

October 2017 Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Oct

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

FOOTPATH REPAIRS Schemes Completed to date: Ballyowen Lane, Elmbrook, Wheatfield Road, Ballyowen Park, Ardeevin, Glenvara Est., Orchardstown Drive, Dangan/Rockfield/ Shelton, Templeville Drive /Rushbrook/Woodstown, Cushlawn, Killinarden, St Marks Estate, Turret Road, Ballyowen Lane (at N4 apartments), Woodlawn Park Ave. The Footpath Works works programme for 2017 is essentially complete. Minor repairs continue. ROAD RE-SURFACING Schemes Completed to date: Mill Lane (Palmerstown), Slade Valley Road, Farrells Lane, Garter Lane, Lucan Heights, Orchardstown Drive, Lansdowne Park, Templeville Road, Templeogue Bridge junction, Aylmer Road, Fonthill Link Road. The Annual Road Works Programme is also essentially complete. In addition to the above Substantial footpath repair works have recently been completed 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 closing date for submissions is the 3rd November 2017 and a CE report on the submissions will then be prepared and brought to Council. Pre-draft public consultation on a new Local Area Plan for Tallaght has also been completed and a report circulated to Members. Preparation of the Draft Tallaght LAP is now underway, this will be brought to the next available SPC following its completion. C700 Submissions were received on the Weston Aerodrome Public Consultation which are currently being considered and a report will be prepared for the November LUPT SPC.

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

Construction of the R120 Adamstown Road Improvement Scheme including the link to the Nangor Road is scheduled to commence in November. Design works on the NTA funded Projects are progressing on the Scholarstown Road Cycletrack following conclusion of the S38 consultation process. Works are almost completed on a further section of Cycle lane on Willsbrook road between Mount Bellew and St Andrews.

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

Works are continuing on Phase 1 (Greenhills Road) of the Tallaght Village Improvement Scheme. 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 with intention of bringing to Part 8. Tender Documents for the Village Enhancement Works in Saggart are currently being prepared and will be issued shortly. The 6 additional School Wardens are now fully operational at their assigned schools across the County. There is an increased level of engagement with schools and participation in road safety campaigns to address safety concerns and promote the road safety message.

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 is progressing its Social Housing Construction programme of housing projects approved by the Council through Part 8 process. Currently 7 projects are on site and progressing totalling 238 units. A further 3 to start by end of November / early December with a total no of further 114 Units. The Part 8 for Oldcastle proposal is being finalised

together with 2 other proposals at Homeville and New Nangor Road to be brought to area committee when prepared. Work is under way on a proposed schedule of further infill / social housing projects on Council land and these will be presented to the Housing SPC on 20th November 2017. The Vacant Homes Strategy will also be presented at this SPC meeting. Evaluation of Expressions of interest on the Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project is finalised with submissions shortlisted to 4 to progress to the Competitive Dialogue stage. PPP for 109 Units as part of bundle of 500 units being progressed at this location also. 4 Expressions of interest were received from Approved Housing Bodies for provision of Older Aged specific accommodation at Whitestown Way, Maplewood and Fernwood. Evaluation is now complete with one AHB selected to deliver on the 3 sites. Preliminary meeting has been held with CLUID to construct and, manage and operate the facilities. Part 8 for the 3 sites to be developed. 2046 active accounts on HAP at 30th October 2017. This is at average of 16 per week. Target for 2017 is 15 per week. 447 on Homeless Register at end of September 2017 – a drop from 465 at end of August 2017. (255 single males/females and 11 couples). 698 presentations during September 2017. 36 allocations to Homeless in September 2017 and 2 refusals of accommodation offered. SDCC Currently has 3 Homeless Hubs 70 units of singles STA and progressing a further 15 places and 20 step down, 16 Units for Domestic Violence Refuge and working on achieving a further 6 units. Also a Homeless old aged facility for 24 people.

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

Endeavour Awards 2017 will be held in the Red Cow Hotel on Saturday 25th November 2017. Significant increase in submissions this year. The new Age Friendly Alliance 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. Educational Bursaries: The retention, graduation and employment rate of recipients is above IT Tallaght's averages and significantly above national averages. Awards ceremony for 2017/2018 academic year to be held during November 2017 by the Mayor at IT Tallaght. New programme for Older Aged persons will be progressed through Age Friendly Alliance Steering Group. SICAP Funding - Tender opened 31/7, Closing Date 29/9 - extended by 1 week - Evaluation completed by 17/11 and report to issue to LCDC on 9th November 2017. Contract to be signed by 5/12 and Commencement on 1/1/18.

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

The Healthy County Strategy Group will hold a Communications workshop on 9th November for all committee members. This will now include the Mayor. Aim: Our aim is to establish South Dublin County as a model of excellence in relation to health and wellbeing. Objectives: • We will establish South Dublin County as a model of excellence in the health and wellbeing arena through: • Collaborating with local interest groups and key partner organisations to build relationships between like-minded groups and develop partnerships to broaden the reach and inclusivity of the county's health and wellbeing activities and initiatives. • Supporting local health and wellbeing-focused research to ensure that our plans and focus are relevant to the population of South Dublin County. • Utilising public space available to us to promote a healthy lifestyle to the citizens of South Dublin County. • Developing and supporting Health and Wellbeing projects identified through the Local Economic and Community Development Plan of the South Dublin County LCDC. The Healthy County Strategy Group "We Can Quit Campaign" for Women new course running since September in Fettercairn and a new one started in October in Clondalkin. Overall there is a 70% success rate in the courses to date which is higher than the national 50% rate. Home Security Scheme – Anti Snap Lock fitting – completed the tender process and scheme advertised for applicants. Installation started September and anticipate installation of 700 this year. Work continues 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 approved at September Council meeting. The Council is working closely with Special Olympics Ireland on hosting the Opening Ceremony of the Ireland Games at Tallaght Stadium on 24th June 2018. The Late Nite Leagues – Winter – will start again in November at following venues. Tallaght: Tallaght Leisure Centre Fri:-10th - 17th - 24th Nov 8-11pm. North Clondalkin: SDFL Sat: 4th – 18th – 25th Nov 8-10pm. Clondalkin Village: Clondalkin Leisure Centre Sat: 18th - 25th Nov 8-10pm. Lucan: Weston Hockey Club Fri 3rd – 17th – 24th Nov 9-11pm. Finals Night: Astro Park Tallaght Fri 1st Dec 7-10pm. The final day of the Marathon Kids programme – Final Mile - will be at Morton Stadium Santry on 22nd November 2017 at 10am. All welcome. This is a link to the South Dublin County Launch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIQjxx4IUY&feature=youtu.be> &a Social Inclusion Week will be launched by the Mayor on 20th November 2017.

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

Community Facilities Scheme for applications for grants of up to €1,000 now closed and large number of applications successful and have been advised. 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 administered this scheme on behalf of the LCDC. **FREE TRAINING - COMMUNITY GROUPS:** South Dublin County PPN and South Dublin County Partnership are collaborating to bring free training opportunities to community groups. The trainings on offer are based on past training programmes and a recent training needs survey carried out in August 2017. In an effort to maximise the participation of community groups in the training, we have scheduled both day time sessions and evening sessions. This training is for Community groups/organisations based in the South Dublin County area who are registered or interested in registering with South Dublin County PPN, South Dublin County Partnership or South Dublin County Council. **TRAINING DETAILS:** Tuesday 7th November: Committee Skills and Management – 2pm to 5pm, Tallaght Library, Tallaght. Committee Skills and Management – 6pm to 9pm, Ace Enterprise Park, Bawnogue, Clondalkin. Monday 27th November: Dealing with Conflict - 2pm to 5pm, Tallaght Library, Tallaght. Dealing with Conflict – 6pm to 9pm, Ace Enterprise Park, Bawnogue, Clondalkin. Tuesday 28th November: Effective Lobbying – Decision Making Structures – 2pm to 5pm, Tallaght Library, Tallaght. Effective Lobbying – Decision Making Structures – 6pm to 9pm, Ace Enterprise Park, Bawnogue, Clondalkin. Wednesday 29th November: Finding Funding – 2pm to 5pm, Tallaght Library, Tallaght. Finding Funding – 6pm to 9pm, Ace Enterprise Park, Bawnogue, Clondalkin. Social Inclusion Week Launch by the Mayor on 20th November 2017. Please use link to access all details of events - <http://www.sdcc.ie/sites/default/files/publications/Social%20Inclusion%20Week%20Brochure%202017.pdf>

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC meeting held in September 2017. LEO training schedule continues in October 2017, with Autumn programme commencing, including additional training provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end September, 525 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 26th September 2017, approving 4 projects, creating 7 new jobs, with grant amounts of €135,822 approved. The next meeting is scheduled for 21st November 2017. The following Business Supports are being promoted on the LEO Website, Council website, through social media and through SD Chamber. Business Support Grant 2017: to 30/09/2017, 870 applications received (for the same period in 2016, 889 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. Shop Fronts: 32 applications received.

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

Grange Castle Business Park. • Interxion – Open for business • Grifols - Major phase II project construction underway • Microsoft – Works ongoing, DFS site near completion, permanent entrance complete. Work on wall along Nangor Road commenced on the 17/10/2017. Microsoft – Planning granted for a temporary (for 3 years) gas powered energy plant on the Microsoft site. 2 No third party submissions received. • Eirgrid - Works commenced on site in September 2017. Takeda. Planning Permission granted on the 27/03/2017 for Ninlaro facility: SD 17A/0019. Sod turning ceremony took place on Wednesday 31/05/2017 Construction ongoing. Takeda – Planning application submitted on the 29/09/2017 for a new biopharma production facility on the Takeda lands. The closing date for submissions is the 02/11/2017 and the decision is due on the 23/11/2017 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 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. • Capital Programme – Nangor Road / R120: Approved for funding by DTTAS. CPO Approved for R120. Tender assessment complete, letter of intent issued on 27/09/2017 to Wills Bros. Letter of Acceptance outstanding. • 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. Rubicon Heritage are the successful tenderer and have applied to the Dept for the Archaeological Licence. Expected to start on site late October/ early November subject to granting of the licence from the department.

- Grange Backup Power. Planning approved for intensification of a previous application. EPA Licence assessment 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 a 'final draft report' was issued on the 13th October 2017 and presented at a meeting in GC on the 17th October 2017. SDCC submitted the grant claim documentation to SEAI by the milestone deadline of the 13th October 2017.
- Cyclecross – A cyclecross event took place in Grange Castle Business Park on 01/10/2017 and was attended by approx. 200 cyclists, the event was organised by Pfizer.
- Lands to West. Tender for professional services issued in March 2017, tenders due back on 12/05/2017. 3 No Tender submissions were received and have been assessed. CSEA were the successful tenderer and the Grange Castle West Infrastructure Masterplan is underway.
- 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. New Clients SDCC actively seeking new clients for Grange Castle South and 27 acres site at 'Castle'.
- Potential client (CyrusOne) identified for a 16 acre site in Grange Castle South, Section 183 approved at the July 2017 Council. Contracts / Heads currently being drawn up.
- 'Castle' – Part 8 approved for Pocket Park to include conservation of Castle Ruins. Office – feasibility of providing advanced office building being examined – similar to IDA ventures elsewhere.

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

The Business Support Fund for 2017 continues to seek to identify projects whereby improvements to the Council infrastructure can have a wider beneficial impact. Some pre-application consultation work has been done with business representatives in various industrial areas with a view to bringing forward applications under the Area Improvement Scheme. Grange Castle Business Park employment figures are on the rise by way of new clientele and construction activities. Employment now circa 5000 (incl construction).

- Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events. Tender process for construction of third stand is ongoing with appointment of contractor imminent. SDCC has 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. A 'final draft report' was issued on the 13th October 2017 and presented at a meeting in GC on the 17th October 2017. SDCC submitted the grant claim documentation to SEAI by the milestone deadline of the 13th October 2017.

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

History and Heritage organised throughout July- September with a packed programme of walks and talks around the county. Tallaght Historical Society in conjunction with the County Library have an interesting lecture series planned from September 2017 until June 2018. "Tallaght through the Ages" was on 10th October and 'International rifle Shooting in 19th Century Dublin' by Cormac Lowth was on in the County Library on 24th October. Red Line Book Festival 2017 A very successful line-up of events took place around the County from 11th-15th October. Total sales & bookings this year were 3,003 – an increase of 8% on last year. Blog Award for Libraries 'Ballyroan Reads' was the overall winner in the Best Books and Literature (Corporate) category, taking home the award at a ceremony in Dublin City centre on October 5th. Library Association of Ireland (LAI) Awards A family literacy project by South Dublin Mobile Library Service has been short listed in the LAI Public Libraries Section Project Prize 2017. Children's Book Festival took place throughout the month of October in all of our branches, and featured a host of authors including Tom Palmer, Amanda Bell, Paul Gamble (winner of the 2017 CBI Eilís Dillon award), Stephen James Smith, Joe O'Brien, laureate na nÓg PJ Lynch and former laureate na nÓg Eoin Colfer, whose hero Artemis Fowl is currently on his way to the big screen! Launched by Mayor Paul Gogarty and Oisín McGann, CBF is extremely popular with schools around the county. Health and Wellbeing Week Both the County Library and Ballyroan Library hosted a number of interesting events for all age groups throughout this week. Programme highlights in What's Happening October – December 2017. <http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/news/2017/09/whats-happening-october-december-2017> Creative Ireland All strands of the 2017 Creative Ireland South Dublin Awards have now been completed. Consultation on the 2018-2022

strategy will continue with a presentation to the Arts, Culture, Gaelige, Heritage and Libraries SPC on the 1st Nov. A public Consultation will take place on Wednesday the 22nd Nov, (venue to be confirmed) and a Culture team workshop on Monday 4th December at 2.30pm. A consultation survey will be circulated to the public this week by Arts Office newsletter and through online platforms and social media. NOISE Flicks Youth Film Festival screenings took place on Friday 27th October at 8.30pm at the IMC, Tallaght. Over 80 entries were received from around the country for this year's competition. Workshops were held in Rua Red on Sat 28th October.

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

Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin. Official opening by Mayor took place on 3rd October 2017. Stakeholder Consultation has commenced on a Marketing and Sales Strategy for the centre arranged by consultants Crowe Horwath. Guide brochure for centre produced in English and Irish and educational materials for schools. A website for the centre is also ready to go live as part of the Dublin's Outdoors brand. Proposed Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre: closing date for submissions to An Bord Pleanála was 25th September 2017 with documentation available for inspection in the offices of ABP, County Hall, Tallaght and Ballyroan Library, Rathfarnham. 83 submissions have been made to ABP, available to view on the website at the following link: : Dublin Mountains Project An Bord Pleanála Application (Ref: JA0040) | South Dublin County Council. A Proposed Tourism and Festival Events Grants Scheme for 2018 was approved by the members of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC at the September 2017 meeting. Rathfarnham Castle – Courtyard and Stables – New Capital Project: The Council engaged a conservation architect to complete a conservation report on the Rathfarnham Castle Courtyard and Stables. The purpose of the report, which was presented to the members of the ACM on 10/10/17 is to highlight the necessary conservation issues and to identify potential future uses.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Public Realm Maintenance: 2017 Plan has been implemented and works are progressing on this programme. N81 Improvement Scheme: Detail design stage: Topographical tender assessment complete. Detailed design drawings submitted. PIN (Prior Information) Notice uploaded. Tree Maintenance Programme: The tree crew operating south of the N7 is currently completing tree pruning and removal works in Knocklyon Avenue. The tree crew north of the N7 is currently completing tree removals in Woodview Estate, Lucan. All crews were diverted to deal with storm damaged trees arising from Storm Ophelia. Derelict Sites: Meetings held with Housing Department to co-ordinate progressing Derelict Sites / Housing Options Scheduled Street Cleaning Programme: Tender process underway for procurement of new road sweeping contract. Litter Management Plan: 67 Green Dog Walkers registered. Community Clean Ups - 240 clean ups have taken place so far for October - We have 70 GDW registered. We gave 500 doggy bags and leaflets to the IPDGA for a seminar taking place in Kingswood. Halloween - bulbs not bonfires campaign is going very well, all bulbs have been allocated. We have advertised our Hessian bags scheme to groups and they are going out to groups. Ballymount passes have gone out to 86 active SCS groups at the middle of October. 10 recreate workshops taking place in schools all around SDCC were given out for Halloween. Re-use Month - The Launch took place on the 03rd October with over 30 staff attending a fashion workshop. We have 4 recreate workshops in schools this month. Re-use stand in the Square Tallaght on the 26th October. Green Schools - 99 Primary & 35 Secondary schools registered. Schools have started to book in their green school visit for the new year. Smart Dublin: Meeting held with Analytics Engineer to identify the data sets for use in Phase 1 of illegal dumping initiative. Roundabout Sponsorship: Orwell roundabout - hard-landscaping complete. Importation of topsoil is underway, 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.

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

Climate Change: Final Drafts of the Action Plan spreadsheets completed by Codema. Signed Covenant of Mayors document uploaded to www.covenantofmayors.eu SDCC committed to reduction in CO2 emissions by 2030 and to increasing our resilience by adapting to the impacts of Climate Change. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA: Re-use month - Stand in the square on the 26th October from 2-4pm. Prevention - Stop Food Waste materials will be available to customers in the Square on the 26th October. Surface Water Schemes: Chapel Hill SW Scheme: First phase completed. Night works necessary due to restricted section of site and complications due to services.

Pavement re-instatements to be carried out shortly. Cookstown Industrial Estate works complete. Ballynakelly surface water scheme complete. Works on the Poddle at the Wainsfort pre-rack complete. Design and preparations work underway for the remaining 2017 Programme. Upgrade to the remote monitoring of the Poddle. River clearing and cleaning works largely completed. Additional SW jetting being carried out as resources allow. Proposal to amalgamate Jetter services in the Drainage section submitted and approved in principle. Prioritisation of works for 2018 under consideration. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme - Pipe line installation complete. Reinstatement of this section and snagging of the entire site progressing. Poddle - An appointment of a consultant is imminent through the DCC framework. Camac - The OPW have drafted a technical brief for the engagement of consultants. This is currently being reviewed by DCC and SDCC. River Basin Plans and Measures: An update on the Catchment Assessment process and the prioritised water bodies for the eastern and midlands region for the Plan cycle 2018-21, was presented to the Area Committee meetings in October. SDCC working with the Water & Community Officer of LAWCO held a public information session for the general public and public representatives in the Library in Tallaght on Tuesday 18th October. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical Services: Vehicle Replacement Program Meetings with all operational departments for 2018 underway (purchases subject to Budget Approval). Tenders for Electrical Emergency Callout Repair Service for Pumping Stations (Surface Water & Wastewater) evaluated & now in standstill period (until 3rd Nov). Note - this tender for non-IW pump stations only.

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

Waste Enforcement Action: Continuous scheduled inspections and Audits/Reviews undertaken on permitted facilities in accordance with risk rating. Burial Ground Strategy: Financial aspects - potential consolidation of plot purchase and headstone permit fees will be brought to the November OP&F meeting. Control of Animals: Ongoing enforcement activity in relation to the control of dogs/horses and animal welfare. Evaluation of new national horse seizure and pound tender ongoing, co-ordinated by University of Limerick. 2nd meeting of Dublin Region Horse Welfare Working Group held on 26/9/2017. Air Quality: The public consultation phase of the National Clean Air Strategy has now closed. Comments should be made available in the near future via the Department. See link <http://www.dccase.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/consultations/Pages/National-Clean-Air-Strategy-Consultation.aspx> Dublin Noise Action Plan: The National meeting of all the major Noise Mapping Bodies, including SDCC took place in the offices of Fingal Co. Co. in Blanchardstown on Wednesday 27th September. 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.

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

Regional and Local Parks: Currently assessments of all parks being carried out in order to decide on entries into the Green Flag Award scheme in 2018. Playspace Programme: Griffeen Playground refurbished and open over summer months. Consultation carried out on Waterstown Park playground currently being analysed. Teen Space Consultation Consultation with some teenage groups collated prior to holidays. Working with Corporate Services to implement a multi-media consultation process on Teen Spaces. Participatory Budget multi games wall will be incorporated into the process. Social media campaign being prepared for release shortly. Allotments Tender documents required for Tymon Park – survey underway. Recreational and Sporting Facilities Pavilions Programme - tender to be republished. Part 8 for Dodder Valley Mount Carmel passed by Council on 23/10/2017. Delivery of objectives in the Tourism Strategy Corkagh Park; Next step: tenders for consultants.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

The Mayor attended the official launch of the Round Tower Centre on 3rd October and the Comhairle na nÓg AGM on 23rd October. The Draft Register of Electors was prepared for publishing in November and work on voter.ie is ongoing across the four Dublin local authorities. Councillor Enda Fanning resigned from the Council and was co-opted onto the Council by Councillor Rob Russell at the October Council Meeting. The Council were also notified that Councillor Anne-Marie Darmody resigned her post in October. The October Council meeting was rescheduled from October 16th to 23rd because of Storm Ophelia.

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

Finance: The Council's budget for 2018 is being prepared for adoption by the members of South Dublin County Council. The statutory annual budget meeting will be held on Thursday the 16th November. The Council's 3 year capital programme 2018 – 2020 is currently being prepared and will be presented to Council at the December Council meeting. The quarter three accounts are currently being prepared. Members at the October Council meeting approved, subject to the sanction of the appropriate ministers an overdraft facility for 2018 in the sum of €25m. The formal overdraft application to the Department of Housing, Planning, and Community & Local Government will be submitted before the 3rd of November. Audit: The implementation of the Audit Plan is ongoing. The development of the Strategic Audit Plan (SAP) 2018 – 2020 has commenced. Procurement: Preparation of the Corporate Procurement Plan 2018 – 2020 is ongoing. Communications to staff regarding the new procurement requirements on the upgraded financial management system, Agresso Milestone 4, began in October. Corporate Procurement Training sessions took place in October. Summary details for all contracts awarded in Q3 2017 were published on www.sdublincoco.ie. FOI & Data Protection: 168 FOI requests have been received year to date. 9 Access to Information on the Environment requests received to date. A meeting of the National FOI Network took place on 11th October 2017 and included a presentation by the Office of the Information Commissioners. The FOI Central Policy Unit is organising a number of workshops for FOI Decision Makers in relation to specific FOI themes and these will commence in late 2017 and continue in 2018. The second meeting in the LGMA of the Data Protection Officers Network, as part of GDPR preparations took place on 3rd October 2017. The LGMA confirmed to the Network that it is developing GDPR templates for local authorities in relation to standardised Data Privacy Statements/Notices, Data Processing Agreements and Data Sharing Agreements.

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

IT Department: • Updates and upgrades on CE Orders systems completed. • Supporting the roll out of the Agresso system upgrade. • ICT Security Audit to begin shortly and completed during Q4, 2017. • New solution with respect to RTB Property inspections being spec'd out. • Vacant Sites development underway – Spec provided for sign off. Expected delivery before end of Q4 2017. • Property Economic Portal development - Content generation continues. • Replacement of Server Infrastructure. Contractual arrangements entered into and deployment has begun. • eRecruitment tender issued and tender in process – Tender closing has passed & Evaluation has begun.

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

Consultation Portal: there was one public consultation live in October, the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) - Draft Planning Scheme, was live from 22/09/17 to 03/11/2017. A Communications campaign was underway for the duration of Storm Ophelia on Oct 16th and on the subsequent days.

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

Recruitment is ongoing to fill all vacancies. Implementation of the staff training and development plan is ongoing and preparation of the timeline for 2017/18 PMDS timeline has been finalised and communicated to all departments. Preparations for the transfer of Superannuation to the Shared Service is ongoing. Consultative staff meetings took place across September/October to review the Depots in South Dublin County Council. The workforce plan was reviewed by management in October with critical vacancies, skills requirements and succession planning requirements discussed. Serious incident training was held for the management team in October.