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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

**QUESTION NO. 5**

**QUESTION: Councillor W. Lavelle**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any proposals being considered to deliver services (such as laneway cleansing) which were previously carried-out by staff under the Gateway programme?

**REPLY:**

The Gateway job activation scheme ran in South Dublin County Council from May 2014 and finished in early 2017.  There was a total of 200 staff engaged on the scheme on a week on/week off basis.  These staff were assigned to a number of Council departments including Roads Maintenance, Housing Maintenance and Environment with approximately 100 of the staff assigned to Public Realm maintenance.  Tasks assigned to the staff included cleaning of industrial estates, cleaning of laneways in housing areas and cleaning of parks and housing estate open spaces.  For much of the duration of the Gateway scheme the number of full time staff engaged by the Council was reducing as there was an embargo on recruitment.  The effect of this was that the Public Realm Section was operating below the agreed workforce plan numbers, with around 30 vacancies needing to be filled.  These vacancies have now been filled and in fact the workforce plan numbers have been exceeded with additional staff recruited for tree management as well as 15 seasonal staff recruited in 2017 to provide holiday relief.

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