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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee Meeting dealing with Community, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate Support, Public Realm, Environment and Water & Drainage held on 10th October 2017

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| **Present** |
| **Councillors** |
| P. Donovan |
| F.N. Duffy |
| P. Foley |
| S. Holland |
| B. Lawlor |
| D. Looney |
| R. McMahon |
| E. Murphy |
| D. O’Donovan |

In the absence of the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Dermot Looney presided.

Apologies were received from Councillor Pamela Kearns

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**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Senior Planner B. Keaney

Assistant Planner D. Taylor

Senior Engineer W. Purcell, C. Galvin, L. Magee, J. Coughlan

Executive Engineer Padhraic McGillycuddy

Senior Parks Superintendent S. Furlong

[Executive Environmental Scientific Officer](http://intranet/Council/?g=316) R. Fitzpatrick

County Librarian B. Fennell

Senior Executive Officer H. Hogan, S. Deegan, M. Maguire

Administrative Officer E. Leech

Senior Staff Officer F. Brown

Staff Officer B. Reilly

Clerical Officer B. Keenan

**RTT/407/17 HI1 Item ID: 54968 - Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 12th September 2017**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue - Terenure Area Committee, dealing with Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support and Performance & Change Management held on 12th September 2017, which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor D. O’Donovan and seconded by Councillor P. Foley and RESOLVED: “That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the 12th September 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

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[HI1 - Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57021)

**RTT/408/17 – Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor D. O’Donovan and Seconded by Councillor E. Murphy and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No.13, Question 1 - 9 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Community**

### **RTT/409/17 - HI2 Item ID: 55075 - Deputations Meeting**

[HI2 - Deputations Meeting Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56980)

Report was **NOTED**

**RTT/410/17 - HI3 Item ID: 54969 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/411/17 - C1 Item ID: 54970 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Housing**

### **RTT/412/17 - Q1 Item ID: 54966 - Lands located off Ballyboden Road**

Proposed by Councillor F.N. Duffy

"To ask the Chief Executive when the proposed infill housing on lands located off Ballyboden Road, Dublin 14, Rathfarnham (adjacent to Owendoher Haven) is expected to commence on site?"

**REPLY:**

"The letter of acceptance has issued to the contractor and site preparations followed by construction will commence within the next two weeks – end of October 2017. A notification will issue to local elected members and to residents of Owendoher Haven through our Traveller Accommodation Unit of the contractor liaison details and exact date of site start."

### **RTT/413/17 - Q2 Item ID: 55002 - Rapid Build Project**

Proposed by Councillor S. Holland

"To ask the Chief Executive when construction is expected to begin on the 21 rapid build houses at the site across from the Old Mill?"

**REPLY:**

"Tenders have been received for the Killininny Rapid Build Housing Project. The preferred tender has been identified following adherence to the OGP Framework operating conditions and a recommendation has been issued to the Department of Housing to appoint the preferred contractor. In the interim insurance, bond and program details will be confirmed with the preferred contractor with a view to a site start in November 2017."

### **RTT/414/17 - Q3 Item ID: 55068 - Boarded up houses**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail how many boarded up houses there are in the Rathfarnham area and to ask what actions are being taken to ensure that all boarded up and vacant houses in the area are brought into the housing stock as quickly as possible?"

**REPLY:**

"Currently there are no houses boarded up in the Rathfarnham area.  We do have 5 houses undergoing relet works and are already allocated and will be tenanted in the near future.  Any houses that are boarded up in the area are not in the ownership of the Council."

### **RTT/415/17 - HI4 Item ID: 55073 - Housing Procurement & Allocation Report**

Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:

**Allocation Report**

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| **RATHFARNHAM/ TEMPLEOGUE-TERENURE** | **2016** | **CURRENT 01/01/2017 TO 30/09/2017** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST**  **ALLOCATIONS Section**  **categorised as follows:-** | **12** | **8** | **5775** |
| *CBL* | 1 |  |  |
| *ASH* |  |  |  |
| *OAP* |  | 1 |  |
| *Homeless* | 3 | 4 |  |
| *Medical* |  | 2 |  |
| *Priority Committee* | 2 | 1 |  |
| *Standard* | 1 |  |  |
| *Leased/Purchased with Tenant In-Situ* | 5 |  |  |
| **HOUSING LIST**  **RAS Section – Standard** | **7** | **4** |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **TRANSFERS**  **Allocations Section** | **11** | **12** | **584** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **30** | **24** |  |

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| **COUNTYWIDE** | **2016** | **CURRENT 01/01/2017 TO 30/09/2017** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST**  **ALLOCATIONS Section**  **categorised as follows:-** | **242** | **196** | **8181** |
| *CBL* | 93 | 59 |  |
| *ASH* |  |  |  |
| *OAP* | 1 | 3 |  |
| *Homeless* | 87 | 98 |  |
| *Medical* | 43 | 35 |  |
| *Priority* | 2 | 1 |  |
| *Standard* | 1 |  |  |
| *Leased/Purchased with Tenant In-Situ* | 15 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **HOUSING LIST**  **RAS Section – Standard** | **34** | **10** |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **TRANSFERS**  **Allocations Section** | **112** | **97** | **794** |
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| **TOTAL** | **388** | **203** |  |

The following table outlines Leasing/RAS and PRTB inspections progress in the Rathfarnham/Terenure electoral area as at 30/09/17

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | @31/12/16 | new -1/1/17 to   30/09/17 | renewals- 1/1/17   to 30/09/17 | terminations | cumulative   properties at 30/09/17 | processing at 30/09/17 |
| Properties   procured under lease arrangements | 33 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| Properties   procured under RAS arrangements | 66 | 5 | 15 | 7 | 64 | 5 |
| PRTB   inspections(cumulative countywide) | 12598 | 1000 |  |  | 13598 |  |
| (note 1433 PRTB inspections in 2016) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Part V agreements have been made in respect of 8 housing schemes in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Terenure electoral area. A total of 33 units will be delivered through Part V for social housing until the end of 2018. Further agreements are currently being negotiated and it is expected that additional units will be delivered through Part V in these areas.

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| **Area** | **Q3 2017** | **Q4 2017** | **Q1 2018** | **Q2 2018** | **Q3 2018** | **Q4 2018** |
| Rathfarnham | 7 | 4 | 8 | 2 |  | 3 |
| Templeogue/Terenure |  | 3 |  |  |  | 6 |
|  | 7 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 9 |

### Following contributions from Councillors S. Holland and D. O’Donovan, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/416/17 - HI5 Item ID: 55074 - Anti Social Quarterly Statistics**

Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:

**The following is statistics is in respect of incidents of anti-social reported to South Dublin County Council:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **STATISITICAL ANALYSIS OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTED TO COUNCIL IN THE AREA** | | | | | | |
| **Incidents** | **2016 TOTAL** | **1st Qtr 2017** | **2nd Qtr 2017** | **3rd Qtr 2017** | **4th Qtr 2017** | **2017 TOTAL** |
| **Priority 1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  | **2** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |  | **4** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 13 | 1 | 5 | 2 |  | **8** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Priority 2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  | **1** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  | **2** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  | **1** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  | **1** |
| Neighbour Dispute reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  | **1** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Priority 3** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 15 | 0 | 4 | 2 |  | **6** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |  | **3** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  | **2** |
| Selling alcohol | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
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| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **54** | 6 | 17 | 9 |  | **32** |
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| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **54** | 5 | 15 | 12 |  | **32** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff -     Main actions listed below** | **295** | 56 | 49 | 86 |  | **191** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 103 | 16 | 13 | 21 |  | **50** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Abandonment notice served | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 |  | **4** |
| Warnings issued | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 |  | **5** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 83 | 15 | 28 | 9 |  | **52** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) | 19 | 7 | 4 | 12 |  | **23** |

### Following contributions from Councillors D. O’Donovan and S. Holland, Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**RTT/417/17 - HI6 Item ID: 54971 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/418/17 - C2 Item ID: 54972 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Planning**

### **RTT/419/17 - HI7 Item ID: 54973 – Planning Files**

A. Large Applications Under Consideration (No Business)

B. Files Requested by Members (No Business)

**RTT/420/17 - HI8 Item ID: 54974 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/421/17 - C3 Item ID: 54975 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/422/17 - M1 Item ID: 55020 - Firhouse Footpath**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

"It was agreed that the tarmac path that runs from Firhouse Carmel FC changing rooms to the football pitches was to be kept clear for the duration of the new schools building works on Firhouse Green.  I have received reports that, because of the works, the path has become unusable and the children of Firhouse Carmel FC are being forced to use the footpath on Killininny Road to access the pitches for training.  It seems that the building contractor has reneged on the agreement.  That the Chief Executive have this path reinstated with immediate effect."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**

"The above referenced footpaths have been inspected and found to be free from obstruction and available for use.  The Contractors constructing the adjacent Primary Schools have been reminded of their obligations not to obstruct the footpath and have committed to do so."

Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley and P. Donovan, Mr. B. Keaney, Senior Planner responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/423/17 - M2 Item ID: 55024 - Dodder Greenway**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

"That any Dodder Greenway development be cognisant that, in the interest of safety, pedestrians and dogs be separated from cyclists in Cherryfield Park and that this could perhaps be taken into consideration at the detailed design stage, could it be set up that the cycle path is fenced off from the main park?

Also, feeding in to the plan, a bye-law could be set up so that dogs can be walked ‘off leash’ in Cherryfield Park at a reasonable set time or for the entire day, whatever is deemed appropriate.

I have also passed the above suggestions to the Chair of the Dodder Greenway Steering Group."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**

"The Dodder Greenway (the Greenway) will be a universally accessible route. It is designed as a shared pedestrian (including dog walkers)/cyclist environment. The Greenway will facilitate shared use by pedestrians and cyclists and users of all ages and abilities in a pedestrian priority environment. While accommodating cyclists, the Greenway will not preclude use by dog walkers. As a result it is not intended to fence off the Dodder Greenway from the Cherryfield Park.

In 2011 the elected members adopted the Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws (the Bye-Laws). As a result since 2011 cycling is permitted in all parks and open spaces subject to the cyclists doing so in a responsible manner. The Bye-Laws require dog owners who use South Dublin County Council’s public parks to have respect for other park users by having “effective control” of their dog and having their dogs on a leash. The following link outlines the Bye-Laws in relation to the control of dogs:

<http://www.sdcc.ie/services/environmental-health/animal-control/dogs>

The Directorate of Environment, Water and Climate Change have responsibility for managing By Laws in relation to Public Parks.

At the October Council Meeting, the elected members will consider the above matters and the Chief Executive’s report on the Dodder Greenway Route Scheme Part 8."

Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley, D. O’Donovan, D. Looney, S. Holland, E. Murphy, P. Donovan and R. McMahon, Mr. B. Keaney, Senior Planner and Mr. D. Taylor, Assistant Planner responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**Transportation**

### **RTT/424/17 - Q4 Item ID: 55067 - LED Upgrades**

Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan

"To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the progress of the upgrading to LED within Estates and Streets built and lit prior to 1990?"

**REPLY:**

"The technical issues associated with the LED retrofitting of pre-1990s public lighting schemes is a national one that is currently being addressed and progressed by the CCMA via the National Public Lighting Steering Group."

**RTT/425/17 - HI9 Item ID: 54976 - Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer presented the following report:

Green Acre Court

[HI9 - Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57038)  
[HI9 - Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57037)  
[HI9 - Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57040)

Following contributions from Councillors, E. Murphy and R. McMahon, Mr. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised

It was proposed by Councillor D. Looney and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon and **AGREED**:

“That this Committee recommends that South Dublin County Council declare the roads in Green Acre Court as set in the above Reports to be Public Roads.”

**RTT/426/17 - HI10 Item ID: 54977 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/427/17 - C4 Item ID: 54978 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Libraries & Arts**

### **RTT/428/17 - HI11 Item ID: 54979 - Libraries News & Events**

Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian presented the following report:-

[HI11 - Libraries News & Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56979)

Following contributions from Councillors, P. Donovan and D. Looney, Ms. B. Fennell, County Librarian responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/429/17 - HI12 Item ID: 54980 - Application for Arts Grants** (No Business)

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**RTT/430/17 - HI13 Item ID: 54981 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/431/17 - C5 Item ID: 54982 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Economic Development**

### **RTT/432/17 - Q5 Item ID: 55006 - Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamha**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan

"To ask the Chief Executive if a relevant person was found within the Department of Education and Skills to hand over the contracts for Gaelscoil Knocklyon to?"

**REPLY:**

"The Law Department have confirmed that contracts issued mid-September to the relevant person in the Chief State Solicitors Office who will be looking after this acquisition on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills."

### **RTT/433/17 - HI14 Item ID: 55076 - Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamha**

Mr. S. Deegan, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:

**Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna Knocklyon**

Contracts for the disposal of this site to the Department of Education and Skills were issued by the Law Department in Mid-September 2017.  By way of update no correspondence from the Department has been received by our Law Department.

Report was **NOTED**

**RTT/434/17 - HI15 Item ID: 55077 - Willbrook Park Laneway** Mr. S. Deegan, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:

**Willbrook Park Laneway**

The matter has been referred to the Law Department for action.  Correspondence has issued from the Law Agent to the owners of the property encroaching on South Dublin County Council owned lands.  No further comment will be made on this matter while the Law Department are endeavouring to seek a resolution.

Report was **NOTED**

**RTT/435/17 - HI16 Item ID: 54983 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/436/17 - C6 Item ID: 54984 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/437/17 - M3 Item ID: 55066 - Wayfinding Signage**

Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

"That this Committee calls for directional signage to key items of historical/heritage/tourism value in our Rathfarnham Templeogue area and to include KM, walking time and cycling time to the destination on the sign posts as passed in the current Development Plan 2016-2022."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**

"A Wayfinding Signage Strategy is being implemented on phased basis throughout South Dublin County’s towns/villages.

Tallaght, as County Town, was selected to pilot the project and is the first area in South Dublin County to experience the introduction of the wayfinding signage and panels.  It was agreed by the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC that the next villages to be undertaken would be Rathfarnham, Lucan and Clondalkin given their scale and role as tourism/ heritage centres.  Subsequently, the scheme will be delivered to Palmerston, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Templeogue.

The Village Wayfinding Signage project features:

* Highly visual signs aimed at directing cyclists and pedestrians
* Information and direction to the key heritage interest points in area
* Information on the main services and points of interest within a 5-7 minutes walking radius of each map
* Main panels will include interactive QR code feature that will link to downloadable audio-guided heritage walks as developed by the Council
* Map panels at key points in the village and town centre areas and a series of finger post signs in the area.
* As further trails and walks are developed additional map can be added to panels to encourage people to explore the other amenities in the area.

South Dublin County Council is also working in conjunction with the other Dublin local authorities on a Fáilte Ireland led ‘Orientation Strategy’ for recreational, heritage and sporting facilities in the Dublin City /County area.  This will inform delivery of the remaining roll-out of wayfinding in the County when the final report is received."

Following contributions from Councillors P. Donovan, S. Holland, D. Looney and P. Foley, Mr. E. Leech, Administrative Officer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/438/17 - M4 Item ID: 55064 - Rathfarnham Castle**

Proposed by Councillor P. Donovan and seconded by Councillor S. Holland

"That this Committee calls on the Parks Department to inspect and draft a management plan to improve the "walled garden" in the grounds of Rathfarnham Castle Park.  Management could also consider innovative ways to engage the local community in participating in both the development of the plan and also the implementation of the plan which largely will focus on planting and routine maintenance."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**

"As indicated at the September meeting of the Area Committee, earlier this year the Council engaged a conservation architect and has now completed a survey and report on the Rathfarnham Castle courtyard and outbuildings and it is proposed to brief the AC members in this regard.

It has been agreed with the Area Chair that an informal briefing will be provided for members prior to the AC meeting on 10th October."

As there had been a briefing prior to the meeting on this item, the report was **NOTED**

**Performance & Change Management**

**RTT/439/17 - HI17 Item ID: 54985 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/440/17 - C7 Item ID: 54986 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Corporate Support**

**RTT/441/17 - HI18 Item ID: 54987 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/442/17 - C8 Item ID: 54988 - Correspondence** (No Business)

### **RTT/443/17 - M5 Item ID: 55065 -** **HSE Primary Health Care**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor S. Holland

"That this Area Committee seeks a briefing from the HSE and related stakeholders on the progress to date of the proposed Primary Care Centre for Ballyboden."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**

"If the motion is passed, an invitation will be issued to the HSE to provide a briefing to the Committee."

Following contributions from Councillors E. Murphy, S. Holland, D. O’Donovan, P. Donovan and P. Foley, Ms. B. Reilly, Staff Officer responded to the queries raised and it was **AGREED** to invite the HSE to meet with the Area Committee or failing that, to request a written update for the members.

### **RTT/444/17 - M6 Item ID: 55071 - Marley Park Concerts**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor P. Foley

"That this Area Committee asks Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to provide a briefing to the members of the Area Committee in relation to their proposals for concerts in Marley Park in 2018. The 2017 concert schedule had a significant impact on residents in the Rathfarnham and Ballyboden area and these concerns need to be addressed."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have reported the following in this regard:-

"A Report will be brought on the Marley Concerts to Dundrum Councillors in November.  Following on from that they will send this report to South Dublin County Council". Dun Laoghaire Rathdown staff have facilitated briefings in the past, if the motion is passed, this will be requested."

Following contributions from Councillors E. Murphy, P. Donovan, D. O’Donovan and S. Holland, Ms. F. Brown, Senior Staff Officer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**Public Realm**

### **RTT/445/17 - Q6 Item ID: 55059 - Orlagh Estate tree maintenance**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to please clarify the timescale for Orlagh Estate in Knocklyon in relation to the Tree Management Programme?"

**REPLY:**

"Orlagh Estate is listed for tree maintenance in 2019 as part of the rolling 3-year Tree Maintenance Programme 2017-2019."

### **RTT/446/17 - Q7 Item ID: 55062 - Playgrounds in Rathfarnham Area**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what remedial works have been carried out on playgrounds and playspaces in the Rathfarnham area in the past three years? Could the Council please be explicit in terms of the cleaning of graffiti, repairs due to vandalism and instances of anti-social behaviour?"

**REPLY:**

"The playgrounds in Tymon Park at the Wellington Lane car park and in Rathfarnham Castle Park experience very little by way of vandalism and graffiti and very few maintenance visits have been necessary there in the past 3 years other than for routine maintenance and repairs which are required from time to time due to normal wear and tear on the equipment.

Over the past 2 years the Public Realm Section has developed new playspaces at Ballycragh Park and Glendoher Estate and both of these have required attention to large group swings on a number of occasions during that time, resulting from either vandalism or inappropriate use where the swing may have been used by excessive numbers of children at the same time.

A playspace at Stocking Wood installed by the developer has been taken in charge by the Public Realm Section in the past year also and while the playspace itself has not been subjected to much vandalism the area around it has, with trees and litter bins being targeted regularly.

The painter assigned to the Public Realm Section responds to the need for graffiti removal as necessary in playgrounds and other areas, however records are not available at present to show when this has been necessary in playgrounds and playspaces in the Rathfarnham / Templeogue-Terenure area."

### **RTT/447/17 - Q8 Item ID: 54267 - Cherryfield car park**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan

"To ask the Chief Executive to reinstate the Disabled Driver car park spaces in the car park at the entrance to Cherryfield near the Spawell roundabout?"

**REPLY:**

"This matter will be examined on site and corrective measures will be put in place to resolve the matter."

### **RTT/448/17 - Q9 Item ID: 54774 - Marian Road Playspace**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the public consultation so far in relation to the proposed Marian Road Playspace?"

**REPLY:**

"Marian Rd is included in the Councils 5 Year Play Space Programme (2014- 2018) as presented to Councillors in February 2014.

**The objectives for the programme are as follows:**

* Delivery of play settings for children; that provide opportunities for play in ways that develop their imaginations.
* Delivery of the play spaces in the immediate vicinity of where children live.
* The play spaces will increase the attractiveness of the local area in which they reside.
* The delivery of robust play areas that are less susceptible to vandalism.

Marian Rd was initially listed on the 2015 programme but due to delays on other sites the project was delayed. On September 16th 2015 South Dublin County Council held an information meeting with BDRA in the Ballyroan Community Centre.   At the meeting the rational for the play space programme was presented and it was outlined (at that stage) that further consultations would be commenced in Marian Rd and in Elkwood.  Examples of the work done elsewhere around the county were presented and the presentation was well received. This consultation however was considered to be a preliminary contact only.

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### **RTT/449/17 - H19 Item ID: 55072 - Part 8 Dodder Valley-Mount Carmel**

Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer presented the following report:

[HI19 - Part 8 Dodder Valley-Mount Carmel](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57043)

Following contributions from Councillors S. Holland, P. Donovan, B. Lawlor and D. Looney, Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**RTT/450/17 - H20 Item ID: 54989 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/451/17 - C9 Item ID: 54990 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**RTT/452/17 - M7 Item ID: 54790 - Tymon Park opening times**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor E. Murphy

"The automated gates at the Wellington Lane entrance into Tymon Park are working well. However, the opening times are not making the most of daylight hours.  Could the opening hours be pushed out further in order to maximise park usage."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**

The opening and closing times in place at Tymon Park are as follows at the present time -

* Opening time 7:30am all year round.
* Closing time November, December and January 5pm
* Closing time February and March 6pm
* Closing time April and October 7pm
* Closing time May and September 8pm
* Closing time June, July and August 9pm.

The following opening and closing times are proposed, to take effect from 1 January 2018 (in summary it is proposed that closing time moves forward by an hour for all of the months from March to August) --

* Opening time 7:30am all year round (no change proposed).
* Closing time November, December and January 5pm (no change proposed)
* Closing time February 6pm
* Closing time March and October 7pm
* Closing time April and September 8pm
* Closing time May 9pm
* Closing time June, July and August 10pm.

Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley, P. Donovan and D. Looney, Mr. L. Magee, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

### **RTT/453/17 - M8 Item ID: 55021 - Perrystown and Marian Road play spaces**

Proposed by Councillor P. Foley and seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the consultation process for both the Perrystown and Marian Road play spaces. Could the proposed location for the play space at Perrystown be advised, if available."

**The following report by the Chief Executive was READ:-**

"Both Perrystown and Marian Rd are included in the Councils 5 Year Play Space Programme (2014- 2018) as presented to Councillors in February 2014.

**The objectives for the programme are as follows:**

* Delivery of play settings for children; that provide opportunities for play in ways that develop their imaginations.
* Delivery of the play spaces in the immediate vicinity of where children live.
* The play spaces will increase the attractiveness of the local area in which they reside.
* The delivery of robust play areas that are less susceptible to vandalism.

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With regard to Perrystown there has been a number of contacts with local residents and two possible options have been proposed to date: a play area at Perrystown Community Centre and a play trail through various locations in Perrystown. An information meeting is required to further discuss the options and this will be arranged by the council."

Following contributions from Councillors P. Foley, D. O’Donovan, B. Lawlor, D. Looney, Ms. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent and Ms. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**Environment**

**RTT/454/17 - HI21 Item ID: 54991 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/455/17 - C10 Item ID: 54992 - Correspondence** (No Business)

**Water & Drainage**

### **RTT/456/17 - HI22 Item ID: 54855 - Draft River Basin Management Plan**

Mr. R. Fitzpatrick, [Executive Environmental Scientific Officer](http://intranet/Council/?g=316) presented the following report:

[HI22- Draft River Basin Management Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56960)

Following contributions from Councillors D. Looney and R. McMahon, Mr. R. Fitzpatrick, [Executive Environmental Scientific Officer](http://intranet/Council/?g=316) responded to the queries raised and the report was **NOTED**

**RTT/457/17 - HI23 Item ID: 54993 - New Works** (No Business)

**RTT/458/17 - C11 Item ID: 54994 - Correspondence** (No Business)

The meeting concluded at 4.50pm

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