan for Tallaght has also been completed and a report circulated to Members. The Minister for Planning, Housing & Local Government has published the Strategic Housing Development Regulations. The new regulations stipulate that all planning applications for schemes greater than 100 dwellings are made straight to An Bord Planeala following a mandatory pre-application consultation with the Local Authority. The Planning Department will be obliged to make a detailed assessment and recommendation to the Board which the Board will take into account in its decision making process. A number of pre-planning meetings have been held but to date no applications have been formally lodged with An Bord Planeala.

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

Tenders have been received for the R120 Adamstown Road Improvement Scheme including the link to the Nangor Road. It is anticipated that the Construction Contract will be awarded during October. Design works on the NTA funded Projects that will go to Construction later in the year are progressing. A section 38 Public Consultation process has been completed for proposed cycle-lane projects on Outer Ring Road at Willsbrook/Woodies and on Scholarstown Road in Knocklyon and reports are on same will be brought to September Area Committee Meetings. Works are approaching completion on a further section of Cycles on Willsbrook road between Mount Bellew and St Andrews. Over the Summer Months Council Officials took part with Workshops with the NTA and Dublin Bus regarding the redesign of the Dublin Bus Network, under the "Bus Connects" initiative.

### 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. Works are underway on Phase 1 (Green hills road) of the Tallaght Village Improvement Scheme. Works are complete 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 has been prepared and is currently under review. Tender Documents for Village Enhancement Works in Saggart are currently being prepared and will be issued shortly. A number of new School Wardens were appointed over the Summer Months which has allowed an additional 6 Warden Operated School Crossings to become fully operational across the County this September.

## Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Public Realm Maintenance: 2017 Public Realm Works Programme presented at March meeting of County Council. Works are progressing on this programme. N81 Improvement Scheme: Detail design stage underway on N81 project. Topographical tender returned and being assessed. Phased so as to progress to construction this year. Tree Maintenance Programme: Three full-time tree crews are in operation. Sean Walsh Park crews are currently completing a programme of tree pruning and removal works in Knocklyon Avenue. The tree crew north of the N7 are currently operating in Ballyowen estate. A tender is in preparation to seek external arboriculture services to undertake tree pruning and removal works on c.550 trees outstanding from the 2016 Tree Maintenance Programme that are in conflict with overhead electricity wires. Derelict Sites & Dangerous Buildings Derelict Sites - 20 Sites on Derelict Site Register 2 1st Inspections 5 Re-inspections 1 Warning Letter 1 S11 1 S8(2) Notice of Intention to Acquire 4 sites Compulsorily completed Dangerous Buildings - 0 First Inspections 4 Re-Inspections 1 Warning Letter 14 3 (1) (a) 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 Environmental Awareness - Schools newsletter and anti-litter campaign on till receipts in Supervalu underway. Community Clean ups – To date over 107 have taken place for August and we encourage new applications to be sent in for community projects. GDW pledges – 56 received for the year so far. Green Space community project - the first phase of the green space project has started with 9 community groups from across South Dublin. Green Schools - 98 primary & 33 Secondary Schools LA21 - Letters went out to all applicants on the 02/8/2017 AL/AG Grant Letters all sent and financial details are starting to come in. Roundabout Sponsorship: Orwell roundabout - hard-landscaping complete. Topsoil to be delivered and planting scheme to be carried out in Oct/Nov. Works scheduled to commence on implementation of new landscape scheme on roundabout at junction of Ballymount Road/Calmount Road on September 23rd.

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

Climate Change: Local Adaptation and Mitigation Plans are being prepared. SDCC in conjunction with the three other Dublin Local Authorities and Codema, are producing these plans. A series of workshops and seminars have taken place over the last three months involving the 4 Dublin Local Authority Climate Change working group nominees, Codema and the members of the 4 Dublin Local Authority Environment SPCs. The purpose of these meetings is to begin drafting Adaptation and Mitigation plans. SDCC, in conjunction with Codema and the other Dublin Local Authorities are hosting a further Climate Change workshop in September, to further explore and come to a consensus on mitigation measures and how they can be implemented across the Dublin Region. Adaptation plans will be more specific for each LA, given the geographic locations of the LA's and the different challenges faced in each area, e.g. DCC, DLR & Fingal will have coastal adaptation challenges, SDCC will have pluvial and fluvial flooding issues to consider. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA Awareness • A new DCCAE advert explaining the need for changes is on local & national stations & this will be followed by a second explanatory advert. The DCCAE website is being updated & will feature FAQ's & a motion graphic to explain the changes Surface Water Schemes: Chapel Hill SW Scheme, Old Lucan Road – This is an extensive scheme. The scheme commenced during school summer holidays, main works complete, connections and resurfacing remaining. Resurfacing currently planned for the schools mid-term break. Cookstown Industrial estate works complete. Ballynakelly surface water scheme complete. Design and preparations work underway for the remaining 2017 Programme. Design of works on the Poddle at the Wainsfort pre-rack complete, procurement underway, works to be carried out before 30th September. Assessment of upgrade to the remote monitoring of the Poddle screens underway in conjunction with DCC. River clearing and cleaning works largely programmed for August and September. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme - Contractor on site, work progressing on project timelines. Poddle - the deadline for receipt of tenders for the consultant services for this scheme was 26th May. 11 tenders were received. Preliminary evaluation for a 3 person (2 DCC, 1 SDCC) Evaluation Board is underway. The target is to appoint a Consultant for Poddle and put this consultant and up to seven others on this new framework by early August 2017. Camac - A meeting took place on site with 3 Reps from the OPW and we walked sections of the river. The OPW and SDCC/DCC will be working on a consultants brief for this project. OPW have confirmed funding for this engagement. River Basin Plans and Measures: Sampling and monitoring is continuing in accordance with the EPA requirements and the RMCEI. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical Services: 7 No Mitsubishi Canter 7.5T Pickups for Roads & Public Realm delivered to Ballymount Depot on 1st August Tenders for "Emergency Callout Repair Service for Hydraulic Hoses & Fittings" contract received & evaluated. Currently in standstill period until 11th September. 6 New Pedestrian Sweepers delivered to Ballymount Worksop on 21st August.

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

Waste Enforcement Action: Ongoing scheduled inspections and Audits/Reviews undertaken on permitted facilities in accordance with risk rating. 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/m<sup>3</sup> of air at several of the other monitoring sites on the same two days in Dun Laoire and Fingal and Dublin City. Our normal levels would be in the region of 10-20 ug/m<sup>3</sup> 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. The public consultation phase of the National Clean Air Strategy has now closed. Comments should be available in the near future via the Department. Dublin Noise Action Plan The Noise Mapping process is continuing at pace involving combined efforts of the Environmental Health and GIS/IT Departments. South Dublin has procured the assistance from Dublin City Council in the reconfiguration of the noise maps for the entire Dublin region and this should be far cheaper than going to tender for a private consultancy firm. The South Dublin Noise Mapping team held a meeting here on Thursday 20th July with the EPA's UK Noise Consultant. The noise maps for Irish Rail and the Luas Red lines out to Tallaght and spur to Saggart have also to be completed and they are progressing independently with TII. Overall no significant update since the last report.

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

Regional and Local Parks: Corkagh Park entered into the 2017 Green Flag Award Scheme and was successful, flag

awarded at presentation ceremony on July 20th. We are reviewing the assessments of all parks to decide on entries into the scheme in 2018. Playspace Programme: Completion programme to end of 2018 presented to all June ACMs. Commencing consultation phase of next round of projects. Consultation on Waterstown Park Playground (participatory budget) underway. Teen Space Consultation Contact has been made with clubs and recreational providers to assess current level of provision. A focus group has commenced with contact with teenagers in the Ballycragh area prior to holidays; this will re-commence in September and it is intended to set up some similar focus groups elsewhere in the county. It is also intended to utilise the recent public participatory budgetary process and the proposed implementation of the ball wall in the Lucan area in 2017 to engage with teenagers on this new type of facility provision in our parks. The SDCC Communication Unit will commence a social media consultation process on Teen Spaces within the next two weeks. Content is currently being prepared and will be targeted at the relevant demographic. Councillors will be notified prior to the commencement of the social media campaign. The Community Development Team will also engage with Comhairle na Nog in the consultation process. 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 Council in July; proposal to progress endorsed.

## 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 continues to progress the housing projects approved by the Council. 4 projects are on site and progressing totalling 71 units. A further 3 have just started with a total no of 104 Units. RAPID Delivery project at St Aidans of 90 units also started. A further 87 Units to start on site during October / November. The Part 8 for Oldcastle proposal is being finalised. 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. The Kilcarbery Integrated housing proposal went to tender Wednesday 26th April 2017. Evaluation of Expressions of interest is underway before progressing to the Competitive Dialogue stage and issuing of notice of tender. PPP for 108 Units as part of bundle of 500 units being progressed at this location also. Part 8 for September Council meeting for approval. Expressions of interest from 4 Approved Housing Bodies on provision of Older Aged specific accommodation at Whitestown Way, Maplewood and Fernwood. Closing date 1st August 2017. Submissions include: The AHB's procedures and methods for delivering quality and innovation in the design of high quality homes and communal spaces. The AHB's management experience in low to medium support for older people. Demonstrate how the support framework can be created that will best meet the needs of older residents as they age. How services to residents of the schemes and to older people living within the catchment area will be provided. Provision of a community development service in the area. These submissions are currently being evaluated. 125 Part V acquisitions to be provided in 2107. 1899 active accounts on HAP at 21st August 2017. This is at average of 16 per week. Target for 2017 is 15 per week. 462 on Homeless Register at end of July 2017 (254 single males/females). 586 presentations during July 2017. 151 allocations to Homeless in 2017. There have been 26 refusals of offers of accommodation to Homeless families during 2017. Evaluation of the Integrated Housing System IT System tenders is finalised and preparing contract for new system. CBL extended to include HAP tenants opting to be on reserve list for Social Housing. Allocations under Disability strategy and Congregated Settings report continue - suitable units (some Part V) sourced and if applicant has full support package in place - sometimes long lead in time required.

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

The Joint Policing Committee Annual report for 2016 approved and submitted to Policing Authority. The JPC Strategy is for next JPC meeting for approval. 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. The next course is due to commence on the 11th of September – we currently have 9 registered but open to recruit a further 5 participants. A course code has been officially allocated to Sportivate as a LTI which gives it level 5 status. A "Recognition of Achievement" event on the 14th of September for the outgoing programme to take place in Brookfield Youth & Community Centre at 7pm (a date for your diary). Endeavour Awards 2017 will be held in the Red Cow Hotel on Saturday 25th November 2017. The new Age Friendly Alliance draft strategy is at drafting stage with the following Themes: Transportation, Community Support and Health, Housing, Respect and Social Inclusion, Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings, Social Participation and Employment. Total Medical Housing Allocations for 2016 was 84 allocations. January 2017 – to today, 71 Medical Housing Allocations have been made (this includes some homeless

medical priorities). Tallaght West Childhood Development Initiative celebrating 10 years 15th September 2017.

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

The Council is proactively involved as Gold Star Sponsors of the Echo Sport Stars Monthly awards and involved in the monthly awards. Healthy County Strategy Group "We Can Quit Campaign" for Women new course to run in September. Overall there is a 70% success rate in the courses to date which is higher than the national 50% rate. Also working to running one in Clondalkin. Home Security Scheme – Anti Snap Lock fitting – completed the tender process and scheme advertised for applicants. Installation to start in September. Sports Partnership Strategic Plan for SDCC being finalised. Work has started on the new Community and Sports Centre at Adamstown with estimated completion by end of December 2017. All weather facility included. Part 8 report on Lucan Swimming Pool being prepared. 2017 Health and Wellbeing week to be launched 18th September 2017. Special Guest Dr Eva. 107 DPG works have already been carried out to date in 2017. 61 through tender. 46 have been carried out by SDCC direct labour. There are 31 files referred for tender at present (DPG small works) The Programme of Works for Extensions for 2017 is 6 extensions to be completed by end 2017 (on target). In addition 5 new files have been referred for Feasibility Study to be carried out. Healthy County Strategy Steering Group is devising a Communication Strategy with DHR - Procured. Developing Health and Wellbeing as a Local Brand. Local Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 2017 to 2022 draft presented to SPC May meeting. Based on themes of To Lead - To Inspire and to Enhance. Sports Workplan finalised. Healthy Ireland Funding 2017 announced – projects being prepared for submission through LCDC and Childrens Services Committee. The maximum grant that can be applied for by the LCDC is €100,000. The maximum grant that can be applied for by CYPSC is €38,400 and the maximum amount that can be applied for the development of strategic plan is €20,000. South Dublin County Sports Partnership in conjunction with Coaching Ireland will be running a Certified Coaching Children Programme for a 4 week period beginning on Monday, 2nd October 2017. Coaching Ireland have developed 4 modules, specifically to provide candidates with a better understanding of children's sport and physical activity and best ways to optimise children's enjoyment, participation and positive outcomes. The workshops will take place over 4 Monday's from 6.30pm – 9.30pm in Collinstown Park Sports Complex, Neilstown Road, Neilstown, Dublin 22 Workshop 1: Coaching Children Successfully in Sport – An Introduction for Coaches – 2nd October Workshop 2: Child-Centred Coaching – Understanding Child Development & Learning and its Impact on How We Coach – 9th October Workshop 3: Developing Physical Literacy through Sport 1 – Coaching Children to Move – 16th October Workshop 4: Developing Physical Literacy through Sport 2 – 23rd October

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

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. 2 Further LPFs sought - Templeogue Rathfarnham and Lucan. 3 already in place consisting of 15 meetings and 9 public meetings. Community Facilities Scheme now open for applications for grants of up to €1,000. This scheme is for small capital purchases for community groups in the South Dublin County area up to the value of €1,000 for the following: • Community Centre Equipment • Office Equipment / Meeting Furniture • Sports / Recreation Facilities • Relevant Tools, Machinery and Appliances. This scheme is funded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with support from the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and South Dublin County Council. The PPN is administering this scheme on behalf of the LCDC. Upcoming Festivals: Lucan Festival- 6th-10th September, Clondalkin Handcraft & Horticultural Show-1st October SDCC have entered Pride of Place 2017 and 5 applications were submitted and accepted for adjudication during July 2017. The nominated projects for 2017 are outlined as below: Category 1- Population 0-300: Brittas & District Residents Assoc/Brittas Community, Category 2-Population 20-1000: Glenasmole Community Assoc/Glenasmole Community, Category 6-Community Based Youth Initiative: Fettercairn Youth Horse Project, Category 7-Creative Place Initiative: Tallaght Community Arts, Category 11-Urban Neighbourhoods: Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre (Ballyroan Community)

## Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Council meetings were not held in August. Mayor's Office: A draft programme based on the three themes of A Healthy County, A Sustainable County, and A Listening County - the Mayor's priorities for his year in office, has been developed. 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. Dublin City Council is now leading the Project. A meeting of the Project Team across the four Dublin local authorities took place on 25th August 2017.

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

Finance: The quarter 2 Financial Returns were completed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The Audit of the Councils Annual Financial Statement has been completed and the Auditors report will be presented to Council at the next meeting. The public consultation in relation to consideration of setting a Local Adjustment Factor for the Local Property Tax has been completed and the Chief Executive will issue his report on same shortly. Work has commenced in the preparation of the 2018 annual budget. Risk Management: The mid-year review of the Council's Corporate Risk Register has been completed. Audit: The Audit Plan is on-going. The Audit Committee met on Tuesday 12th September, at which the Local Government Auditor presented her audit of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) for 2016. The Chair of Audit Committee will present the Committee's report on their findings of the audit of the AFS 2016 to the September Council meeting. Procurement: The Corporate Procurement Steering Group met on 13th September, at which a workshop was held to review the Corporate Procurement Plan 2015 – 2017 and initiate the preparation of the Procurement Plan 2018-2020. Procurement training for staff is ongoing and scheduled for September, October and November. Public Information and Data Protection: 130 Freedom of Information requests have been received year to date. 8 Access to Information on the Environment requests have been received to date. The LGMA has established a Data Protection Officers Network as part of GDPR preparations and the first meeting took place on 25th July 2017. The LGMA has produced a document to assist local authorities in the creation and examination of inventories of personal data held. The document has been circulated to the Management and Extended Management Teams and work is ongoing across the organisation on preparing for the implementation date for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of 25th May 2018.

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

- Dog Licences Solution Update to cater for new payment solution.
- ICT Security Audit tender evaluation continues.
- Preparing to award contract with respect to a new Integrated Housing Computer System.
- Vacant Sites award of contract completed and development underway.
- ICT Security Monitoring System operational.
- Work continues on Property Economic Portal.
- Voter.ie project – ongoing interaction with DLA with respect of voters registration computer system project.
- Replacement of Server Infrastructure. In standstill period.
- Further roll out of the Council's Compliance and Policy management Solution [NetConsent].
- OASIS – migration to ArcGIS Online continues
- Significant Auditing and Advanced Anti-Ransomware Activity undertaken throughout the month.
- Preparation work continues on Otho Photography tender.
- eRecruitment tender being prepared.

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

Consultation Hub: Six consultations were live in August: 1. Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan - Pre Draft Public Consultation (last date for submissions 11/8/17) 2. Weston Aerodrome - Review of Land Use Planning Framework (last date for submissions 24/8/17) 3. Grange Castle Conservation and Park (last date for submissions 5/9/17) 4. Dodder Greenway Public Consultation (last date for submissions 18/8/17) 5. Part 8 - Lucan Swimming Pool Griffeen Valley Park (last date for submissions 11/9/17) 6. Part 8 for a recreational project at Dodder Valley Mt. Carmel (last date for submissions 29/9/17) Corporate Publications: The summer edition of the Citizen's Newsletter South Dublin County Today was published and distributed to all residents in the county. The Newsletter included the contact details of all Elected Members for each Local Electoral Areas and an introduction from the Mayor, Cllr Paul Gogarty. The Newsletter included a summary infographic of the Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2017 as well as promoting a range of the many activities, facilities and programmes happening in the County across Sports, Tourism, Heritage, Transport, Children, Recycling, Enterprise, Arts and the Libraries. Smart Dublin: The All-Ireland Smart Cities Forum, of which South Dublin County Council is a member, took place in Croke Park on the 13th September. The All Ireland Smart Cities Forum, formally launched in December 2016, is made up of local government officials representing city

regions in Ireland, North and South, who have a wealth of knowledge and experience of the evolving smart city agenda, and the opportunities this provides for future growth and investment. The theme of the inaugural half-day conference was 'The Challenge of Smart Cities in Ireland', considered the roll-out of the smart cities agenda across the island of Ireland to date. The Forum was followed by a meeting of the Smart Dublin Steering Group.

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

Workforce Planning & Recruitment: Workforce planning and recruitment is ongoing to fill all vacancies. Performance Management and Staff Development: Mid-year reviews were completed with all staff to review performance and progress on team and personal plans. Implementation of the staff training and development plan is ongoing. Lean Six Sigma: Six Yellow Belt projects have been signed off and are currently being implemented across the following departments: Finance (2); Corporate Performance & Change Management (3) ; Environment, Water and Climate Change (1). Two Yellow Belt and one Green Belt projects are currently in the analysis stage by the Trainees and one project proposal is under review. Payroll and Superannuation: Preparations for the transfer of Superannuation to the national Payroll and Superannuation Shared Service MyPay are underway for the planned cross over in September.