**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS  
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council December 2017 County Council Meeting held on 11th December 2017.

**PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bonner, B. |  | Lawlor, B. |
| Casserly, V. |  | Leech, B. |
| Donovan, P. |  | Looney, D. |
| Duff, M. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Duffy, F. |  | McMahon, C. |
| Dunne, L. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Egan, K. |  | Murphy, M. |
| Ferron, B. |  | Nolan, R. |
| Foley, P. |  | O’Brien, D. |
| Genockey, M. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Graham, J. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Hendrick, E. |  | O’Toole, L. |
| Holland, S. |  | Richardson, D. |
| Johansson, M. |  | Russell, R. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Ward, M. |
| King, C. |  |  |
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**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function  A/Heads of Function  Head of Finance  County Architect | B. Coman, L. Maxwell, T. Walsh, F. Nevin.  L. Leonard.  R. FitzGerald.  E. Conroy. |
| Senior Executive Officers  Financial Management Accountant  Executive Accountant | H. Hogan, M. Staunton.  M. Kelly.  F. Carroll. |
| Administrative Officers | C. Murphy. |
| Staff Officer  Clerical Officer  IT. Support  Sord | P. Brennan.  M. Dunne.  R. Saiz, T. McManus.  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor P. Gogarty Presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors E. Higgins, E. Murphy, W. Lavelle, C. Mc Cann and F. Timmons.

**H1/1217 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the November County Council Meeting on 13th November 2017which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor V. Casserly.
2. Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting 2017 on 16th November 2017 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor V. Casserly.

**H2a/1217 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTIES RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE - TERENURE AREA COMMITTEE 14TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**H2b/1217 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE 15TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

 It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**H2c/1217 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE 27TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & **Arts (1 report- Arts Grant),** Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development, and was **CONSIDERED**:

Tallaght Cancer Support Group/Maria Lane Choir

In reference to the attached application Tallaght Cancer Support Group/Maria Lane Cancer Support Choir, is requesting grant assistance towards the cost of presenting two choral performances in Tallaght and Dundrum in December 2017.

The Maria Lane Choir was set up under the auspices of Tallaght Cancer Support Group in 2015 as a therapy for people who are cancer survivors and their carers. There are have 33 participants in the group. The group rehearses weekly in Rua Red.

South Dublin Arts Office recommends that a grant of €650 be made under the Arts Act Grant 2003 to support the group to present two choral performances in December.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and seconded by Councillor C. King.

The report was **AGREED.**

“That this Committee recommends that South Dublin County Council approve payment of the above grants recommended in the foregoing report”.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the foregoing report of The Tallaght Area Committee 27th November 2017 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

**H2d/1217 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - LUCAN AREA COMMITTEE 28TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**H3a/1217 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE** - **23rd NOVEMBER 2017 - DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and were **CONSIDERED:**

“The following Draft Calendar of Meeting dates was **APPROVED** by the Members at the Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on 23rd November 2017.

**January – February 2018**

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| Mon. | 01/01 | **Bank holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 02/01 |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 03/01 |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 04/01 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 05/01 |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 08/01 | **Corporate Policy Group** | 3.00pm – 4.30pm |  |
| Tue. | 09/01 | **Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 3.00pm – 6.00pm | 18/12/2017 |
| Wed. | 10/01 |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 11/01 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 12/01 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file request to be received by 02/01/2018* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 15/01 | **County Council Meeting** | 3.30pm – 7.00pm | 15/12/2017 |
| Tues | 16/01 |  |  |  |
| Wed | 17/01 | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 3.00pm – 6.00pm | 04/01/2018 |
| Thurs | 18/01 | **Traffic Management Meeting (**Clondalkin**)**  **Traffic Management Meeting** (Rathfarnham/Templeogue –Terenure)  **Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee**  (in committee) | 2.00pm - 2.45pm  2.45pm – 3.30pm  3.30pm – 6.00pm | 04/01/2018 |
| Fri | 19/01 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file request to be received by 11/01/2018* | | | | |
| **DATE** | |  | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 22/01 | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Tallaght)  **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 2.15pm – 3.00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 09/01/2018 |
| Tues | 23/01 | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Lucan)  **Lucan Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 2.15pm – 3.00pm  3.00pm – 6.00pm | 10/01/2018 |
| Wed | 24/01 | **Deputations** | 2.00pm – 5.00pm |  |
| Thurs | 25/01 |  | 3.00pm – 5.00pm |  |
| Fri | 26/01 | **Joint Policing Committee** |  |  |
| *\*Planning File requests to be received by 16/01/2018*  *\*\*Planning File requests to be received by 17/01/2018* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 29/01 |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 30/01 |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 31/02 |  |  |  |
| Thurs | 01/02 |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 02/02 |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 05/02 | **Corporate Policy Group** | 3.00pm – 4.30pm |  |
| Tue | 06/02 | E**nvironment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC** | 5.30pm – 7.00pm | 05/01/2018 |
| Wed | 07/02 | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5.30pm – 9.30pm | 06/01/2018 |
| Thurs | 08/02 | **Housing SPC** | 5.30pm – 7.00pm | 08/01/2018 |
| Fri. | 09/02 |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 12/02 | **County Council Meeting** | 3.30pm – 7.00pm | 29/01/2018 |
| Tue | 13/02 | **Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*. | 3.00pm – 6.00pm | 31/01/2018 |
| Wed. | 14/02 | **Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5.30pm – 7.30pm | 15/01/2018 |
| Thur. | 15/02 | **Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC** | 5.30pm– 7.00pm | 16/01/2018 |
| Fri. | 16/02 |  |  |  |
| *\*Planning file requests to be received by 08/02/2018*  *Planning File requests to be received by 09/02/2018* | | | | |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 19/02 |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 20/02 |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 21/02 | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance &*  *Change Management* | 2.00pm – 5.00pm | 08/02/2018 |
| Thur. | 22/02 | **Social and Community SPC** | 6.00pm – 7.30pm | 23/01/2018 |
| Fri. | 23/02 |  |  |  |
| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 26/02 | **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 3.00pm – 6.00pm | 13/02/2018 |
| Tues | 27/02 | **Lucan Area Committee**  *Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning\*, Transportation, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management* | 3.00pm- 6.00pm | 14/02/2018 |
| Wed | 28/02 | **Deputations** | 2.00pm – 5.00pm |  |

**Notes:**

Early closing dates for County Council Meeting and the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee due to Christmas Break “

The Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Gogarty and seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

**H3b/1217** **STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE 23rd NOVEMBER 2017 - REPORT ON CONFERENCES /SEMINARS**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and were **CONSIDERED:**

“The following Report on Conferences/Seminars **APPROVED** by the Members at the Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on 23rd November 2017.

“[**Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/zza37y2001s142.html) provides for the authorization of Members’ attendance at conferences both home and abroad.

Listed below are conferences which have been notified to South Dublin County Council and whose appropriateness has been vetted by the members’ working group in accordance with Circ. Letter 02/10.

**Conferences Notified**

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| **Conference** | **Host** | **Venue** | **Date** | **Members**  **Attending** |
| Weather Emergencies and Local Authorities | Association of Irish Local Government | Dunboyne Castle,  Dunboyne | **18th November 2017** | Cllr E. Murphy |

**Conferences attended since September**

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| **Conference** | **Host** | **Venue** | **Date** | **Members**  **Attending** |
| Wellbeing for Councillors | Association of Irish Local Government | Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork | 23rd September 2017 | Cllr. B. Lawlor  Cllr. V. Casserly Cllr K. Egan |
| Wellbeing for Councillors | Association of Irish Local Government | City North Hotel.  Gormanstown | 14th September 2017 | Cllr G. O’ Connell |
| Waste Management Better Efficiency | Local Authority Members Association | Hotel Minella, Clonmel | 28th – 30th September 2017 | Cllr K. Egan.  Cllr V. Casserly.  Cllr B. Lawlor.  Cllr Guss O’ Connell.  Cllr C. King  Cllr D. Richardson, Cllr C. Mc Cann, Cllr E. Higgins , Cllr R. Mc Mahon |
| Autumn Training Conference | Association of Irish Local Government | Sligo Park Hotel,  Sligo | 12th -13th October 2017 | Cllr G. O’Connell,  Cllr E. Murphy,  Cllr K. Egan,  Cllr V. Casserly, Cllr B. Lawlor, Cllr R. Mc Mahon, Cllr C. King, Cllr. D. O’ Donovan, Cllr M. Ward, Cllr D. Richardson. Cllr C. Mc Cann |
| Local Authority Budget 2018 | Institute of Professional Training | Silver Tassie Hotel,  Letterkenny  Co Donegal | 13th -15th October 2017 | Cllr V. Casserly,  Cllr K. Egan  Cllr. R. McMahon  Cllr B. Lawlor |
| National Public Library Strategy – 2018-2022 | Association, of Irish Local Government | Bridge House Hotel Tullamore | 19th October 2017 | Cllr B. Lawlor,  Cllr v Casserly  Cllr. G O’ Connell |
| Weather Emergencies and Local Authorities | Association, of Irish Local Government | Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey | 14th November 2017 | Cllr B. Lawlor,  Cllr V. Casserly, Cllr K, Egan |

As authorisation under this section is a reserved function Members are required to pass the following resolution:

“In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001 attendance by Members at the Conferences / Seminars outlined in the report is hereby authorized.”

Report on Conferences/Seminars was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor L. O’Toole and seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

**H2c/1217 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE 23rd NOVEMBER 2017 - VACANCY ON JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and were **CONSIDERED:**

“The following Report was **APPROVED** by the Members at the Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on 23rd November 2017.

**Filling Of Vacancy ON Joint Policing Committee Following The Resignation Of Councillor Pamela Kearns**

Report to Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee 23rd November 2017

A vacancy exists on the Joint Policing Committee following Councillor P. Kearns resignation from this Committee and t is a matter for the Council to nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy.

This is now before the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns that Councillor Mick Duff fill the Vacancy on the Joint Policing Committee

  This is now before the Full Council for approval”

Nomination for the Vacancy on Joint Policing Committee was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor L. O’Toole and seconded by Councillor M. Genockey.

**H3d/1217** **STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE 23rd NOVEMBER 2017 - VACANCY ON EDUCATION TRAINING BOARD**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and were **CONSIDERED:**

The following Report was **APPROVED** by the Members at the Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on 23rd November 2017.

**Filling Of Vacancy Education Training Board Following the Resignation Of Councillor Brian Lawlor**

Report to Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee 23rd November 2017

“A vacancy exists on the Education Training Board following Councillor B. Lawlor resignation from this Board and it is a matter for the Council to nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy.

This is now before the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Higgins and seconded by Councillor V. Casserly that Councillor Conor McMahon fill the Vacancy on the Education Training Board

  This is now before the Full Council for approval”

Nomination for the Vacancy on Education Training Board was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor M. Duff and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor.

**H4a/1217 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES – ARTS, CULTURE, GAEILGE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting 1st November 2017

**“Attended**

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| Cllr. Dermot Richardson (Chair) | Cllr. Brian Leech |
| Cllr. Breeda Bonner | Cllr. Madeleine Johansson |
| Mr. Peadar O’Caomhanaigh | Ms. Deirdre Mooney |

**Officials present:**

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

**Apologies**: Cllr. Dermot Looney

Cllr. Cora McCann

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of SPC meeting 6th September**  Minutes were amended under H-I (6) AOB to “Newsletter which goes out to citizens was not published in Irish”.  Amendment was noted and minutes AGREED. |
| **Headed Item 2:** **Music Generation Update**  Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave an update on participating schools in Music Generation South Dublin. The report was NOTED. |
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| **Headed Item 3:  Red Line Book Festival Programme 2017**  Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian, presented an interim report on the Red Line Book Festival programme for October 11-15th. Members complimented staff on the wide range of events and venues for this year’s programme. Following some discussion the report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 4: Creative Ireland Update**  Grainne Millar from GM Innovations gave a presentation on South Dublin County Council Draft Culture and Creative Plan which is part of the Creative Ireland Programme, a five-year initiative which places creativity at the centre of public policy. Members discussed the objectives outlined in the draft plan and made suggestions of other items that should be taken into account such as the Irish language; local literary history and music. It was agreed that further views would be sought from the planned public consultations on 27th November and 11th December 2017. The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 5: AOB**  Members expressed their well wishes to Frank Nevin for a speedy recovery.  Cllr. Bonner notified members that a submission was entered from the Round Tower Clondalkin for a LAMA award.  Bernadette Fennell notified members of the upcoming closure of Castletymon Library on 14th December and also of the upcoming public consultation on 9th November in the County Library on South Dublin County Council’s Library Development Plan for 2018-2022.  **Meeting** ended at 7.00pm.” |

1. Minutes of Meeting 6th September 2017

**“Attended**

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| Cllr. Dermot Richardson (Chair) | Cllr. Brian Leech |
| Cllr. Dermot Looney | Cllr. Madeleine Johansson |
| Cllr. Cora McCann | Ms. Deirdre Mooney |

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

**Apologies**: Cllr. Breeda Bonner

Mr. Peadar O’Caomhanaigh

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of SPC meeting 3rd May 2017**  **Minutes were AGREED.**  **Matters arising: None** |
| **Headed Item 2:** **Music Generation Update**  Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave a comprehensive presentation on Music Generation South Dublin. Members asked questions about the governance of the programme and the funding. Following a discussion it was agreed that a profile of the schools participating in Music Generation would be provided at the next SPC meeting. The report was NOTED. |
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| **Headed Item 3:  Red Line Book Festival Programme 2017**  Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian, presented a report on the upcoming Red Line Book Festival programme for October 11-15th. Members complimented staff on the wide range of events and venues for this year’s programme. Following some discussion the report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 4: Creative Ireland Update**  Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, outlined South Dublin County Council’s involvement in the Creative Ireland Programme, a five-year initiative which places creativity at the centre of public policy. Questions were raised on funding for 2018 and on the planned Creative Ireland Department of Education for schools plan. The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 5: Whitechurch Library**  Frank Nevin, Director of Service, outlined the current position regarding the Carnegie Library at Whitechurch. He emphasised that there is no justification to restore the former part time Library given the proximity to the state of the art Ballyroan Library butreiterated at the meeting that there is no intention to remove community involvement from the library building in Whitechurch. The WEB Project continues to meet there. Members discussed ideas of using the space for music generation performance/rehearsal space and or Arts/Libraries exhibitions. In addition the idea of a small book library exchange programme was suggested. There was some discussion around other community groups who might use the space. |
| **Headed item 6: AOB**  Councillor Looney raised a question as to why the Newsletter which goes out to citizens is not published in Irish. It was agreed to raise the question with SDCC’s Communication Unit.  **Meeting** concluded at 6.55pm.” |

**H4b/1217 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENT, WATER & CLIMATE CHANGE SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting 7th November 2017

**“In attendance**

**Elected Members**

Councillor Pamela Kearns (Chair)

Councillor Brian Lawlor

Councillor Danny O’Brien

Councillor Enda Fanning

Councillor Rob Russell

**Sectoral Members**

N/A

**Officials**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Michael McAdam, Senior Engineer

Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

**Apology**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Councillor Francis Timmons

Donnie Anderson

At the commencement of the meeting Councillor Pamela Kearns (Chair) welcomed new Councillor Rob Russell, and there was a round table introduction.

Breach of Standing Order 18 in relation to non-attendance of PPN representative John Farrell was noted and it was agreed to ask the PPN to review the representation.

**Item 2: Update on Flood Alleviation Schemes / Surface Water Schemes and ongoing works**

The meeting received an update on Flood Alleviation Schemes and Surface Water Schemes and **o**ngoing works

Chris Galvin and Michael McAdam responded to queries raised which primarily referred to Ballycullen Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme and its completion 2 months ahead of time, works on Old Lucan Road and the cause of delays with completion, Irish Water MOU, and complexities associated with the proposed Nangor Road / Ninth Lock works.

**Item 3: Interim Halloween 2017 Report**

An interim report as circulated was NOTED with some interesting statistics available at tine of meeting:

* From mid-October to 31st October (through reports made directly through the offices and through our out of office hours service), the Council was advised of **c 300** locations (excluding duplicate locations) of stockpiling.
* 55 tonnes of bonfire materials was collected by the staff and prevented from being placed on bonfires over the Bank Holiday weekend and including Tuesday 31st October.
* In the two week period prior to Halloween a further quantity of waste materials totalling 156 tonnes was collected by SDCC staff and it is estimated that the vast majority of this was material intended for bonfires.
* The estimated cost to dispose of bonfire materials collected pre Halloween night alone is €20,000 approximately.

(Note this is the cost of disposal only, it does not include the labour cost to collect the materials nor does it include any element of the cost to clean up bonfire sites after the fires have stopped burning).

A discussion ensued with focus on when the cleanup would kick in – no specific post bonfire cleanup taken in week of midterm break, and the need for fires to be fully extinguished. Reinstatements will not take place until spring. 184 locations mapped in 2 days, overall figures and costs likely to be reflective of previous year. When cleanup schedule is prepared it will be circulated to Councillors.

It was agreed to bring a Headed Item to Council in March 2018

**Item 4: Climate Change – Update on Adaptation and Mitigation Plan / Covenant of Mayors**

The report(s) as circulated was NOTED:

A discussion ensued with contributions from members. Chris Galvin responded to queries raised primarily in relation to the cycle of reporting to EU for Covenant of Mayors, the range in activity in which the Council can influence, and the relationship of the Adaptation and Mitigation plans with the National Planning Framework and all other statutory plans.

**Item 5: Update on 2017 Work Programme**

A comprehensive list of 2017 works undertake to date was circulated and noted:

The following main items were included in report circulated:

1. CFRAMS - Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes -
2. Review Litter Bin Provision
3. Climate Change -  Consideration of “A Strategy towards Climate Change Action Plans for the Dublin Local Authorities
4. Abandoned vehicles
5. Corkagh Park Development Proposals
6. Litter Management Action Plan – 2017 Summary
7. Teen Space – Commencement of public consultation
8. Review of Social Credits Scheme
9. Polling Places Postering
10. Update on the Eastern /Midlands Waste Management Office & Plan, including WERLA Plan
11. Parks & Open Spaces Strategy
12. Review of Burial Grounds / Draft Burial Ground Strategy
13. Dublin Region Horse Welfare Working Group

A discussion ensued in relation to the following:

**Solar /Litter Bin Pilot –** hopefully in place by end of the year

Ab**andoned Vehicles** – intensification in activity in 2017, protocol is easy to understand and explain

**Corkagh Park Lakes –** to be the subject of a separate examination and report on potential of the lakes

**Teen Spaces consultation –** hopefully have workshop in each electoral area / **PPN / Ball Wall** – may provide a start to such facilities

**Review of Social Credit Scheme**: Can application form be reviewed – is it too cumbersome

**Parks & open Strategy –** work commenced with mapping of existing facilities, next step to review and map Census 2016 data.

**Item 6: Item referred from October Council Meeting - [55092](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=56977)**

A report as circulated was noted and it was agreed NOT to initiate a review of Parks and Open Spaces Byelaws until after the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy has been finalised.

**Item 7: Item referred from October Council - 55090 - PTU**

A report as circulated was noted.

Leo Magee responded to queries raised. The meeting accepted the Executive’s report and it was agreed to monitor what’s happening countrywide.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.45pm”

[(ii) Minutes of Meeting 5th September 2017](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57720)

**H4c/1217** **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting 8th November 2017

**“In Attendance:**

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| Cllr. C. O Connor (Chair) |
| T.de Buitlear |
| Cllr. P. Foley |
| Cllr. G O Connell |
| S. Brennan |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| S. Reid |
| D. Roche |
| Cllr. W. Lavelle |

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr. B Ferron. |
| Cllr. F. N. Duffy |

**Officials present:**

Colm Ward, Acting Director of Services

Stephen Deegan, Senior Executive Officer

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| The meeting was Chaired by Cllr C. O Connor.  Before the agenda items were discussed, Cllr. O’Connor welcomed Cllr. Lavelle on to the Committee. |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 7th September 2017**  The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 7th September 2017 were **AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2** – **Update on Grange Castle Business Park**  S. Deegan presented a report on Grange Castle Business Park.  Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. O’Connell, Foley, McMahon & Lavelle, T. de Buitlear and S. Brennan, which were responded to by S. Deegan, the report was **NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 3 – Report on Commercial Vacancy**  C. Ward presented a report on Commercial Vacancy in the County.  After questions and contributions from Cllrs. O’Connell, Foley, Lavelle, McMahon & O’Connor, T. de Buitlear and S. Brennan which C. Ward responded to the report was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** that:   * A pilot project would be undertaken involving improvement works and further engagement in Cookstown Industrial Estate; and, * Additional proposals to address vacancy will subsequently be given further consideration by the Committee. |
| **Headed Item 4 – Update on LECP Economic Objectives**  C. Ward presented a report on the outlining progress on the **LECP Economic Objectives**.  The report was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** that the Committee would review the economic objectives of the Local Economic & Community Plan in 2018. |
| **Headed Item 5 – Any Other Business:**  None.  **The meeting ended at 7:00pm”** |

1. Minutes of Meeting 7th September 2017

**“In Attendance:**

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| Cllr. F. N. Duffy |
| Cllr. P. Foley |
| Cllr. E. Higgins |
| Cllr. G O Connell |
| Cllr. C. O Connor (Chair) |
| S. Brennan |
| D. Roche |

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr. A. Dermody |
| Cllr. B Ferron. |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| T.de Buitlear |
| S. Reid |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services

Colm Ward, Head of Enterprise

**Also in Attendance:**

Ms. Andrea Carroll, Sustainable Business Programme Manager, South Dublin Chamber

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| The meeting was Chaired by Cllr C. O Connor.  Before the agenda items were discussed, Cllr. Higgins informed the Committee that she would be stepping down from this SPC following this meeting. Her contribution, and that of Cllr. Dermody who is also resigning from the SPC, were acknowledged by Cllr. O’Connor and by all others present. |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 10th May 2017**  The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 10th May 2017 were **AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2** - **Review of Business Support Fund & Revenue Budget 2018 Proposals**  F. Nevin & C. Ward presented a report on the Business Support Fund after which Ms. A. Carroll outlined the various initiatives being delivered by South Dublin Chamber under this Fund in partnership with both the Council and LEO South Dublin.  Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. Higgins, Foley, O’Connell & O’Connor, D. Roche, and S. Brennan, which were responded to by F. Nevin, C. Ward & A. Carroll, it was **AGREED** that the Committee recommend to the full Council that:   1. Given the success of the programme and in recognition of the continuing requirement to support business in the County, that the Business Support Fund be retained in Budget 2018 at c 1% of rate income. 2. Given the steep decline in take up and the improving business climate, the Business Support Grant to ratepayers cease in 2017. 3. The Business Support Fund will support new enterprise and innovation and will also develop the existing and planned projects with existing business. 4. The projects outlined in the report are supported but flexibility should be retained in order to recognise and support emerging opportunities, some of which may be of considerable scale. |
| **Headed Item 3 – Update on Dublin Action Plan for Jobs**  C. Ward presented a report updating the Committee on the Dublin Action Plan for Jobson the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017.  Following contributions from Cllrs. Higgins, Foley & O’Connell, which F. Nevin & C. Ward responded to the report was **NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 4 – Proposed Tourism and Festival Events Grants Scheme**  C. Ward presented a report outlining a proposed **Tourism and Festival Events Grants Scheme** to be run by the Council’s County Promotion Unit from 2018.  Following contributions from Cllrs O’Connor, Higgins, Foley & O’Connell it was **AGREED** that the Committee would recommend that the proposed scheme be introduced in 2018. |
| **Headed Item 5 – Any Other Business:**  None.  **The meeting ended at 7:00pm”** |

**H4d/1217** **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - HOUSING SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting 20th November 2017

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr C. King (Chair) | B. Coman | Director of Services |
| Cllr M. Ward | M. Staunton | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr M. Duff | H. Hogan | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr L. Dunne | J. Sweeney | Senior Staff Officer |
| Cllr M. Genockey |  |  |
| Cllr T. Gilligan |  |  |
| Cllr K. Mahon |  |  |
| Cllr Emma Hendrick |  |  |
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| **Representatives:** | | |
| Catriona McClean, | | |
| Betty Tyrrell-Collard, ICTU | | |
| Gillian McWilliams, Outreach | | |
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**H-1(1) – Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 14th September 2017.**

### The minutes of the Housing and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 14th September 2017 were proposed by Cllr. C. King, seconded by Cllr. T. Gilligan and were confirmed and approved as a true record.

### Cllr. C. King welcomed the new PPN representative Ms. Catriona McClean to the committee.

**H-1(2) Apartment Owners Network Presentation**

Mr. David Rouse and Mr. Bryan Maher gave a presentation on behalf of the Apartment

Owners Network (AON) outlining its role and function. The Apartment Owners Network

AON) was set up in 2008 as a volunteer-led, independent, non-party political

organisation.  The not-for-profit body represents the interests and views of owners (owner

occupiers and investors) and Owners’ Management Companies (“OMCs”) of homes in

managed estates throughout Ireland. It has contributed to the framing of legislation in the past including the Multi-Unit Development (MUD) Act 2011 and the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011. It is seeking to work with key stakeholders and statutory bodies to establish an OMC Regulator, improvements in the M.U.D. Act 2011 and provide support and training to OMC directors. To achieve this the AON needs funding to be established as a full time professional body. [AON Presentation Nov 2017.pptm](file:///C:\Users\bcoman\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\F6V46W1B\AON%20Presentation%20Nov%202017.pptm)

Cllr. King thanked the representatives for their presentation. A discussion then followed with contributions from Cllr. C. King and Cllr. T. Gilligan.

**H-1(3) Irish Congress of Trade Unions Presentation**

Macdara Doyle and Margaret Robson gave a verbal presentation on behalf of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) and outlined the details of the ICTU policy document [‘A Local Authority led emergency response to the housing crisis’](https://www.ictu.ie/download/pdf/congress_housing_document_june_2017.pdf) which is available on their website. The policy document sets out the ICTU proposals for provision and funding of housing in the context of the current housing crisis.

Cllr. King thanked the representatives for their presentation. A discussion then followed with contributions from Cllr. C. King, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. M. Ward, B. Tyrrell-Collard (ICTU) and G. McWilliams (CRFK Outreach).

### **H-1(4) Vacant Homes Strategy**

### B. Coman provided an update on the Vacant Homes Strategy in the context of SDCC’s commitments under Pillar 5 of Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness and the requirement to compile a register of vacant units within each local authority area. He advised that in the course of developing a register of vacant units and compiling the relevant statistics across the county, SDCC has used the most up to date information available using Geo Directory 1st Quarter 2017 data and cleansing it to remove irrelevant properties. He further advised that SDCC recorded the lowest number of empty dwellings relative to the population size.

### [Report on Vacant Homes Strategy](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57497)

### **H-1(5) Allocations Policy Committee Update**

### Cllr. C. King provided feedback from the Allocations Policy Committee. A final meeting of the committee is due and a draft paper will be prepared for agreement and will be brought before the next Housing SPC and ready for full Council meeting in the New Year.

### A discussion followed in relation to the difficulties with access to Choice Based Letting scheme by people on HAP, with contributions from H. Hogan, C. McClean, Cllr. K. Mahon and B. Coman.

### **H-1(6) Homeless Statistics**

### B. Coman provided a verbal update on Homeless Statistics.

### A discussion followed with contributions from H. Hogan, G. McWilliams, Cllr. M Genockey, Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. C. King, Cllr. M. Ward, and Cllr. M. Duff.

### H. Hogan advised that although the numbers presenting as homeless had increased, the increase was very slight compared to previous months with a slight decrease in the number of families presenting, and the number of singles presenting remaining flat. He advised on the focus on preventing repeat presentations. B. Coman commented on the huge amount of preventative work that can go unnoticed in sustaining tenancies and in getting landlords to retain property leases. He highlighted the difficulty in providing accommodation other than the ‘self-accommodate’ option due to the fact that a majority of cases present only at the stage of immediate homelessness. G. McWilliams commented on what she believed to be a lack of information available to people presenting and if a more detailed advice leaflet would be provided by the Council Homeless Section. H. Hogan confirmed that he would follow up on how to better present the help information for ‘self-accommodate’ applicants. Following a query from Cllr. L. Dunne, H. Hogan provided details on the operation of the wrap-around support services for homeless people.

### Cllr. L. Dunne agreed to provide H. Hogan with details of a specific case of a homeless person given 1 bed accommodation with no supports.

### Cllr. M. Ward agreed to provide details of landlords who allegedly hiked the rent in cases where the applicant was seeking accommodation under HAP.

### B. Coman advised that the details will be forwarded to the PRTB to pursue.

### **H-1(7) Supply and Delivery Update**

### M. Staunton presented a report on Housing Supply and advised that the Council will continue to look at the feasibility of other land with a focus on what can be delivered up to 2019 and 2020. B Coman also outlined a number of sites being considered for future Part 8 for Social Housing in addition to 3 proposals currently being prepared viz: Homeville Firhouse, Oldcastle Clondalkin and Eircom Site Nangor Road.

### Riverside Clondalkin

### Lucan Road Palmerstown

### Lindisfarne,

### Oatfield Crescent

### Collinstown – 2 small Sites

### Stocking Lane – new proposal

### Rathcoole Lands

### McUilliam

### Feasibility studies are currently underway on the above

### In addition Council considering Turnkey projects at Nangor Road and other possibilities.

### Further developments for Social Housing will be progressed at Clonburris while Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project and The Kilcarbery PPP are ongoing.

### [Report on Supply and Delivery Update](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Housing%20SPC/2017/November/November2017HousingSPCMeeting/f51237e9-4482-45f7-a078-9cec699bca4e.docx)

### There followed contributions from Cllr. M. Ward and Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. C. King, Cllr. M. Genockey, Cllr. K. Mahon and C. McClean. Cllrs. C. King, L. Dunne and K. Mahon queried the number of infill projects planned for West Tallaght and Clondalkin area and asked if public spaces in other LEAs would be considered in future as an alternative to reducing green spaces in these areas. Cllr. M. Genockey stated that in the course of Part 8 process, Cllrs must be presented with alternative sites by the executive to facilitate the decision making process.

### B. Coman responded to all issues raised.

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### **H-1(8) Older Aged Units Project**

### B. Coman presented a report on the Older Aged Units Project.

### Cluid Housing Association was the successful candidate for the proposed housing with low to medium level of support for older people in South Dublin’s Administrative Area.

### [Older Persons Units Project Update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57501)

### There followed contributions from Cllr. C. King, Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. M. Genockey, Cllr. K. Mahon. Cllr. K. Mahon asked for a report on the criteria used in the decision to award the contract to Cluid.

### B. Coman responded to queries raised.

### **H-1(9) AOB**

### Cllr. K. Mahon raised the issue of Vulture Funds taking over hotels and evicting homeless people accommodated. He advised that a hotel in the SDCC area is alleged to be owned by a Vulture Fund at the centre of this allegation. H. Hogan noted the information as it may well result in a similar eviction activity here.

### In light of the number of newcomers to the SPC, Cllr. C. King advised on the requirement for confidentiality in relation to issues discussed.

### G. Williams and C. McClean requested that they be set up to access the Council Membersnet system.

### The meeting concluded at 7:25 pm.”

1. Minutes of Meeting 14th September 2017

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| **“Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr C. King (Chair) | B. Coman | Director of Services |
| Cllr M. Ward | M. Staunton | Senior Executive Officer |
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| Cllr M. Duff | H. Hogan | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr L. Dunne | M. Murtagh | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr M. Genockey |  |  |
| Cllr T. Gilligan |  |  |
| Cllr K. Mahon |  |  |
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| **Representatives:** | | |
| Tricia Nolan, Volunteer Centre | | |
| Gillian McWilliams | | |
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| **Apologies:** | | |
| Betty Tyrrell-Collard, ICTU | | |
| Cllr N. Coules | | |
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**H-1(1) – Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 11th May 2017.**

The minutes of the Housing and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 11th May 2017 were proposed by Cllr. C. King, seconded by Cllr. M. Duff and were confirmed and approved as a true record.

**H-1(2) Allocations Policy - Committee - Update**

Cllr. C. King provided feedback from the Allocations Policy Committee.

This committee met during the summer and has requested data from staff to assist in formulating recommendations before next meeting in approximately two weeks; profiles of those on the housing list and details of previous accommodation.

A discussion then followed with contributions from H. Hogan, Cllr. C. King, B. Coman and Cllr. M. Ward.

H. Hogan noted that colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities would liaise to share ideas and advice. Cllr. C. King noted the broadening of the Choice Based Letting (CBL) Scheme eligibilities to include those with medical accommodation needs. B. Coman discussed the availability of the Homeless Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) as an option for people leaving direct provision; the Peter McVerry Trust are providing advice and assistance in finding suitable accommodation. Cllr. C. King expressed concern at the impact of Homeless HAP on the rental market given the premium rents paid to landlords. B. Coman advised that this scheme will permit payments of 50% above the rent cap but this averaged 32% nationally. He stressed that South Dublin County Council always takes great care in selection of location when managing the scheme. H. Hogan noted that this scheme is working well. Cllr. M. Ward congratulated South Dublin County Council on the operation of the scheme and commended its practical approach such as the advancement of one month’s rent.

B. Coman responded in full to all issues raised in relation to the Allocations Policy.

**H-1(3) Homeless Statistics**

B. Coman provided a verbal update on Homeless Statistics

In response to a query from Cllr. T. Gilligan, B. Coman explained the practice of frontloading Part Vs as developers providing their 10% Part V obligation of build units in multistage developments to the Local Authority upfront in advance of actually completing all the later stages. He also noted the option of turnkey developments, Local Authorities making arrangements at planning stage for developers to build to specific requirements, e.g. Medical or to group Part V units in congregated settings to assist creation of long-term communities. B. Coman also noted a future direction of concentrating on Local Authority build over direct acquisitions. Cllr. T. Gilligan enquired how this would affect provision of homes. B. Coman advised that in an upward market, available funds would procure less houses and that self builds would prove better value for money and of better quality.

B. Coman responded in full to all issues raised in relation to the Homeless Statistics

**H-1(4) Supply and Delivery Update**

B. Coman presented a report on Housing Supply. He noted that South Dublin County Council are currently examining an additional three sites for construction purposes.

South Dublin Co. Co. is required to deliver 1445 Social Housing Units for the period 2015- 2017. A total of 2612 units have been delivered from January 2015 to June 2017.

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| **Delivery Mechanism** | **2015 Delivered** | **2016 Delivered** | **Q1 & Q2 2017** | **Total Delivered 2015-June 2017** |
| Social Housing Infill | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Leasing (Including Unsold, CALF, Payment & Availability) | 193 | 76 | 29 | 298 |
| Rental Accommodation Scheme | 136 | 42 | 0 | 178 |
| Housing Assistance Payment | 548 | 946 | 398 | 1892 |
| Voids Restored | 35 | 75 | 0 | 110 |
| Acquisition Programme | 24 | 64 | 7 | 95 |
| Capital Assistance Scheme | **0** | 18 | 6 | 24 |
| Outturn | 936 | 1,236 | 440 | 2612 |
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**Social Housing Construction Programme Update:**

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| **Schemes** | **No. of Units** | **Status** | **Estimated Delivery** |
| St Marks Green, Clondalkin | 11 | On Site | Q2 2018 |
| MacUilliam (Fortunestown) | 28 | On Site | Q3 2018 |
| Mayfield Estate | 18 | On Site | Q2 2018 |
| Dromcarra, Tallaght | 14 | On Site | Q3 2018 |
| St. Aidans, Tallaght | 85 | Tenders In- Under Assessment | Q2 & Q3 2018 |
| Killininny, Co Dublin | 24 | Tenders Out at Present | Q3 2018 |
| St. Cuthbert’s, Clondalkin | 63 | On Site | Q4 2018 |
| Letts Field, Neilstown, Clondalkin | 37 | On Site | Q4 2018 |
| Ballyboden, Rathfarnham | 40 | Due on Site Late September | 2019 |
| Killinarden, Tallaght | 27 | Due on Site Late September | 2019 |
| Oldcastle | 50 | Feasibility assessment currently underway | 2019 |
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A discussion then followed with contributions from T. Nolan, M. Staunton, H. Hogan, Cllr. C. K ing, B. Coman, Cllr. T. Gilligan, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. M. Genocky, Cllr. L. Dunne and Cllr. M. Ward.

Cllr. M. Ward enquired why the voids figure for 2017 was zero. H. Hogan explained this was due to a change in definition of voids and that South Dublin County Council was very active in bringing relet properties back to letting standard with 102 units completed on 2017.

Cllr. M. Ward enquired on progress at the Oldcastle construction site. H. Hogan confirmed that a Traveller Development Plan would be brought to stakeholders for review.

Cllr. K. Ward welcomed the number of housing units coming on stream; he enquired what are the limits to increasing building capacity to address need. B. Coman responded that a massive increase in exchequer funding was prevented by EU borrowing rules and also that the availability of suitable serviced lands was a significant limiting factor. He noted that South Dublin County Council will have significant additional numbers yet coming to completion in the Adamstown and Clonburris sites.

Cllr. M. Duff, commenting on the total supply figure of 2,036, suggested that such a positive figure should be noted out in the public realm.

B Coman responded in full to all issues raised in relation to supply and delivery.

**H-1(5) Older Aged Units Project**

B. Coman presented a report on the Older Aged Units Project.

Expressions of interest was sought on the 6th June 2017 from relevant Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) for the proposed housing with low to medium level of support for older people in South Dublin’s Administrative Area.

The Communications Development Protocol between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) which was agreed in 2016 was used.

As previously informed the following 3 sites were put forward for the project:

Fernwood Park

Maplewood Road

Whitestown Way - Tallaght Stadium.

The following information was requested in the submission –

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.

A list of all projects currently under development by the AHB.

Identification of resources available to deliver this project.

The technical resources available to carry out public procurement processes and manage contracts and development processes of this scale.

A brief written statement describing the AHB’s proposed method for delivery of the project including a proposed outline programme for the project.

Four submissions were received by the closing date of 1st August 2017. The submissions are currently being evaluated with a decision to be made on the preferred AHB by the end of September 2017. Following conclusion of this process, the preferred AHB shall carry out a Feasibility Study and Review for the delivery of the project.

A discussion then followed with contributions from H. Hogan, Cllr. C. King, B. Coman, Cllr. T. Gilligan, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. L. Dunne, M. Staunton, Cllr M. Duff and Cllr. M. Ward.

B. Coman confirmed that existing Council tenants would be prioritised when applying for these units. H. Hogan noted that these could then be available to private applicants if their former dwellings were made available for Council stock. Cllr. T. Gilligan enquired did we have potential uptake figures on these units. B. Coman responded that these were not yet available. Cllr. T. Gilligan asked were there many downsize requests. B. Coman confirmed that there were a number of such requests. Cllr. M. Ward, Cllr. C. King and H. Hogan agreed. Cllr. C. King noted that this was for a number of reasons; security, proximity to medical hubs and other services. Cllr. K. Mahon enquired what the completed units will look like. B. Coman responded that these would be very well designed with an aesthetic finish. The units will be very well marketed with the use of glossy brochures to promote the concept of Older Aged Accommodation.

B Coman responded in full to all issues raised in relation to on the Older Aged Units Project.

**H-1(6) AOB**

Cllr. C. King welcomed the new PPN representative MS. Gillian McWilliams to the committee.

Two Groups had requested to provide presentations to the Housing SPC; ICTU and the Apartment Owners Network. On the suggestion of Cllr. M. Duff and seconded by Cllr. C. King it was agreed to suspend standing orders at the next SPC meeting to facilitate both presentations and commence the meeting afterwards.

The meeting concluded at 7:00 pm.”

**H4e/1217 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES LAND USE, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting 4th  December 2017

**“PRESENT:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr Emer Higgins (Chair) | L. Leonard | A/Director of Services |
| Cllr P. Donovan | W. Purcell | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole | B. Keaney | Senior Planner |
| Cllr. P. Gogarty | S. Kelly | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. R. Nolan |  |  |
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| **Non-Elected Members:** | | |
| Siobhan Butler | | |
| Niall Durkan | | |

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Emer Higgins presided.**

**H.I. 1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 18th September 2017 were proposed by Cllr. L. O’Toole, seconded by Cllr. P. Gogarty and **AGREED.**

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**H.I. 4. Draft Policy on Way Finding Signs on Public Roads**

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Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer outlined changes that had been made to the Draft document since the SPC meeting in September. He informed the meeting that the next step would be to bring the final document to the December Council Meeting for adoption.

The report was **RECOMMENDED**

**H.I. 5 Adamstown Road (R120)**

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Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer, gave the report.

Mr. Purcell give the report on the Adamstown Road (R120) Nangor Road (R134) Improvement Scheme which has just commenced. He outlined the main areas in which the works will concentrate and the timeline for the construction works – 15 months. The contract has been awarded to Wills Brothers and works have now commenced on site.

A discussion followed in which Mr. Purcell answered the queries raised by Cllrs. P. Gogarty and L O’Toole regarding mainly traffic issues and the works on the bridge, Laura Leonard, A/Director of Services stated that the Council were conscious to minimise traffic disruption whilst the works are ongoing. She stated that Social Media and AA Roadwatch would be utilised fully to keep the public abreast of the situation on the ground.

The report was **NOTED**

**H.I. 2 Clonburris SDZ Update**

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Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner, presented the update on the Clonburris SDZ in which he informed the meeting that over 600 submissions of the Consultation process had been received. Mr. Keaney went through the timeline of the engagement that had taken place with the public and also the Consultation Drop in events that had been held during the month of October. The Council had also engaged with the PPN, The South Dublin County Disability Advisory and Consultation Panel and had engaged with schools. There were additional stakeholder briefings with landowners and TD’s and Senators in Sept and October.

The Chief Executive’s Report is currently being prepared and this will include a summary of the issues raised in the submissions.

Following on from that the CE Report will be issued to the Elected Members on 14th December, 2017. There will be a briefing provided for the members on 15th December. The Chief Executive’s Report will be issued to Elected Members only for their consideration.

Mr. Keaney responded to queries raised by Cllr. O’Toole, Cllr Gogarty, Cllr. Higgins and N. Durkin. The report was **NOTED**

**H.1.3 National Planning Framework – Update**

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Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner presented the update.

He outlined the key elements of the Draft National Planning Framework which includes the establishment of the Office of the Planning Regulator with responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the NPF. The five cities of Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford will be targeted to accommodate 50% overall growth between them. South Dublin County will have an increased population of 475,000 – 500,000 and this will require 330,000 additional jobs. State owned lands will be developed to reshape urban areas and a 10 year National Investment Plan to support the implementation of the NPF through capital investment.

It is anticipated that the NPF will be approved by Government in early 2018. It will be implemented regionally through Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES). SDCC is part of the Dublin Strategic Planning area.

SDCC will also be making a submission on the EMRA RSES Issues papers of which the members will be kept informed.

Mr. Keaney responded to questions raised by Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr. P. Donovan and Neil Durkin.

**The Report was NOTED**

**H.I.6 Weston Aerodrome - Update**

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Brian Keaney, Senior Planner, presented the report.

He explained that the consultation took place over a six week period from 13th July to 24th August 2017.

Submissions focussed on three main areas:

1. Future Development
2. Economic Development and
3. Capacity for Tourism

A total of 824 valid submissions were received during the public consultation period which were read, analysed and summarised in the Chief Executive’s Report attached.

It was agreed by the meeting to bring the report back to the SPC in January as the Chief Executives Report was quite lengthy and members would need to take time to read it.

**This was AGREED**

**H.1.7 School Bus Study – Update**

Laura Leonard, A/DOS gave a verbal update on the School Bus Study indicating that the matter should be kept on the agenda until engagement with the relevant Government Departments has concluded.

This approach was agreed by the members and **NOTED**

**H.1.8 AOB**

There were no items under this heading

**The meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.”**

(ii) Minutes of Meeting 18th September 2017

“**PRESENT:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr Wm Lavelle (Chair) | E. Taaffe | Director of Services |
| Cllr P. Donovan | L. Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr M. Murphy | W. Purcell | Senior Executive Engineer |
| Cllr L. O’Toole | R. Dwyer | Heritage Officer |
| Cllr P. Gogarty | D. Keogh | Road Safety Officer |
| Cllr R. Nolan |  |  |
| Cllr. E. Higgins (Observer) | | |
| **Non-Elected Members:** | | |
| Neil Durkan, Siobhan Butler | | |

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Wm. Lavelle presided.**

**H.I. 1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 25th May 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Wm Lavelle, seconded by Cllr. R. Nolan and **AGREED.**

**H.I. 2. DRAFT BIODIVERSITY PLAN**

Ms. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer made a presentation on the Draft Biodiversity plan and outlined that the plan which is at draft stage will go forward for a period of public consultation and when adopted be in place for 6 years.

[Presentation on Biodiversity Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=68073d57-f072-4cc9-a59d-a80400a08c86)

[Draft Biodiversity Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=10b6172a-5b81-42d1-9ff0-a80400a178b0)

Following a discussion with queries and contributions made by Cllrs Gogarty, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Donovan, Cllr O’Toole, Cllr Lavelle, and Ms. S. Butler. Ms. Dwyer thanked members for their positive comments and answered the questions and queries raised.

Cllr Lavelle thanked Ms. Dwyer for making the presentation. The report was **NOTED**

It was then agreed to vary the order on the agenda and take HI.5 at this point

**H.I. 5 ROAD SAFETY OFFICER - PRESENTATION**

Mr. Declan Keogh, new Road Safety Officer was introduced and welcomed. A presentation was made by the Road Safety Officer outlining his role and his programme of work for the coming months.

[Road Safety Officer Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=6ab6bc38-960a-4405-bc58-a66a00bb6341)

Cllrs. R. Nolan, P. Gogarty, W. Lavelle and Ms. S. Butler welcomed Declan and contributed to the discussion. The report was **NOTED**

**H.I. 3 POLICY ON PRIVATE SIGNS ON PUBLIC ROADS**

Mr. E. Taaffe, presented the draft policy document pointing out its context, objectives and implementation to members.

[Draft Policy Private Signs (Way-Finding) on Public Roads](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=c61cd2e5-349d-4944-936e-a80400a5578c)

Mr. Taaffe responded to questions raised by Cllrs and it was AGREED that members consider the draft policy and that it be brought back to the next meeting of the SPC.

**H.I.4 WESTON AERODROME UPDATE**

E. Taaffe, DOS gave the report update on the public consultation process carried out on the Review of the Land Use Planning Framework Governing the Future Development and Operation of Weston Aerodrome.

Cllrs. Lavelle, Nolan, O’Toole and Gogarty contributed to the discussion and raised questions, Mr. Taaffe responded to questions raised and the update was **NOTED**

**H.1.6 TALLAGHT LAP UPDATE**

E. Taaffe, DOS gave the report update on the pre-draft public consultation process carried out on the Tallaght LAP and acknowledged that a report on same would be brought to the ACM.

Cllrs. Murphy, Gogarty, Lavelle, and Siobhan Butler contributed to the discussion and raised questions, Mr. Taaffe responded to questions raised and the update was **NOTED**

**H.I. 7. CLONBURRIS SDZ UPDATE**

E. Taaffe, DOS gave the report update on progress to date on the Clonburris SDZ, mentioning the forthcoming launch of the Draft Plan and the commencement of the statutory consultation phase thereafter.

Cllrs. Nolan and Lavelle contributed to the discussion and the update was **NOTED**

**H.I. 8 A.O.B.**

1. The Committees attention was brought to responses to correspondence issued on foot of a decision at the last SPC and received from the National Transport Authority, Minister for Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport and Minister for Department of Education & Skills in respect of School Bus Pilot. L. Leonard, S.E.O. advised that follow up was required from the executive and an update would be brought to next SPC
2. Councillor Lavelle before the meeting concluded noted that it was his last meeting as chair and expressed his thanks to staff for their support over the last 3 years. He wished incoming chair Cllr. E. Higgins well in the role.

**The meeting concluded at 7.10p.m.”**

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**H4f/1217** **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were CONSIDERED:

1. Report of Meeting 29th November 2017

“**Attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Officials** |
| Cllr. D. O’Donovan | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. Emma Murphy | A. Casserly Sports Officer |
| Cllr Jonathon Graham | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
| Cllr Kenneth Egan | B. Leonard Administrative Officer |
| Cllr Vicki Casserly | A Lane Administrative Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | Cathy Purdy Administrative Officer |
| L Olagoke PPN | Maria Finn Senior Staff Officer |

Noel McCaffrey, Medex programme, DCU

Dr S Kennedy, Tallaght Hospital, HSE

**Apologies:**, Cllr S. Holland

Chair D O’Donovan welcomed new member from the PPN L. Olagoke to the SPC

**Minutes of September 2017 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in September 2017 which have been circulated were proposed by Cllr. O’ Donovan, seconded by Cllr. Vicki Casserly and agreed.

**Medex Programme**

1. Coman introduced Noel McCaffrey and Dr Sean Kennedy to the committee and gave a brief outline of the programme which will be delivered on a pilot basis initially atTallaght Leisure Centre.

Noel McCaffrey showed the committee a video clip on the programme ([**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0ZJOBoBVc4**](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&d=8Laf2ur8BslW6JqP8Slo3Da2jLKxLp0USf1Vn_Z4gg&s=344&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dr0ZJOBoBVc4)) and a slide show presentation, Dr Kennedy also gave a presentation on the statistics of SDCC area.

There was discussion in relation to the affordability/accessibility of the programme, while there would be a modest fee B. Coman is conscious of some people’s ability to meet this cost and that the matter was under consideration.

It is hoped to have the programme up and running on a pilot basis in Q1 of 2018

**SICAP**

A Lane gave a report to the committee on SICAP. It is currently being operated by SICAP and managed by the LCDC. The new round of SICAP has gone to tender and is in the final stages with a view to starting in the New Year.

**RAPID**

A Lane gave a brief report on the history of RAPID. There is a new round of funding, SDCC has been allocated €64,500. The LCDC has targeted the area of transportation. The funding was advertised for applications with a closing date of 24/11/17. 22 applications were received (some from outside the county, these will not be considered). LCDC to determine the successful applications on the 9/12/17.

There will be more funding available in 2018.

**Social Inclusion Week**

1. Finn updated the committee on Social Inclusion Week which took place from 20th to 27th November. Events were very well attended with great input from groups across the county. There were more events this year than last year. Maria acknowledged the support of the councillors and that it was always appreciated.

There were literacy awareness training courses which was attended by all new entrants into SDCC

The chair confirmed that there was €5,000 set aside in the budget for an intercultural cook off where groups would swap recipes and go head to head in a cook off.

Social inclusion week next year will be from 19th to the 25th November 2018

**Anti-Snap Locks Security Scheme Update**

C Purdy gave a report on the scheme. It was launched in 2016 (it was funded through the Cllrs overseas expenses). In the first year it was oversubscribed, the budget was then increased in 2017. At the end of October 2017 650 locks have been installed. In 2018 the scheme will run again and will included a selection of locks for front and back doors. Carruthers will be the contractor again in 2018. C Purdy acknowledged the hard work of the Community services admin section in delivering the scheme

**Marathon kids programme & Late Night Leagues (LNL)**

This is the 1st year Marathon Kids will be run in SDCC, South Dublin County Council along with Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council have organised this 8 week programme targeting 5th & 6th Class students in schools in Fingal and Dublin City. Students will perform four running sessions each week inching them closer to completing their first marathon as well as learning about the benefits of physical activity. The final was on the 30/11/17 where students ran their last mile and completing the marathon at the National Cross Country Course located at the National Sports Campus in Santry. 800 pupils have participated and feedback from teachers has been very positive.

LNL – officially aimed at 12 to 18 year olds. In 3 areas in the county Lucan, Tallaght and Clondalkin. 200 to 300 attending each night. It is delivered over a 4 week period, in order to maintain interest SDCC have their own finals to take place on the 1/12/17. The regional finals will take place on the 8/12/17 in Irishtown.

**AOB**

B Coman informed the committee that as a result of a motion at the OP&F that further discussion will be required at this SPC

 Sport Capital – €0.7m to SDCC. We had the one of the lowest rejection rates. Full listing available on DTTAS website

  Tribute paid to staff in the community admin team and the community development team on the Endeavour Awards. Next Year’s awards to take place on 7/12/18

  The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm

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The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.”

(ii) Minutes of Meeting 12th September 2017

“**Attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Officials** |
| Cllr. D. O’Donovan | B. Coman Director |
| Cllr. Emma Murphy | A. Casserly Sports Officer |
| G. Ní Mhuirí PPN | P. McAlerney Senior Community Officer |
|  | B. Leonard A/Administrative Officer |
|  | Maria Finn Senior Staff Officer |

**Apologies:**, Cllr. K. Egan, Cllr V Casserly, Cllr S. Holland, L. Olagoke, PPN

**Minutes of May 2017 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in May 2017 which have been circulated were proposed by Cllr. O’ Donovan, seconded by Cllr. Emma Murphy and agreed.

There was discussion around the Flavours of South Dublin Festival, it was reported as being a success

**Endeavour Awards**

P. McAlerney gave a presentationon the Endeavour Awards that are going to be held on the 25th November 2017 in the Red Cow Hotel. P. McAlerney explained that the awards categories were going to stay the same with the exception of the Gradam na Gaeilge, this category is going to be expanded to include Culture, Language, History and Heritage. P. McAlerney highlighted the importance of the Corporate Endeavour award as it was good for PR for local business.

P. McAlerney also explained the nomination process and that there would be self- application/nomination only for all award categories, with the exception of the Corporate Endeavour Award and Volunteer of the Year which are open for Community Groups to nominate businesses and individual volunteers.

The awards will be advertised from 25th September, closing date for applications is 13th October.

**Health & Wellbeing Week**

B. Coman reported to the Committee that Health and Wellbeing week will be launched on the 18th September in Tallaght Stadium. Dr Eva Ormsby will speak at the launch and an invitation has also being extended to Henry Sheffllin to attend the launch.

The Health and Wellbeing week brochure was distributed to the committee, the brochure lists the many events that are due to take place over the course of the week.

**Community Grants**

P. McAlerney gave a presentationon the community grants. The first round of grants were advertised in March 2017 and 53 application were recommended and approved by Council. The second round of grants was advertised on the 28th August with a closing date of 22nd September, it is hoped to have the recommendations for full Council in November.

P. McAlerney explained to the committee that there was already a formal assessment and appeal system in place but this is being reviewed at the moment to make groups aware of it. Where groups are refused the Community staff discuss the refusals with the individual groups where queries are raised. P. McAlerney explained the 7 assessment principles applied to each application and the difficulty in applying these principles to a stringent marking scheme

**Healthy County Steering Group**

B. Coman informed the committee that this was an inter-agency group that is involved in research to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in the County and is linked with Healthy Ireland. The group has been involved in a number of initiatives such as

* Smoking cessation for women – there already 4 programmes with another one due in Clondalkin. There is an 80% success rate. Under a train the trainer practice, local people are trained to deliver the programmes
* Alcohol Misuse Support with the Delivery of the National Community Action on Alcohol Programme in partnership with Tallaght and Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Forces
* Physical Activity Implementation of the National Physical Activity Plan at local level

A Communication Plan for the Healthy County group to interact with the wider community has recently been developed and will be delivered in the coming months.

**Social Inclusion Week**

M. Finn updated the committee on the progress for Social Inclusion Week, which will take place from 20th to 27th November. Over 100 events have been organised for the week. The brochure listing the events is due to be printed in mid-October and will be circulated to the committee.

**AOB**

B. Coman informed the Committee about a proposal to introduce the Medex programme that is currently being run in DCU by Noel McCaffrey. It is a community-based chronic illness rehabilitation programme delivered to pre and post operation patients. The programme is on a referral basis only and is clinically proven. SDCC will be the pilot Local Authority to deliver the programme. It will either delivered in Tallaght or Clondalkin Leisure Centre. Noel McCaffey will deliver a presentation to the SPC meeting in November.

Also noted:

SDCC were nominated for 6 awards for the All Ireland Chamber Awards

SDCC have 5 nominations for Pride Of Place Awards

The Sports Partnership Strategy launch will take place on the 20th September at 7pm.

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The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.”

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H5/1217 REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED:**

1. [JPC Report November](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=57792)

**South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Report**

The Joint Policing Committee met on Friday 24th November 2017 in County Hall Tallaght

Documents presented at the meeting are available on the cmas system.

**Attendance: Committee Members:**

Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan (Chair), Cllr Mick Duff; Cllr. Paul Gogarty (Mayor); Cllr Emma Hendrick; Cllr Cathal King; Cllr Ed O’Brien; Cllr. Liona O’Toole; Cllr Mark Ward; John Curran T.D.; Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton; Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley; Billy Coman, SDCC; Gemma Carton (Garda Diversion); Tara Deasy, PPN; Enda Creegan, PPN; Michael Noonan, PPN.,

**In attendance:** Noreen Byrne, North Clondalkin, Lucan & Palmerstown LPF; Pat Clavin, CAB; Declan O’Reilly, CAB; Gearoid Begley, CAB; Nigel Petrie, CAB; Karen Shelly, Policing Authority; Andy Lane, SDCC; Hugh Hogan, SDCC; Art Toley; Superintendent Brendan Connolly, An Garda Síochána; Superintendent John Gordon, An Garda Síochána; Inspector Peter Burke, An Garda Síochána;

**Apologies:** Ann Corrigan, PPN; Cathy Purdy

The following is summary of business of the JPC:

1. **Criminal Assets Bureau**

A short presentation on the work of the Criminal Assets Bureau. In the discussion that followed the following points were raised;

* What happens to the money raised and how is it distributed. The CAB has no authority or interest in the distribution of any money raised. The money goes to the exchequer and is held centrally.
* What is the role of CAB in terms of those who are spending the lifestyle of the very wealthy but have no assets. The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection would be involved.

**2 Minutes of the Last meeting**

Agreed

**3 Local Policing Fora Report**

The joint report was circulated on behalf of the four local policing fora in Clondalkin, D12, North Clondalkin and Tallaght:

**Clondalkin LPF:** The Clondalkin section of the report was noted.

* Brief report on the Public Meeting in October 2017 given
* St. Cuthbert’s Park ongoing issues in terms of ASB and scramblers, request made to reconvene the high level meeting on the Park which had happened earlier in the year, to be addressed by the Council’s Public Realm section

**D12 LPF:** The D12 section of the report was noted with the last public meeting held on the 19th September 2017.

* Gangs had been targeting older people in the D12 area

**North Clondalkin LPF:** The North Clondalkin Report covered:

* Balgaddy response awaited from SDCC
* The Public meeting held in November 2017
* Progression of a LPF or similar in the Lucan area to be considered at the next LPF Management Committee
* Area based workshops
* Halloween
* Scramblers

**West Tallaght LPF:** The West Tallaght Report covered:

* The Public meeting in October 2017.
* Issues regarding ASB in Fettercairn thanking the Gardaí for their support. A meeting will be held and members of the JPC will be informed of the outcome.

**4 Garda Reports**

Reports were circulated by Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton on behalf of the DMRS region and by Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley on behalf of the DMRW region.

In the ensuing discussion the following points were made:

* Defrosting cars and leaving keys in the ignition was making it easy for car theft.
* There were no public order issues in relation to recent festivals in Weston Airport
* High level of thefts from cars in Lucan and the public need to be educated in how to protect their cars.
* Tips for staying safe at Christmas the Gardaí will circulate to members
* Public order offences are often linked to drinking
* The impact of the growing population of young people in the Lucan area
* Older people and the trauma of crime, the Gardaí do link with Public Health Nurses and Meals on Wheels

**Domestic Violence**: Statistics were given for the first time.

**Seniors Alert Scheme: This** was raised and it was explained how community groups can register to be involved. The following link gives details:

<https://www.pobal.ie/FundingProgrammes/Seniors%20Alert%20Scheme/Pages/Seniors%20Alert%20Scheme.aspx>

**Rathcoole Garda Sub district:** There had been no reduction in numbers of Gardaí in Rathcoole, 10 new Gardaí had been allocated to Ballyfermot and Gardaí had been moved around as a consequence, placing experienced Gardaí where needed.

**5 South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2022**

In relation to parks:

* It was noted that the Gardaí had a role into the design of new parks
* The JPC to inform the Environment JPC of issues relating to community safety in parks, the policing of existing parks and to contribute to the Parks Strategy
* The design of parks is an issue if park gates are being left open

Other points made were:

* That the JPC needs to be more strategic around the drug issue
* The Council are currently carrying out an on-line survey of young people in the county.

The South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2022 as set out was agreed.

**6 Community Based CCTV**

The JPC agreed that it did not support the two applications for Community Based CCTV from:

* Kiltipper Property Management Company Limited (Marlfield)
* Carrigmore Domain, Owners Management Company Limited (Citywest)

as they did not meet the criteria and had not been approved by the local authority and Gardaí.

**7 Drug Subcommittee**

The Drug Subcommittee had received a good presentation on newer types of drugs, the Dark Net and drug intimidation

**8 Upcoming JPC Meetings**

The next meeting is set for: Friday 26th January 2018.

1. [**JPC Strategic Plan 2016-2022**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57793)

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H6/1217 REQUESTS FROM AREA COMMITTEES**

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q18 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Q1/1217 DOG WARDENS LITTERWARDENS**

**QUESTION:** **Councillor S. Holland**

To ask the Chief Executive how many dog wardens, and how many litter wardens

patrol the county?

**REPLY:**

The Council currently employs two full time Dog Wardens and five full time Litter Wardens.

The Dog Warden's role is the enforcement of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 as amended.  This includes:

* responding to complaints relating to dogs not under effectual control and/or dangerous dogs
* carrying out of Licence Checks and the initiation of enforcement proceedings where possible
* seizure and collection of unwanted/stray dogs and removal to the Dog Pound.

Dog Wardens investigate complaints received regarding dogs wheresoever the complaint emanates.

The role of the Litter Warden includes:

* the enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended
* Casual Trading Acts and Bye-Laws
* elements of the Waste Management Act and associated regulations
* matters relating to the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and associated regulations.

Primarily the Litter Warden Role relates to the investigation of complaints of dumping in various locations, including Council's Parks, and the initiation of enforcement proceedings where possible.  They also patrol the county villages and areas prone to regular dumping incidents.

**Q2/1217 DOG FOULING FINES**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor S. Holland**

To ask the Chief Executive how many fines have been issued in respect of dog fouling year to date?

**REPLY:**

Dog fouling is an offence under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, as amended. Under this Act the person in charge of the dog is subject to a fine or prosecution if he/ she does not immediately remove any faeces deposited by their dog in certain places, and/ or if that person fails to ensure that their dog litter is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.

To date in 2017 no fines have issued in respect of dog fouling. The difficulty with enforcement of this particular section of the Act is the requirement for witness testimony, to report that the offence happened and that an identified person is the person in charge of the dog. Therefore the Council continues to encourage residents groups and/ or individuals to assist the Warden Service in this regard.

As part of our Environmental Awareness programme an anti-dog fouling advert runs in the local cinema on an ongoing basis.

The responsible dog owner campaign with Green Dog Walkers is promoted at Environmental Awareness events and is also being rolled out to all licence renewals with sample bio degradable bags promoting the scheme.  In addition a Green Dog Walkers competition is currently running to encourage dog owners to register with the scheme. This is being advertised through Social media, email and PPN.

Anti-Dog fouling signs have also been erected, based on a demonstrated need in areas prone to on-going dog littering, and subject to suitability of the location.

Dog poo dispensers were piloted at 2 parks (Rathfarnham and Rathcoole) along with the issuing of dog poo bags with renewal of dog licenses.

**Q3/1217 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor S. Holland**

To ask the Chief Executive whether any talks have taken place with regard to replicating the O'Cualann Housing Co-Operative Affordable housing project here in South Dublin - they key to achieving this project was availability of discounted local authority land.

**REPLY:**

We are awaiting details of an Affordable Housing Scheme from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government before discussions can take place**.** To date also no group or Housing Co-operative has presented with a request.

**Q4/1217 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the services provided by the Council, the DHRE and affiliated bodies to rough sleepers in the Council's administrative area during the winter months, and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The most recent rough sleeper count took place in November 2017.  Areas identified by Councillors and members of the public were visited to ensure an accurate count.

The Council operates an outreach service and multi-agency approach to address rough sleepers across the County.  The Outreach worker works closely with the HSE in particular in identifying rough sleepers and sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services. The needs of rough sleepers are often very complex and challenging and require a comprehensive and coordinated approach. The Homeless Forum under the auspice of the South Dublin County Partnership is as part of its work plan for 2017 has established a Homeless Action Team which is focusing on single persons and known rough sleepers.  It is expected this will continue into 2018.

Killininny House offers accommodation for single men and additional placements as step down/transitional in Glenn na Horna in Springfield. Other hostel type accommodation is operated through the Central Placement Services and is not in the control of this local authority, and as a result the service can only offer the accommodation that is available on any given day.

**Q5/1217 DEPRIVATION INDEX**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has noted the Pobal HP Deprivation Index as recently published; to ask if he has taken particular note of areas noted as disadvantaged due to elderly populations with fixed incomes and age-based dependencies; and to ask what steps he will take to address community supports in all areas noted as disadvantaged.

**REPLY:**

The Census 2016 HP Deprivation Index identifies the following Electoral Districts as having a deprivation index of greater than minus 15:- Cappaghmore, Rowlagh and Moorfield in Clondalkin, Avonbeg, Fettercairn, Killinarden and Tymon in Tallaght. None of these have a high age dependency ratio which is a measure showing the number of dependents, aged zero to 14 and over the age of 65, to the total population, aged 15 to 64. The Electoral Districts with a score of above 40 in the County are Ballyroan and Butterfield in Rathfarnham, Millbrook, Tallaght; Cypress and Orwell in Templeogue and Greentrees and St James in Terenure (49.8% the highest age dependency ratio in the County).

The above does not show the whole picture as you need to drill down to the Small Area statistics to identify pockets of deprivation and high age dependency ratios. Two examples of this are:

* The Liscarne area of Moorfield ED which has a population of 97, Deprivation Index of minus 32 and an age dependency ratio of 66. The percentage of the population over 55 years old in this small area is 77.3%. (19.6% in the ED and 18.8% for the County). This is the highest deprivation index in the County and the area consists mainly of the Liscarne OPD dwellings which are managed and supported by the Council and the HSE.
* The St Anthony’s Crescent area of Terenure St James ED which has a population of 175, Deprivation Index of minus 24 and an age dependency ratio of 64. The percentage of the population over 55 years old in this small area is 57%. (42% in the ED and 18.8% for the County).

Consideration of the Deprivation Index is a core factor in determining need for supports as relevant particularly in the Local Economic and Community Plan Objectives and actions.

 Community supports required differ according to area and need and the two examples above indicate very different needs but do not reflect the supports and inputs into those areas already. In terms of older aged citizens the Council has the Age Friendly County Strategy, which is currently being revised. The existing strategy can be found at: [**http://www.sdcc.ie/sites/default/files/publications/south-dublin-age-friendly- county-strategy-2012-2015.pdf**](http://www.sdcc.ie/sites/default/files/publications/south-dublin-age-friendly-%09county-strategy-2012-2015.pdf)

In addition the very successful 55+ Daily Activity Planner 2017 has been revised and published:

[**http://www.sdcc.ie/sites/default/files/publications//b22958-55plus-county- daily-activity-planner-2017-pdf-suitable-for-web.pdf**](http://www.sdcc.ie/sites/default/files/publications//b22958-55plus-county-%09daily-activity-planner-2017-pdf-suitable-for-web.pdf)

 Also there is the widely supported and successful Bealtaine Festival and Health and Wellbeing

**Q6/1217 COMMERATIONS**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive how the Council intends to commemorate the significant anniversaries with local connections in 2018; in particular, the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One, the Anti-Conscription campaign and the 1918 election, and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The State's *Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme* was underpinned by a supportive structure of public consultation and guiding principles set out in the initial Statement of the Expert Advisory Group to the Government on Commemorations. This was mirrored in South Dublin with the establishment of a Commemorations Committee of elected members, an extensive consultation process and grants applications process to support the preparation and running of the very successful 2016 Commemorations Programme.

Between 2018 and 2023, the State will recall significant historical events that took place between 1918 and 1923.  A national consultation process is now underway to stimulate a public conversation around how the significant and sensitive historical events that took place during that period and related themes might be appropriately remembered.  The Government will continue to be supported in its approach by the Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations.  The commemorative programme for the second half of the Decade of Centenaries will be inclusive, respectful and authentic, with the objective of promoting a deeper understanding of differing perspectives on this sensitive period in our shared history.

Each local authority is now invited to participate in this public consultation process and further information is available at the link [https://www.chg.gov.ie/news-centre/news-centre- consultations/](https://www.chg.gov.ie/news-centre/news-centre-%09consultations/) , including a timeline of significant historical events and themes.

The Second Statement of the Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations has recently been published and it contains guiding principles to support interested parties navigate the turbulent historical period that followed the 1916 Easter Rising until the admission of the Irish Free State into the League of Nations in 1923.  You can view the Second Statement by clicking here:  [https://www.chg.gov.ie/app/uploads/2017/10/2017-04-10-final-second- statement-english-1.pdf](https://www.chg.gov.ie/app/uploads/2017/10/2017-04-10-final-second-%09statement-english-1.pdf) .

The closing date for return of submissions is 31st January 2018 and all submissions must be accompanied by a completed Submission Cover Sheet (which can be found at the link [https://www.chg.gov.ie/news-centre/news-centre-consultations/](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&amp;d=9JuW2mbxwIbiPpDFWZ9OPbqvX_S2xDVyal_tCZZgow&amp;s=344&amp;u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2echg%2egov%2eie%2fnews-centre%2fnews-centre-consultations%2f) ).  In preparing your submission, you may also wish to consult with interested parties throughout the county (such as historical societies, local commemorative committees, etc.) to seek their ideas and views. Any queries should be directed to the Decade of Centenary Commemorations Unit via email ([commemorations@chg.gov.ie](mailto:commemorations@chg.gov.ie)) or by telephone (01 675 5918/5915).

Through the Creative Ireland Programme, which is a legacy programme of the 1916 Commemorations, the Council’s Culture Team may explore these events thematically for public participatory events. The Council’s Creative Ireland South Dublin Strategy is currently engaged in public consultation and consultation meeting was held in Rua Red on November 27th and another in the Clondalkin Round Tower at 5.30pm on 11th December. Submissions can now be made as part of this process and should be sent to [Anolan@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:Anolan@sdublincoco.ie). The 2018 Creative Ireland Plan will be finalized in January 2018. Information on the South Dublin Creative Ireland plan is available here [http://www.sdcc.ie/services/parks-and- recreation/arts/creative-ireland](http://www.sdcc.ie/services/parks-and-%09recreation/arts/creative-ireland)

**Q7/1217 BULBS NOT BONFIRES**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor R. McMahon**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the Bulbs not Bonfires initiative for 2017. How many applications were there and how it compared to 2016.

**REPLY:**

**Bulbs not Bonfires – Applications for the month of October.**

Bulbs not Bonfires is a reward through the Council’s Social Credits Scheme. This scheme rewards community groups for undertaking pro-environmental / non bonfire orientated Halloween activities and projects. The Bulbs not Bonfires initiative provides communities with flowers in the spring instead of a scarred open space throughout the year. This year’s theme is Safe Halloween, which was advertised on the website, Membersnet, social media and email. Community groups, environmental groups, resident associations and schools can apply outlining a plan to create a Safe Halloween. Applicants are requested to submit details of their project before the closing date 13th October in order to receive bulbs or planting before Halloween. Applicants nominate the site location for planting and submit photos of the site along with their applications.

The below table sets out the comparison of applications over the last number of years:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Year | No. bags ordered | No. of bags collected |
| 2013 | 120 | 120 |
| 2014 | 120 | 120 |
| 2015 | 120 | 120 |
| 2016 | 140 | 132 |
| 2017 | 140 | 140 |

**Q8/1217 HOUSING RENTS**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor R. McMahon**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the current situation with regard to the collection of housing rents and overdue rents. With specific detail as regards the number and amount of accounts in arrears as opposed to the number up to date. How does our overdue rents as a percentage compare to other Local Authorities in the Dublin region.

[Q8 Housing Rents](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57771)

**Q9/1217 SEVERE WEATHER AND EMERGENCY COVER**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what plans are in place to deal with emergencies over the Christmas period; will he give details in that regard and will he make a statement.

**REPLY:**

The Winter Gritting season has already commenced and SDCC gritters have been out on a number of occasions. The Council’s Winter Maintenance Plan 2017/18 has been presented to Area Committees in November, see link <http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=55550>

An emergency service is provided where members of the public seeking assistance in an emergency can contact the Council's out of hours emergency number at 01 4574907.

Crews from Roads, Water and Drainage, Housing and the Public Realm are on call to deal with flooding, fallen trees, frozen/burst pipes and other weather related incidents.

In the event of severe adverse weather the elected members, the public and business community will be kept advised of the ongoing situation using the Council’s Website, Twitter, Facebook, E-Mail, SMS text and regular press releases.

Winter Ready information is available on the Councils website and provides useful guidance for members of the public in dealing with adverse weather conditions.

[**http://winterready.ie/**](http://winterready.ie/)

**Q10/1217 REPORT ON HOMELESS 2017**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to present an end of year report on his dealings with the homeless crisis giving details of the current numbers involved in that regard and also confirming his efforts to ensure that these families are all being catered for within the County boundary.

**REPLY:**

The Council is understanding of the difficulties of those experiencing homelessness.  Those homeless can be categorised as: families, single persons and rough sleepers.

**Families**

Previously the only option available to the Council was to give families presenting as homeless the option to self-accommodate. This enabled families to source their own accommodation more suitable to their needs as opposed to being placed in a designated location and also gives families the option to source accommodation outside the County if necessary and should they wish to do so.  Families who present as homeless are given advice on how the Self Accommodation option operates by staff in the Homeless Unit. This is a practice that will be phased out as alternative accommodation become available. The Council does not have the required resources to source emergency accommodation for families who present as homeless.

Family Hubs are the preferred model of temporary accommodation for homeless families with assistance to move on to a home of their own. They represent a better, more caring and more cost-effective alternative to commercial hotels and B&B's.

Hubs are available at Tallaght Cross, The Abberley and Respond Gleann na hEorna in Tallaght. These facilities will when fully completed cater for in excess of 100 families.  The DRHE is currently examining the possibility of acquiring another Hub in the County.

We continue to work with the DRHE and look for suitable locations or property throughout the County which could be used to provide emergency accommodation and will keep the Council briefed.

While it is not possible to accommodate persons close to their chosen areas close to schools and services etc. all families have recently been provided with a LEAP Card to access public transport.

**Single People**

Killininny House offers accommodation for single men and additional placements are available as 'step down/transitional' in Gleann na hEorna in Springfield. Other hostel type accommodation is operated through the Central Placement Services and is not in the control of this local authority and as a result the service can only offer the accommodation that is available on any given day.

**Rough Sleepers**

The most recent rough sleeper count took place in November 2017.  Areas identified as being used by rough sleepers by councillors and members of the public were visited to ensure an accurate count.

The Council operates an outreach service and multi-agency approach to address rough sleepers across the County.  The Outreach worker works closely with the HSE in particular in identifying rough sleepers and sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services. The needs of rough sleepers are often very complex and challenging and require a comprehensive and coordinated approach. A Homeless Action Team meets which focuses on single persons and known rough sleepers.

**Homeless Unit**

South Dublin County Council has a unit dedicated to providing assistance to those who find themselves homeless.  A clinic is in operation 5 days a week in County Hall, Tallaght.   The unit has offered advice and assistance to large numbers in 2017.

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|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | **Oct** | Nov | Dec |
| **No. of Registered Homeless** | 437 | 447 | 459 | 469 | 461 | 416 | 462 | 465 | 447 | **459** |  |  |
| Single Male | 192 | 193 | 201 | 202 | 204 | 181 | 207 | 210 | 207 | **203** |  |  |
| Single Female | 48 | 46 | 51 | 52 | 54 | 46 | 47 | 50 | 48 | **47** |  |  |
| Couples | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 11 | **10** |  |  |
| Families | 195 | 206 | 205 | 213 | 199 | 182 | 198 | 194 | 181 | **199** |  |  |

This housing crisis has placed great demand on all social housing units available in the County.  The Homeless Unit with assistance from the other housing agencies, and by supporting applicants to access the HAP scheme, have been able to move large numbers into long term social housing and other tenancies using the HAP scheme.  hese are detailed in the table below:

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|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | **Oct** | Nov | Dec | TOTAL |
| **No. Allocations** | 8 | 17 | 22 | 8 | 39 | 20 | 37 | 37 | 36 | **40** |  |  | 264 |
| REFUSALS OF HOUSING |  |  | 2 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | **2** |  |  | 35 |
| Social Housing | 6 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 6 | **2** |  |  | 66 |
| AHB |  | 4 | 1 |  | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 15 | **11** |  |  | 51 |
| Homeless HAP | 2 | 7 | 20 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 19 | 27 | 15 | **27** |  |  | 147 |

**Q11/1217 BOARDED UP HOUSES**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what actions he is taking to deal with boarded up Council houses across the County; will he give details in respect of each electoral area and will he state the average waiting time before such houses are returned to the housing stock and will he make a statement.

**REPLY:**

In terms of our own Council social housing stock there are currently 32 units under various stages of works to bring back up to letting standards. The average turnaround time is approx. 9 weeks.

**Q12/1217 ESTATE MANAGEMENT/SAFETY FORUM**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm his commitment to the Estate Management/Safety Forum programme in the County; will he appreciate the important work being undertaken by these groups under difficult circumstances; will he give assurances in respect of his support and will he make a statement.

**REPLY:**

The Council does and will continue to support the work of the Estate Management /Safety Forums throughout the county and regular meetings are held upon which a number of staff are members and attend such meetings. Estate Management Officers also support these groups with plant and materials when work is being carried out within the areas.

Staff of the Housing Department also recently took a stand at the recent Celebrating Diversity -Connecting people event, organised by the South West Clondalkin Community Safety Forum to support integration of local migrant communities in South West Clondalkin, held in the Bawnogue Community Centre on Tuesday 28th November.

**Q13/1217 STORM OPHELIA DAMAGE**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will present a report detailing the effects on the Council's Tree Programme arising from the challenges presented on Ophelia Day 16th October last; will he give details on the number of Trees damaged in that regard and give an update on actions being taken in the matter.

**REPLY:**

Arising from storm Ophelia on October 16th last, the Council’s tree maintenance crews removed 58 trees and carried out remedial tree pruning works on 32 trees across the county. The clean-up operation and associated remedial works on trees post storm Ophelia took precedence over the Council’s planned Tree Maintenance Programme for a period of approximately 3 weeks.

**Q14/1217 LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2022**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask when a meeting will be held to discuss the Library Development Plan 2018 – 2022 and will councillors be able to make submissions/enter motions.

**REPLY:**

"Councillors were invited by email on 12th October to complete an online survey on South Dublin County Council's Library Development Plan 2018-2022. Councillors were also invited to attend a public consultation in the County Library on 9th November 2017. A link to the survey and a call for submissions was posted on SDCC's submissions portal on the website and a posting on the Intranet also invited Council staff to partake in the survey. This was posted on 12th October and remained there until the 2nd November. In addition a press release to local newspapers was issued inviting participation in the survey and/or to send in submissions. Hard copies of the survey were available in all our branch libraries and the survey was also available on public PCs in our branch libraries.

Councillors can still make submissions on the Library Development Plan 2018-2022 to the County Librarian. It is hoped to collate the information and present a draft report to Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC in early 2018."

**Q15/1217 RECYCLING CANS**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask that SDCC look at can crushers at public parks to increase recycling and bring a cost and report to the Environment SPC for discussion?

**REPLY:**

The Council does not provide nor operate can crushing type equipment at the recycling bring banks or at the civic amenity.  Most glass recycling bring bank sites in the County also have a can receptacle as well as a number of glass receptacles and it is proposed that these facilities will continue to be provided and expanded on around the County, and that many such facilities are located in public parks.  It should also be noted that the household green bin accepts cans, both aluminium and tin, and therefore there would appear to be no requirement for the provision of additional facilities around the County to accept cans. The Council's return for the National Waste Report in 2016 shows that a total of 4,429 tonnes of glass was recycled through the glass recycling bring bank network in the County while a total of 23 tonnes of cans was recycled.

**Q16/1217 JUNK COLLECTIONS**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask for an estimated cost of annual junk collections for SDCC and cost of Junk clean-up for the last 3 years and would SDCC consider a Junk Collection in high dumping areas?

**REPLY:**

Household junk collections were discontinued by South Dublin County Council over 8 years ago.

At that time the service was provided to approximately 20,000 houses per year at an annual cost of over €500,000 to the Council.  This annual cost could not be sustained and therefore the service was discontinued.

The junk collection service was provided at a frequency of once in every three years to homes located in RAPID areas, and once in every five years to all other areas.

It is thought unlikely that the illegal dumping which takes place in this County would be prevented by the provision of such a service on a once in three or once in five year basis.  Also, the provision of this service would do nothing to address the illegal burning of black bag waste which takes place regularly in certain parts of the County.

No charge was levied for the junk collection when it was provided previously, and this is in conflict with the "Polluter Pays Principle".  To reintroduce the service now on a similar basis would be in direct conflict with National and EU waste policy, and also the new Waste Plan for the Eastern Midlands Regions in this regard.

No such financial provision has been made in the 2018 Revenue Budget for such service.

**Q17/1217 HALLOWEEN 2017**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask for a full report into Halloween clean-up costs and details by area?

**REPLY:**

The burning of waste is prohibited under legislation, and bonfires waste valuable Council resources in the removal and disposal of material, while many communities also suffer from the social, economic and environmental cost of this activity.

As in all previous years, the Councils response this Halloween Season as provided by our Public Realm Section commenced in early / mid-October, at which time every effort was made to collect materials which are being stored on public owned lands and are intended for use on bonfires.

All available resources were deployed to the preventative collections of bonfire materials prior to this Halloween and crews were working through the bank holiday weekend (excluding Sunday 29th October) in response to the reports received.

Due to the large number of reports received it was not physically possible to remove all reported material.

Priority was given to material located beside or very close to houses, park facilities such as playgrounds and pavilions, under overhead services such as power lines, and on main traffic routes (roads/ verges) where a threat may arise to traffic and as directed by the Gardaí.

The exercise to survey and map bonfire sites commenced after Halloween, and **388** bonfires were recorded as follows:

* North of N7 =     148
* South of N7 =     240

All clean-ups have now taken place and reseeding (as appropriate) will commence in Spring 2018.

Interesting statistics to note:

* From mid-October to 31st October, through reports made directly through the offices and through our out of office hours service, the Council was notified of **c 300** locations (excluding duplicate locations) advising of stockpiling.
* a total of **55 tonnes** of bonfire materials was collected by the staff and prevented from being placed on bonfires over the Bank Holiday weekend and including Tuesday 31st October 2017.
* In the two week period prior to Halloween a further quantity of waste materials totalling **156 tonnes** was collected by SDCC staff and it is estimated that the vast majority of this was material intended for bonfires.
* Post Halloween **201** tonnes of waste was removed
* The cost of Halloween 2018 was c €**87,000** including payroll, plant /machinery and waste disposal costs.

The 2017 Halloween strategy, which will be followed in 2018, was similar to the strategy engaged in previous years which also provided for safe and pro-environmental messages and initiatives as follows:

* a [colourful information leaflet](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=d0883cca-0c11-4235-ab04-a80701191e80) providing facts and tips on how to stay safe at Halloween.   The leaflet also contains details of the various family events hosted by South Dublin County Council’s Libraries.
* Door to door WEEE collection prior to Halloween by Recycle IT
* A Halloween pack including information and activity sheets will be made available to all schools
* Halloween Recycle workshops are being carried out in schools
* Bulbs not Bonfires scheme is being provided through the Social Credits Scheme. This is a reward available and the initiative provides communities with flowers in the spring in return for organising alternative Halloween activities which will not harm our environment.
* Passes will be provided to social credits applicants for access to the Civic Amenity Site from the 16th October – 13th November 2017

**Q18/1217 RECYCLING BRING BANKS**

**QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask that a report be brought to members on Recycling banks and what is being done and can be done to increase Recycling banks in SDCC? When will a recycling plan be brought to full council?

**REPLY:**

A review of the County Recycling Strategy was carried out in 2015/2016 and the findings presented to the Environment SPC at the February 2016 meeting.  The report presented is available on CMAS at the following link  [http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=47627http://intranet/cmas/documen tsbyitem.aspx?itemid=47627](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=47627http://intranet/cmas/documen%09tsbyitem.aspx?itemid=47627)

The report gave details of 70 existing bring bank sites in the County which includes glass, can and textile recycling sites and identified a target of 120 to be achieved by the end of the period of the strategy which is the end of 2021.  The report proposed the removal of the requirement to site bring banks a minimum of 50 metres away from the nearest house, and to replace it with a requirement to consult the property owners affected within this radius, and this was agreed by the SPC.  The report also identified a number of actions/next steps to be carried out and these were as follows -

1. Replace bring bank sites lost or expected to be lost in the near future (Brittas Community Centre, Avoca Handweavers and Roadstone Social Club).
2. The requirement to provide additional facilities in the Clondalkin area.  A number of sites (Neilstown Shopping Centre and Rowlagh Community Centre) were assessed in the past but failed the assessment, these should now be re-examined in light of the change in siting requirements.
3. Other sites in other locations were proposed and examined in the past which also failed the assessment.  These sites (Woodford Shopping Centre, Lidl car park on New Nangor Road and Newcastle Village) should now also be re-examined in light of the change in siting requirements.
4. The strategy document identifies 70 bring bank sites in total which are currently in place around the County, 45 of these have glass recycling banks (25 have not) and 38 have textile banks (32 have not).  All 70 sites will now be examined to determine if they are suitable for the placing of containers for both waste streams.
5. The availability of recycling infrastructure around the County will now be examined in it’s totality to determine where any deficits may exist and how these can be addressed.  In this regard the requirement to have a recycling facility within 1km of every house will be examined.

In relation to item 1 above, the sites at Avoca and Roadstone have been retained to date however the site at Brittas which was lost has not yet been replaced.

In relation to sites mentioned at 2 & 3 above, all these have been reassessed and a report on the outcome will presented to the Clondalkin ACM in the New Year.  A total of 2 potential sites have been identified from this process in the Clondalkin area.

The work referred to under items 4 & 5 above is underway but not yet completed.

**H7/1217 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS**

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**H8a/1217 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES /SITES PROPOSED DISPOSAL OFPLOT OF LAND TO GAS NETWORKS IRELAND FOR A DISTRICT REGULATION INSTALLATION (DRI) AT FETTERCAIRN ROAD/KILCARRIG AVENUE, TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24.**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development were **CONSIDERED:**

“As part of a safety review, Gas Networks Ireland applied for planning permission to install a DRI unit on Council owned land at Fettercairn Road/Kilcarrig Avenue, Tallaght, Dublin 24 as outlined in red on attached Indicative Drawing No. PA1041. Planning permission for the installation of the DRI unit was granted on 9 November 2017 – Register Reference SD17A/0270 refers. Gas Networks Ireland now wish to acquire the plot of land on which to install the DRI unit.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Council disposes of its interest in the plot of land at Fettercairn Road/Kilcarrig Avenue, Tallaght, Dublin 24 measuring 0.0011 hectares (11 square metres), as shown outlined in red on Indicative Drawing No. PA1041, to Gas Networks Ireland, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. That the Council disposes of its interest in the subject plot, measuring 0.0011 hectares (11 square metres), as shown outlined in red on Indicative Drawing No. PA1041 for the consideration of €10 (ten euro).
2. That the DRI site is disposed of with full freehold title.
3. That Gas Networks Ireland shall pay a contribution to the Council in respect of its legal fees.
4. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
5. That the Law Agent shall draft the necessary documents and include any further terms he deems appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
6. That no contract enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
7. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands to be disposed of form part of lands acquired from Dublin City Council (formerly Dublin Corporation) in 1997 under the Scheme of Transfer of Lands pursuant to the Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1993.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive”**

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor B. Bonner and **RESOLVED:**

“That the proposed Disposal of plot of land to Gas Networks Ireland for a District Regulation Installation (DRI) at Fettercairn Road/Kilcarrig Avenue, Tallaght, Dublin 24, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**H8b/1217**  **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF MV SUBSTATION SITE AT BALLYMOUNT MRF, BALLYMOUNT ROAD, DUBLIN 12 TO ESB.**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development were **CONSIDERED**

“An application was received from the ESB Networks, Clanwilliam House, Clanwilliam Place, Dublin 2 to regularise title to an existing MV substation site at Ballymount MRF, Ballymount Road, Dublin 12.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Council dispose of its interest in the substation site as outlined in red on Drawing No. LR/24/17, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. That the Council dispose of its interest in the subject site as outlined in red on Drawing No. LR/24/17 for the consideration of €10 (ten euro).
2. That the substation site is disposed of with full freehold title.
3. That the ESB shall pay a contribution in respect of the Council’s legal fees.
4. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
5. That the Law Agent shall draft the necessary documents and shall include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
6. That no contract enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
7. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands to be disposed of form part of lands acquired from J.S. Lister in 1996 for

roads purposes.

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**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive”**

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED:**

“That the proposed Disposal of MV substation site at Ballymount MRF, Ballymount Road, Dublin 12 to ESB, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**H9/1217 MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

[HI 9 a) Finance Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57750)  
 [HI 9 b) Strategy Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57751)  
 [HI 9 c) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57752)

The Reports were **NOTED.**

**H10/1217 CONSIDERATION OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018 -2020**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED:**

[H10 3 Year Capital Programme 2018 - 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57776)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. Holland, D. Looney, R. McMahon, M. Murphy, C. King, P. Kearns, M. Johansson, L. O’Toole and M. Duff.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, Mr. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change and Mr. B. Coman, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**H11/1217 POLICY ON WAY-FINDING SIGNS ON PUBLIC ROADS**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Leonard, A/Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and was **CONSIDERED:**

[H11 Policy on Way-Finding Signs on Public Roads](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=57765)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kearns and P. Foley.

Ms. L. Leonard, A/Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Policy on way-finding signs on Public Roads be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Departmental**

**Co.1/1217** Letter from Department of Children and youth Affairs dated 10th November 2017 regarding vaccine trials in institutions run by Church and State.

**Co.2/1217** Letter from dated 7th November from Sligo County Council regarding funding for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

**Co.3/1217** Correspondence dated 14th November 2017 from Clare County Council regarding

a) National Housing Co-op Bill 2017

b) Penalisation of Home Makers

**Co.4/1217** Letter dated 20th November 2017 from Carlow County Council regarding motion passed at recent Council Meeting

**Motions for discussion**

**M1/1217 MAYORS BUSINESS- REFUGEE CRISIS**

It was proposed by Councillors P. Gogarty and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor**:**

“That this Council condemns the ongoing genocide of the Rohingya in Myanmar and the reluctance international governments to take meaningful action to deal with the related refugee crisis in Bangladesh; furthermore this Council calls on our own Government - through its representatives at the United Nations and the EU Council of Ministers - to actively seek a resolution of the Rohingya Crisis and highlight the need to ensure that all possible humanitarian aid is being provided to refugees in Bangladesh who are in a highly vulnerable situation, particularly women and children who face trafficking, exploitation and sexual abuse.”

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed a letter will issue to the appropriate Minister and when a reply is received, it will be issued to the Members

The Motion was **AGREED.**

In accordance with **Standing Order No.** **13** it was **AGREED** with the consent of the Members to vary the sequence of business and to take **M2 and M9** (of similar subject matter) in tandem.

**M2/1217 ROUGH SLEEPERS**

It was proposed by Councillors P. Gogarty and seconded by Councillor D. O’Donovan:

“That this Council expresses concern at the recent deaths of rough sleeping homeless persons in Dublin and reports on what efforts are being made by South Dublin County and its officials as part of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive to protect this particularly vulnerable group, many of who have addiction and/or mental health issues and need extra assistance during the cold winter months and the Christmas period when more staff will be off duty.”

**REPORT:**

The most recent rough sleeper count took place in November 2017.  Areas identified by Councillors and members of the public were visited to ensure an accurate count. South Dublin County Council has a unit dedicated to providing assistance to those who find themselves homeless.  A clinic is in operation 5 days a week in County Hall, Tallaght and will be available while the Council offices are open. The Cold Weather Strategy 2017 was recently launched to cater for demand for homeless emergency accommodation and to tackle rough sleeping in Dublin during the winter months.  Information on services providing support to those who are homeless over the Christmas period will be circulated.

The Council operates an outreach service and multi-agency approach to address rough sleepers across the County.  The Outreach worker works closely with the HSE in particular in identifying rough sleepers and sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services. The needs of rough sleepers are often very complex and challenging and require a comprehensive and coordinated approach. The Homeless Forum under the auspices of the South Dublin County Partnership as part of its work plan for 2017 has established a Homeless Action Team which is focusing on single persons and known rough sleepers.  It is expected this will continue into 2018.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) on 22nd November announced details of the Cold Weather Strategy 2017, additional new facilities and enhanced service options to meet demand for homeless emergency accommodation and to tackle rough sleeping across the Dublin region.

The impact of severe weather can be immediately life threatening to people who are rough sleeping and it is essential to have a coordinated response in order to mitigate against the risk of exposure. Emergency accommodation provision for adults in Dublin is being expanded by 200+ permanent bed spaces with an additional 50 temporary bed spaces available for the winter period.

The 200+ bed spaces are distributed across seven new emergency accommodation facilities which will be operated by partner agencies in the charity sector. Each of the Service providers has extensive experience in the delivery of services to persons who are homeless and have staff with the required skills and competencies. Each is established under a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the DRHE.

Once a person has been assessed as homeless by the relevant Dublin local authority, they will be placed into a bed space via the Dublin Region Central Placement Service and Freephone Service. Support services are provided to ensure targeted responses to any acute support needs.

**Enhanced service options operational during cold weather conditions**

Services operate throughout the year to support persons who are rough sleeping, there is however, an increased emphasis on the level of service provision during the cold weather period. The cold weather period provides opportunities for engagement with long-term rough sleepers and hard-to-reach groups, where increased supports need to be available.

During the cold weather period the Housing First Intake Team operate from 7 a.m. – 1 a.m. every day, allowing flexibility according to the need presenting on any given night. Furthermore the staffing of the Intake Team will increase by two for the cold weather period, to enable broader engagement with persons sleeping rough across the Dublin Region.

Arrangements are in place with service providers that additional temporary shelter can be brought into use across a range of existing services and facilities for singles, couples and families on a temporary basis during adverse or extreme weather conditions, as occurred during the recent storms.

A contingency emergency response is already in place for any family who may be at risk of sleeping rough at night. Arrangements are in place between the DRHE, the Gardaí, Housing First, Central Placement Service and the HSE with a view to improving outcomes for people that may be sleeping rough.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**M9/1217 EMERGENCY BEDS FOR CHRISTMAS**

It was proposed by Councillors M. Johansson and seconded by Councillor E. Hendrick**:**

“That the elected members of this council agree that there are many varied reasons for homelessness, and that we do not lay any blame on the homeless families themselves for their situation. In light of this we call on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to immediately declare a housing emergency and take appropriate action to solve the homelessness and provide appropriate emergency beds over the Christmas period”

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed a letter will issue to the appropriate Minister and when a reply is received, it will be issued to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, M. Johansson, B. Lawlor, M. Genockey, G. O’Connell, S. Holland, C. King, M. Ward, K. Mahon, E. O’Brien, D. Richardson, B. Ferron, L. O’Toole, C. O’Connor and B. Leech.

Councillor B. Lawlor then proposed and Councillor V. Casserly seconded an **amendment** to the Motion as follows:

“That the elected members of this council agree that there are many varied reasons for homelessness, and that we do not lay any blame on the homeless families themselves for their situation. In light of this we call on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government **to immediately take appropriate action to solve homelessness and provide appropriate emergency beds over the Christmas period.”**

Mr. B. Coman, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries.

The Mayor Councillor P. Gogarty then called for a roll call vote on the Amendment to the Motion the result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 5 (FIVE)**

Councillors V. Casserly, K. Egan, B. Lawlor C. McMahon and R. McMahon.

**AGAINST: 26 (TWENTY SIX)**

Councillors B. Bonner, M. Duff, F. Duffy, B. Ferron, P. Foley, M. Genockey, P. Gogarty, J. Graham, E. Hendrick, S. Holland, M. Johansson, P. Kearns, C. King, B. Leech, D. Looney, K. Mahon, M. Murphy, R. Nolan, E. O’Brien, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, D. Richardson, R. Russell and M. Ward.

**ABSTAINED: 0 (ZERO)**

The Amendment to the Motion **FELL.**

The Mayor Councillor P. Gogarty then called for a roll call vote on the Motion the result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 27 (TWENTY SEVEN)**

Councillors B. Bonner, M. Duff, F. Duffy, B. Ferron, P. Foley, M. Genockey, P. Gogarty, J. Graham, E. Hendrick, S. Holland, M. Johansson, P. Kearns, C. King, B. Leech, D. Looney, R. McMahon, K. Mahon, M. Murphy, R. Nolan, E. O’Brien, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, D. Richardson, R. Russell and M. Ward.

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAINED: 4 (FOUR)**

Councillors V. Casserly, K. Egan, B. Lawlor and C. McMahon.

The Motion was **PASSED.**

**M3/1217** As Councillor L. Dunne was absent from the Chamber the Following Motion **FELL** in accordance with Standing Order no 19:

This Council calls on the Chief Executive to increase staff resources for October/Halloween 2018 for the purpose of the Council having the capacity to deal with the increasing levels of stock piling and illegal dumping during this period.  Additionally, to increase the budget for the same.

**M4/1217** As Councillor E. Murphy was absent from the Chamber the Following Motion **FELL** in accordance with Standing Order no 19:

That South Dublin County Council commits to providing an environment of safer cycling throughout the County. Furthermore that this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to implement legislation specifying that motorists must maintain the internationally recognised safe distance of 1.5 metres when overtaking cyclists.

**M5/1217** As Councillor F. Timmons was absent from the Chamber the Following Motion **FELL** in accordance with Standing Order no 19:

That this Council support Jake's Amendment and calls on the Minister for the Coroner’s Act to be amended so that a Coroner can return a verdict of iatrogenic which is medically induced suicide.

**M6/1217 HALLOWEEN 2018**

It was proposed by Councillors C. O'Connor and seconded by Councillor P. Foley:

“That this South Dublin County Council calls on the Chief Executive to prepare a strategy for the 2018 Bonfire season noting the concern of many communities in respect of these activities which result in serious damage to Open Spaces; will he include in his response a report covering the 2017 Bonfire season confirming the cost to the Council and the schedule being followed in respect of the reinstatement of Open Spaces and will he also respond to calls for a dedicated telephone line to deal with requests from the public and groups to collect potential material for Bonfires.”

**REPORT:**

The burning of waste is prohibited under legislation, and bonfires waste valuable Council resources in the removal and disposal of material, while many communities also suffer from the social, economic and environmental cost of this activity.

As in all previous years, the Councils response this (2017) Halloween Season as provided by our Public Realm Section commenced in early / mid-October, at which time every effort was made to collect materials which are being stored on public owned lands and are intended for use on bonfires.

All available resources were deployed to the preventative collections of bonfire materials prior to this Halloween and crews were working through the bank holiday weekend (excluding Sunday 29th October) in response to the reports received.

Due to the large number of reports received it was not physically possible to remove all reported material.

Priority was given to material located beside or very close to houses, park facilities such as playgrounds and pavilions, under overhead services such as power lines, and on main traffic

The exercise to survey and map bonfire sites commenced after Halloween, and **388** bonfires were recorded as follows:

* North of N7 =     148
* South of N7 =     240

All clean-ups have now taken place and reseeding (as appropriate) will commence in Spring 2018.

Interesting statistics to note:

* From mid-October to 31st October, through reports made directly through the offices and through our out of office hours service, the Council was notified of **c 300** locations (excluding duplicate locations) advising of stockpiling.
* a total of **55 tonnes** of bonfire materials was collected by the staff and prevented from being placed on bonfires over the Bank Holiday weekend and including Tuesday 31st October 2017.
* In the two week period prior to Halloween a further quantity of waste materials totalling **156 tonnes** was collected by SDCC staff and it is estimated that the vast majority of this was material intended for bonfires.
* Post Halloween **201** tonnes of waste was removed
* The cost of Halloween 2018 was c €**87,000** including payroll, plant /machinery and waste disposal costs.

The 2018 Halloween strategy will be similar to the strategy engaged in previous years which also provides for a safe and pro-environmental message as follows:

* a [colourful information leaflet](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=d0883cca-0c11-4235-ab04-a80701191e80) providing facts and tips on how to stay safe at Halloween.   The leaflet also contains details of the various family events hosted by South Dublin County Council’s Libraries.
* Door to door WEEE collection prior to Halloween by RecycleIT
* A Halloween pack including information and activity sheets will be made available to all schools
* Halloween Recycle workshops are being carried out in schools
* Bulbs not Bonfires scheme is being provided through the Social Credits Scheme. This is a reward available and the initiative provides communities with flowers in the spring in return for organising alternative Halloween activities which will not harm our environment.
* Passes will be provided to social credits applicants for access to the Civic Amenity Site from the 16th October – 13th November 2018.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, D. Looney, D. O’Donovan, M. Duff, P. Kearns, P. Foley, B. Leech, K. Mahon, G. O’Connell and M. Ward.

Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**M7/1217 8TH AMENDMENT**

It was proposed by Councillors E. Hendrick and seconded by Councillor S. Holland**:**

“That this council supports a referendum to repeal the eight amendment to be held no later than May 2018, based on the citizen’s assembly recommendations and this referendum should go ahead whether or not there is a general election before then.”

**REPORT:**

A referendum on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution has been confirmed to be held in May or June 2018. The Report and recommendations of the Citizens Assembly was considered by both Houses of the Oireachtas, following which a Joint Oireachtas Committee was established and is required to report its conclusions and recommendations to both Houses within three months of its first public meeting (20th September 2017).

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Hendrick, M. Murphy, S. Holland, M. Genockey, R. Nolan, B. Ferron, L. Dunne, D. Looney, R. McMahon, M. Duff, V. Casserly, K. Mahon, E. O’Brien, D. O’Donovan, G. O’Connell, P. Kearns, B. Bonner, B. Leech and P. Gogarty.

Councillor V. Casserly then proposed and Councillor B. Lawlor seconded an **amendment** to the Motion as follows:

“That this council supports a referendum to repeal the eight amendment to be held no later than **May/June 2018**, based on the citizen’s assembly recommendations and this referendum should go ahead whether or not there is a general election before then.”

A show of hand vote was taken the result was as follows:

**FOR: 9 (NINE)**

**AGAINST: 23 (TWENTY THREE)**

**ABSTAINED: 1 (ONE)**

The amendment to the Motion **FELL.**

The Mayor Councillor P. Gogarty then called for a roll call vote on the Motion the result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 26 (TWENTY SIX)**

Councillors B. Bonner, M. Duff, F. Duffy, L. Dunne, B. Ferron, M. Genockey, P. Gogarty, E. Hendrick, S. Holland, M. Johansson, P. Kearns, C. King, B. Leech, D. Looney, K. Mahon, M. Murphy, R. Nolan, D. O’Brien, E. O’Brien, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, D. Richardson, R. Russell and M. Ward.

**AGAINST: 1 (ONE)**

Councillor R. McMahon

**ABSTAINED: 6 (SIX)**

Councillors V. Casserly, P. Donovan, K. Egan, P. Foley, B. Lawlor and C. McMahon.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**M8/1217 ANTI -SOCIAL POLICY**

It was proposed by Councillors M. Genockey and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor:

“That this council calls on the Chief Executive to arrange for an information leaflet to be produced to inform residents of the county of how to record and report anti-social behaviour with a view to helping the housing and community department to build up correct information and statistics on such behaviour in estates in the county, particularly when it involves council tenants, either as victims or perpetrators”.

**REPORT:**

Currently the Council's Anti -Social Policy is being redrafted to take into account the changes made in relation to relevant legislation under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 which introduced changes in relation to Tenancy Warnings, Appeal of Tenancy Warnings and in relation to Tenants of Council dwellings either as victims or perpetrators.

In all other instances Anti-Social behaviour is a matter for the landlord and/or Gardaí.

The Council currently hold Clinics with the Gardaí in a number of areas throughout the County where tenants can relay anti-social behaviour in their area, and issues are also reported through Estate Management forums, and directly to the Council, by e-mail, phone calls and correspondence.

When the Anti-Social Policy is adopted, it will be widely circulated to inform tenants of their rights and entitlements and the processes for reporting Anti-Social behaviour.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Genockey, L. Dunne, B. Leech, M. Duff, V. Casserly, D. O’Donovan, G. O’Connell, M. Ward, C. King, R. McMahon and C. O’Connor.

Mr. B. Coman, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**M10/1217 CYCLING NATIONALLY**

The following Motion in the name of Councillor D. Looney was **MOVED** and **RE- ENTERED:**

“That this Council, in expressing our sympathy with the families all who have died on our roads, notes with grave concern a number of deaths of cyclists on roads in the county. We call on the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to allocate a substantially increased amount for cycling nationally. We note the need to improve cycling infrastructure and overall safety in this County and as Councillors we commit ourselves to providing, as far as is practicable and within our competency, funding, better planning, monitoring and maintenance of cycling infrastructure.”

The Meeting finished at 6.26pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_