

December 2017 Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Dec

Housing, Social & Community Development

Objective 1 : Put in place a three year programme to supply social housing in the context of the Social Housing Strategy 2020

Council is progressing its Social Housing Construction programme of housing projects approved by the Council through Part 8 process. Currently 8 projects are on site and progressing totalling 265 units. A further 2 due to start of further 87 Units. The Part 8 for Oldcastle proposal is being finalised together with 2 other proposals at Homeville and New Nangor Road to be brought to area committee when prepared. Work is under way on a proposed schedule of further infill / social housing projects on Council land and these were discussed generally at the Housing SPC on 20th November 2017. Evaluation of Expressions of interest on the Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project is finalised with submissions shortlisted to 4 to progress to the Competitive Dialogue stage which is scheduled to start mid-January 2018. Evaluation for provision of Older Aged specific accommodation is now complete with one AHB selected to deliver on the 3 sites at Whitestown Way, Maplewood and Fernwood. Preliminary meeting has been held with CLUID to construct and, manage and operate the facilities. Part 8 for the 3 sites to be developed. 2180 active accounts on HAP at end of December 2017. This is at an average of 16 per week while the target for 2017 was 15 per week. 264 allocations to Homeless in 2017 with 35 refusals of accommodation offered in 2017. SDCC Currently has 3 Homeless Hubs 70 units of singles STA and progressing a further 15 places and 20 step down, 16 Units for Domestic Violence Refuge and working on achieving a further 6 units. Also a Homeless old aged facility for 24 people.

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

Educational Bursaries: The retention, graduation and employment rate of recipients is above IT Tallaght's averages and significantly above national averages. Awards ceremony for 2017/2018 academic year was held on 14th November 2017 and presented by the Mayor at IT Tallaght. New programme for Older Aged persons will be progressed through Age Friendly Alliance Steering Group. SICAP Funding has been awarded to South Dublin County Partnership following a competitive tender process. Contract was signed in December for commencement on 1/1/18. Draft MOU prepared between the Healthy County Steering Group and the LCDCC SDCC with the support of South Dublin County Partnership is working on the development of SDCC's Integration Strategy 2018 – 2021: • Research Integration Strategies • Include relevant stakeholders in the process • Focus on identifying practical and measurable strategies and associated actions • Launch in March 2018.

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

The Healthy County Strategy Group will progress its Communications strategy during 2018 as agreed at its workshop on 9th November for all committee members. Aim: Aim is to establish South Dublin County as a model of excellence in relation to health and wellbeing. An invitation from WHO Regional Director for Europe, Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, has issued to the Mayor to contribute at the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Summit of Mayors to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 12–13 February 2018 Work continues on the new Community and Sports Centre at Adamstown with estimated completion and handover by end of February 2018. All weather facility included. The final day of the Marathon Kids programme – Final Mile – at Morton Stadium Santry on 30th November 2017. See link to Final Day event <https://www.facebook.com/MarathonkidsIreland/videos/1773445999354577/> Social Inclusion Week was launched by the Mayor on 20th November 2017 and a successful week of free events followed. Social Prescribing: Social Prescribing, the referring of patients by medical professionals to community and social activities has gained traction in the UK and Ireland in the last couple of years. It is considered a useful and effective addition to possible drug and other treatments. In Ireland there have been pilot projects in Sligo and Donegal and several areas have 'fledgling' social prescribing initiatives. The HSE has recently started a national project to coordinate social prescribing activities and develop best practice in the area. In South Dublin one GP has started a pilot project in a

shared practice and has found the first results promising. Tallaght Hospital has indicated that they are interested in a social prescribing pilot project to strengthen links with the local community. Funding has been secured from the HSE and Healthy Ireland for a coordinator post and a programme budget for 2018. This will allow the development of a local social prescribing project, including development of a database for confidential referrals and appropriate advertising of the service. SDCP will host the project, including employment of the coordinator. This project is being managed through the Healthy County Steering Group. Sports Ireland allocation made in response to the application made some months ago through the SDCC Sports Partnership. The south Dublin County Sports Partnership received €31,000 for capital and €25k for programmes and we will be liaising with the ETB regarding this. The Partnership will be linking in with the FAI and others, Gardai, local clubs and schools etc. to look at the development of longer term programmes. Sport Ireland announced the allocation of €56,000 for the development of a Community Sport and Physical Activity Hub, which will link the Brookfield Community and Youth Centre to various other community services and will see the installation of equipment and facilities in the centre. In North Clondalkin we similarly link in with Collinstown Park Sports Complex and provide free/subsidised training and activities to club coaches and the community.

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

The IT Tallaght & South Dublin County Council Sports, Arts & Culture Scholarships Presentation 2017/2018 was held on Friday 15th December 2017 at IT Tallaght. Flavours of South Dublin Food Festival to be held at Rathfarnham Castle on Sunday 24 June 2018. Sports Grants Announced 30th November 2017 – 9 Successful from SDCC submissions. Public Meeting with Commission on the Future of Policing to be held at Wood Quay Venue, Dublin. 22 January 2018 at 7pm organised by the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland. The Commission on the Future of Policing is undertaking a series of regional open evenings throughout January. These are informal opportunities for representatives of community and interest groups, as well as individuals, to meet members of the Commission and discuss their views on the future of policing in Ireland. Dublin 15 Tuesday 23rd January (6-8pm), Venue TBA. Dublin 24 Wednesday 24th January (6-8pm), Venue TBA.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Public Realm Maintenance: 2017 Plan has been implemented and works are progressing on this programme. N81 Improvement Scheme: A PIN Notice issued to e-tenders with a view to tender for phased construction prior to year-end. Topographical survey underway. Tree Maintenance Programme: The tree crew operating south of the N7 is currently carrying out a programme of tree pruning and removal works in Monalea Grove & Wood. The tree crew north of the N7 is currently carrying out works in Castle View estate, Clondalkin. Arrangements are being made to mobilise additional seasonal tree maintenance crews. Derelict Sites Preparing CEO's for Levy 2018. Scheduled Street Cleaning Programme: Tender process underway for procurement of new road sweeping contract. Litter Management Plan Enforcement & Licencing: The two Rapid Deployment Cameras have been installed at Lennox Laboratories JFK Industrial Estate and Brookview, Tallaght. CCTV at the Ballyowen Bottle bank is being monitored on a daily basis. Environmental Awareness - Workshops have taken place in support of the Community minor landscaping project. 262 Community Clean ups took place in November, and 164 Community Clean ups will have taken place up to the 21st December. The second edition of the SCS newsletter was issued at the start of December. Till receipts -Anti litter on Super Valu receipts. The Illegal dumping advert ran from the 30th Nov-8th December. Green Schools- 99 Primary & 35 secondary schools registered. The Christmas Decoration competition closed on the 5th December with over 200 entries. The winners were announced by the Mayor on the 14th December. The Christmas SFW advert is running in the cinema over the Christmas period. LAPN - Recycling adverts are up on the website, social media and screens in the County Hall advertising Recycling for the Christmas period. The second day of the Stop food waste train the trainers took place on the 9th December. Smart Dublin Continued collaboration with SBIR. Illegal dumping initiatives progressing. Roundabout Sponsorship: Orwell Roundabout - planting works ongoing. A new landscape scheme is scheduled to commence implementation by external contract in January 2018 on the roundabout at the junction of Ballymount Road/Calmount Avenue near to TV3. A new planting scheme is to be implemented on the roundabout at the junction of Ballymount Road/Turnpike Road in January 2018. Sponsorship interest has been confirmed for roundabouts at Templeville Road, Greentrees Road, 2 roundabouts in Ballymount Industrial estate and the roundabout on Scholarstown Road at Orlagh estate. Arrangements are being made to progress sponsorship for these locations

commencing in early 2018.

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

Climate Change: Action Plans under review by SDCC for practicality/feasibility. Signed Covenant of Mayors document uploaded to <http://www.covenantofmayors.eu>. SDCC now committed to 40% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2030 and to increasing our resilience by adapting to the impacts of climate change. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA Prevention - Second day of the LAPN train the trainers course on the 09th December. Recycled Decoration Competition. Over 200 entries from across the county. The Mayor, Cllr. P. Gogarty took part in the prize giving ceremony and photo call on the 14th December. Surface Water Schemes: Chapel Hill SW Scheme complete except for some minor surfacing. Dispute over final account with Contractor currently being addressed. Cookstown Industrial estate works complete. Ballynakelly surface water scheme complete. Works on the Poddle at the Wainsfort pre-rack complete. Upgrade to the remote monitoring of the Poddle screens underway approved, procurement complete, CE Order approved, delivery pending. River clearing and cleaning works largely completed. Additional SW jetting being carried out as resources allow. Proposal to amalgamate Jetter services in the Drainage section submitted and approved in principle. Prioritisation of works for 2018 under consideration, draft list prepared and estimates being prepared. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme - Pipe line installation complete. Substantial Completion Cert issued to Clonmel Enterprise for completion of the works and the beginning of the 12 month defects period. Poddle - An appointment of a consultant is awaited as one tenderer has lodged an objection and this has been sent by DCC to Engineers Ireland for adjudication. Camac - The OPW have drafted a technical brief for the engagement of consultants. This is currently being reviewed by DCC and SDCC. River Basin Plans and Measures: Work progressing on inspections under the RMCEI. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical Services: Further to 2018 Vehicle replacement program, further items submitted for CE order are 2 no. 3.5T Pickups and 5 no. 7.5T Pickups. Esker Pumping Station - replacement of 12 no. Pump Isolation valves underway - EPS is contractor.

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

Waste Enforcement Action: Continuous scheduled inspections and Audits/Reviews undertaken on permitted facilities in accordance with risk rating. Burial Ground Strategy: Financial Report was presented to OP&F on 23rd November 2017. Control of Animals: Ongoing enforcement activity in relation to the control of dogs/horses and animal welfare. Air Quality: The Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment is to introduce new air quality legislation that will ban the burning of smoky coal in Ireland. This will occur for the winter season of 2018/2019 with the industry being given a further 12 months to sell off any smoky coal stock. In effect, the new ban will commence in October 2019. The overall annual Air Quality Data for 2016 shows that South Dublin had no daily breaches of the Particulate Matter Parameter (PM10) and the average daily level human health is not to exceed a level of 40ug/m3 more than 35 times in any one year. So, our levels were very low for the whole of 2016. Similarly, our average Sulphur Dioxide levels was 2.4 ug/m3 for 2016 and these are again of excellent quality as the hourly level for the protection of public health is 350/ug/m3. As reported in previous reports, there have been two breaches of the PM10 daily figures this year but with only 6 weeks of the year left (PM10) at the Old Bawn Road site, there will be no issue at all for compliance once again. There were similar breaches above 50ug/m3 of air at several of the other monitoring sites on the same two days in Dun Laoire and Fingal and Dublin City. Environmental Health represented South Dublin at the DOE/EPA/Local Authority Working Group on Solid Fuel last month in Wexford County Council offices. The key message from the meeting was that solid fuel burning in domestic houses is back as the top air pollutant in Ireland with transport in second place. A working group, similar to the CCMA Noise Complaints WG is being planned and South Dublin will be represented on this group. Dublin Noise Action Plan The noise mapping process is continuing at pace involving combined efforts of the Environmental Health and GIS/IT Departments. South Dublin has procured the assistance from Dublin City Council in the reconfiguration of the noise maps for the entire Dublin region and this should be far cheaper than going to tender for a private consultancy firm. GIS/IT are providing superb support to Environmental Health to endeavour to complete the noise modelling in time for submission to the EPA and onwards to the European Environment Agency.

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

Regional and Local Parks: Currently assessments of all parks being carried out in order to decide on entries into the

Green Flag Award scheme in 2018. Census 2016 presentation 30/12/17. Requested presentation of information relevant to future open space strategy. Back ground mapping and information being collated. Playspace Programme: Griffioen Playground refurbished and open over summer months. Consultation carried out on Waterstown Park playground currently being analysed. Teen Space Consultation: Consultation with some teenage groups collated prior to summer. Working with Corporate Services to implement a multi-media consultation process on Teen Spaces. Participatory Budget multi games wall will be incorporated into the process. Social media campaign is live. Instagram and Facebook from today. Paid advertisements targeted within SDCC region and to 13-19 year olds. Consultation on-going. Allotments: Tender documents required for Tymon Park – survey underway. Recreational and Sporting Facilities: Pavilions programme - tender to be republished. Part 8 for Dodder Valley Mt Carmel passed by Council. Tender for detailed design and construction progressing. Frame Football Pitch sod turning carried out on the 4th December at Hermitage Park. Delivery of objectives in the Tourism Strategy: Developing brief for consultants for phase 2 of Corkagh Park.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

SPC meeting held in November 2017. LEO training schedule continued in November 2017, with Autumn programme ongoing including additional training provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end November, 618 clients have attended LEO provided training, with a further 340 attending training provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. An Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 28th November 2017, approving 2 projects, creating 7 new jobs, with grant amounts of €97,900 approved. EVAC approvals to end December 2017. €776,839 approved in 2017, with 28 projects approved, creating 48 new jobs, with potential for 228 new jobs after 3 years. Next EVAC scheduled for 6th February 2018. The following Business Supports are being promoted on the LEO Website, Council website, through social media, at various business events and through SD Chamber. • Business Support Grant 2017 to, 30/09/2017, 870 applications received, (for the same period in 2016, 889 applications received) • Microenterprise Development Fund: 14 applications approved. Estimated total commitment: €280k. Spend to date €39,758. • Individual Unit Support Scheme: 27 applications approved. Estimated total commitment €60k. Spend to date €12,369. • Microenterprise Start Up Support (Rates) Scheme: 6 applications approved. Estimated total commitment: €90k. • Shop Fronts: 32 applications received.

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

Grange Castle • Interxion – Open for business • Grifols submitted planning application for production expansion and permission granted SD16A/0250. Works are ongoing. • Microsoft – Works ongoing, DFS site near completion, permanent entrance complete. Work on wall along Nangor Road commenced on the 17/10/2017. Microsoft – Planning application submitted on the 06/09/2017 for a temporary (for 3 years) gas powered energy plant on the Microsoft site. Permission granted. • Eirgrid - Works commenced on site in September 2017. • Capital Programme – Nangor Road / R120: Approved for funding by DTTAS. CPO Approved for R120. Tender assessment complete, letter of intent issued on 27/09/2017 to Wills Bros. Wills Bros started on site week commencing 21/11/2017. • Archaeological – GC South: Archaeological work ongoing, feedback from the DAHRRGA is to preserve by record. Rubicon Heritage are the successful tenderer and have received their Archaeological Licence from the Department. Rubicon started on site on 15th November 2017. Expected completion date is April 2018. • Edgeconnex: Application for new Datacentres approved directly adjacent to the Business park. Access to datacentre will be via Grange Castle Business Park, construction now ongoing. Supplementary Gas Main for Edgeconnex under construction, installation complete and line has been tested. licence for temporary use of ducts agreed and fibre cables now being pulled through the ducts. • Edgeconnex planning application for an additional data hall was approved on the 04/07/2017. • Grange Backup Power. Planning application submitted for intensification of a previous application. • Takeda. Planning Permission granted on the 27/03/2017 for new production facility: SD 17A/0019. Construction ongoing. Takeda – Planning application submitted on the 29/09/2017 for a new biopharma production facility on the Takeda lands. Permission was granted on the 23/11/2017. • Energy Masterplan: SEAI granted funding to SDCC to carry out an energy masterplan for the Grange Castle Business Park. Element energy Ltd were appointed to carry out the masterplan and a 'final draft report' was issued on the 13th October 2017 and presented at a meeting in GC on the 17th October 2017. SDCC submitted the grant claim documentation to SEAI by the milestone deadline of the 13th October 2017. SEAI have now

transferred the funds to SDCC. • Lands to West. The Grange Castle West Infrastructure Masterplan is underway. ET3 SLO 1: To conduct a review of the zoning of lands south of the Grand Canal and west and north of the R120, including lands adjoining Peamount Healthcare, with a view to preparing a long term plan for the expansion of the Grange Castle Economic and Enterprise Zone to this area, to accommodate strategic investment in the future, while also seeking to provide public open space along the Canal, including a natural heritage area in the vicinity of the historic canal quarries at Gollierstown. IDA fully informed of status of available lands. SDCC actively seeking new clients Grange Castle South: • Archaeological – GC South: Archaeological work ongoing, feedback from the DAHRRGA is to preserve by record. Rubicon Heritage are now on site. Potential client (CyrusOne) identified for a 16 acre site in Grange Castle South, Section 183 approved at the July 2017 Council.

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

• The Business Support Fund for 2017 continues to seek to identify projects whereby improvements to the Council infrastructure can have a wider beneficial impact. Some pre-application consultation work has been done with business representatives in various industrial areas with a view to bringing forward applications under the Area Improvement Scheme. • Grange Castle Business Park employment figures are on the rise by way of new clientele and construction activities. Employment now circa 5500 (incl construction) • Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events. Approval in place for third stand. Construction is due to start on 3rd stand in Jan 18. • SDCC received grant funding from SEAI to carry out an energy masterplan for Grange Castle Business Park – the contract is now complete and SDCC now intend to identify energy projects to progress.

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

Library News ICT infrastructure upgrade. • 77 new Public Access PCs have been installed in the County Library. • A public access 3D printer is now available in Ballyroan Library and in the Palmerstown Library Digital Hub. History and Heritage Tallaght Historical Society in conjunction with the County Library have two interesting lectures in January: • Controversial Garda Commissioners (9th) and • Garrard of Wales: His invasion of Ireland (23rd) at 7pm. Healthy Ireland Programme is a government initiative to encourage engagement and participation in activities leading to a healthy lifestyle. A national radio advertising campaign now in place. The programme will be officially launched in the New Year. A series of awareness-raising events will be held in our branch libraries over the coming months. First Fortnight Festival Positive Mental Health - a lunch-time talk by Professor Jim Lucey will take place in the County Library on January 17th Programme highlights in What's Happening January – March 2018. Check the website for link www.southdublinlibraries.ie Library Capital Projects: 1) North Clondalkin Library - Shortlisting for contractor commenced on November 9th. Tenders will be issued mid-January 2018 with construction commencement March 2018. (2) New Castletymon Library Design team in place and plans being drawn up. Tenders will be issued early March 2018 with construction beginning in May. Creative Ireland Cultural and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 -The consultation process has almost been completed. An online survey will be carried out in January 2018.

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

Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin. Official opening by Mayor took place on the 3rd October 2017. Guide brochure for centre produced in English and Irish and educational materials for schools. A website for the centre is also ready to go live as part of the Dublin's Outdoors brand. 4 year Lease Agreement signed with the private operator in November 2017. Round Tower nominated and application submitted in the Best Heritage Building Category for the All Ireland Community and Council Awards (LAMA) to be held in Croke Park in February 2018. Proposed Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre: closing date for submissions to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) was 25th September 2017 with documentation available for inspection in the offices of ABP, County Hall, Tallaght and Ballyroan Library, Rathfarnham. 84 submissions have been made to ABP, available to view on the website at the following link: Dublin Mountains Project An Bord Pleanála Application (Ref: JA0040) | South Dublin County Council Further information response to An Bord Pleanála ref JA0040 submitted on the 30th November 2017, submissions or observations on the further information submitted in relation to the development can be made to ABP on or before the 8th January 2018 Tourism and Festival Events Grants Scheme for 2018 was approved by the members of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC at the September 2017 meeting. Rathfarnham Castle – Courtyard and Stables – New Capital Project, the Council engaged a conservation architect to complete a conservation report on the Rathfarnham Castle Courtyard and Stables. The purpose of the report, which was presented to the members of the ACM on 10/10/17 is to

highlight the necessary conservation issues and to identify potential future uses Fáilte Ireland- delegation of 30 representatives from Fáilte visited South Dublin County Council on the 30th November- Visit Itinerary included Dublin Mountains, Rathfarnham Castle, Pearse Museum, Round Tower Centre and Lucan Village Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin- Sales and Marketing Strategic Plan and Events Calendar prepared for 2018. Christmas Tree Light Ceremony in Clondalkin on 5th December and Craft Fair and Cooking Demonstration by the Happy Pear took place on the 9th December. Christmas at Tallaght Stadium – Featuring Fossett’s Circus and South Dublin on Ice.

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

FOOTPATH REPAIRS Schemes Completed to date: Ballyowen Lane, Elmbrook, Wheatfield Road, Ballyowen Park, Ardeevin, Glenvara Est., Orchardstown Drive, Dangan/Rockfield/ Shelton, Templeville Drive /Rushbrook/Woodstown, Cushlawn, Killinarden, St Marks Estate, Turret Road, Ballyowen Lane (at N4 apartments), Woodlawn Park Ave. The Footpath Works works programme for 2017 is essentially complete. Minor repairs continue. ROAD RE-SURFACING Schemes Completed to date: Mill Lane (Palmerstown), Slade Valley Road, Farrells Lane, Garter Lane, Lucan Heights, Orchardstown Drive, Lansdowne Park, Templeville Road, Templeogue Bridge junction, Aylmer Road, Fonthill Link Road. The Annual Road Works Programme is also essentially complete. In addition to the above Substantial footpath repair works have recently being completed in Kilclare Drive under the Councils Social Housing Estate improvement works fund. Winter Maintenance Programme 2017 is underway and winter ready information is available on website. Winter Gritting call outs since commencement of winter season: 41 of which 7 Mountain routes only. Road Works Programme 2018 being prepared and will be brought to ACM's in February. Notification from TII of grant funding for N81 pavement strengthening works.

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

The Draft Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme has been published on 22nd September and Submissions have been invited. The closing date for submissions is the 3rd November 2017 and preparation of the CE report is underway for issue to members on Dec 14th, followed by a briefing on Dec 15th. Pre-draft public consultation on a new Local Area Plan for Tallaght has also been completed and a report circulated to Members. Preparation of the Draft Tallaght LAP is now underway, this will be brought to the next available SPC following its completion. C700 Submissions were received on the Weston Aerodrome Public Consultation which are currently being considered and a report will be presented to the November LUPT SPC [rescheduled for Dec 4th 2017]. CE Report issued on 14th December, 2 briefings on CE report provided to Elected Members, date for closure of receipt of motions 14th January 2018. Meetings scheduled for January 26th, 29th, 30th Feb 1st and 2nd to consider motions submitted.

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

Construction of the R120 Adamstown Road Improvement Scheme including the link to the Nangor Road has commenced, a sod turning event is arranged for Friday 8th December. Design works on the NTA funded Projects are progressing on the Scholarstown Road Cycletrack following conclusion of the S38 consultation process. Works are almost completed on a further section of Cycle lane on Willsbrook road between Mount Bellew and St Andrews. Adamstown Road /R120 under construction, Project Board in place as required under form of contract PW –CF3. Meeting with NTA December 18th indicated they have additional funding for 2018.

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

Works are continuing on Phase 1 (Greenhills Road) of the Tallaght Village Improvement Scheme. Design works are progressing on Village enhancement works in Tallaght Village (Phase 2) and Templeogue Village. A Draft Design for Templeogue village has been prepared and is currently under review with intention of bringing to Part 8, update meeting scheduled for Dec 5th. Tender Documents for the Village Enhancement Works in Saggart are currently being prepared and will be issued shortly. The 6 additional School Wardens are now fully operational at their assigned schools across the County. There is an increased level of engagement with schools and participation in road safety campaigns to address safety concerns and promote the road safety message. Meeting held with RTT re Templeogue Village Scheme and revised proposals discussed. Plans to be drawn up.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Council meeting 11th December; Voter.ie system preparations and data checks ongoing; Mayor attended the Christmas Unwrapped and lighting of Christmas Trees in Tallaght, Lucan and Clondalkin as well as range of events across the county.

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

The Council's three year Capital Programme for the years 2018 – 2020 was noted by the members of South Dublin County Council at the Council's monthly meeting on Monday the 11th December. The three year Capital Programme provides details of the expected €383m to be invested providing new and improved infrastructure & facilities to the Citizens of South County Dublin. Council has also received the sanction of the Department for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to an overdraft accommodation in the sum of €25m for the financial year 2018, in line with member's approval given at the October monthly meeting of the Council. The Audit Committee were briefed at their December meeting on the Council 2018 Revenue budget and also the 2018 -2020 Capital Program. The committee also reviewed the Audit Committee Charter and agreed their work programme 2018. Both documents will be submitted to January Council meeting for approval. The Strategic Audit Plan 2018 – 2020 and Annual Audit Plan 2018 was also agreed by the Audit Committee. 16 staff participated in lean six sigma yellow belt training and four new project teams were formed to examine potential yellow belt projects in the organisation. 200 FOI requests / 9 AIE requests / 10 data access requests received year to date. Preparation for the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations in May 2018 is ongoing across the organisation.

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

- Work on the Council's ICT Security Audit to commence in January 2018.
- Active Directory management tools procured in preparation for 2018 data security auditing and GDPR preparations.
- Vacant Sites system development – Delivery taken receipt of in December 2017. Next stage is user acceptance testing.
- Property Economic Portal development - Content generation continues in preparing for a go live.
- Replacement of Server Infrastructure – Full server infrastructure replacement has been completed.
- eRecruitment tender – Vendor demonstrations organised for January 2018.
- National Dog Licence System – Interim solution implemented to ensure continuation of service pending delivery of national system.
- Integrated Housing System – Tender issued using EU negotiated procedure process.
- Internet redesign – We expect to go live with the new website at beginning of Q1/2018.

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

Citizens Newsletter published and circulated. Annual Service Delivery Plan drafted. Public Consultations active in December: • Design your space-Youth Facilities Survey • Belgard Square North Cookstown Industrial Estate Link Road • Part 8-BMX Track Jobstown • Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht "Decade of Centenaries" The Volunteer Ireland Awards took place on December 1st, South Dublin's Best Young Entrepreneurs were announced on December 6th, Creative Ireland South Dublin announced funding awarded to support cultural participation and creative development. The awards, which totalled €30,000, were presented to eight successful projects, Environmental Awareness Christmas Decoration Competition – Closing date for applications was December, 5th and there is a display of art work in the foyer for the month of December. The results were announced on December 14th. Smart Dublin – South Dublin is partnering with Fingal County Council in a successful Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Challenge on a citizen engagement project "Unheard Voices".

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

Staff Newsletter published and distributed. Staff Communications Survey live during December - report and plan due January. Recruitment is ongoing to fill all vacancies. Implementation of the staff training and development plan is ongoing and preparation of the timeline for 2018 PMDS timeline has been finalised and communicated to all departments. Preparations for the transfer of Superannuation to the Shared Service in January is ongoing.

Consultative staff meetings took place across the past four months to review the Depots in South Dublin County Council. Management Team Plan for 2018 is complete, Department Team Plans complete.