

February 2018 Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Feb

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

FOOTPATH REPAIRS Schemes Completed to date: Clondalkin Village-new paving slabs, Aylmer Rd – installing new footpaths, kerbing, drainage works and overlay. Edmondstown Road- road closure still in place, briefing meeting held with local committee and elected reps. Winter gritting call outs since commencement of winter season: 79 of which 7 Mountain routes only. Programme C LED Upgrade - Q1/Q2 2018- 1,420 upgrades. Programme D LED Upgrade - initial upgrade of 500 PL points in the Perrystown /Limekiln / Greenhills area. Detailed design Q1 2018. Regional Road Upgrade (RRU) Prog 2017/2018, ten Regional Roads in the County. A total of 2,120 PL points to be upgraded over two phases. Minor Works Programmes 2018 –ongoing.

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

Weston Aerodrome Public Consultation Report presented to the November LUPT SPC [rescheduled for Dec 4th 2017]. Deferred item, to be brought back to Feb 2018 SPC. Noted by SPC Feb 2018. Tallaght LAP, preparation for Public Consultation on Draft LAP ongoing. Clonburris SDZ 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 held on January 26th, 29th, 30th scheduled for Feb 1st and 2nd to consider motions submitted. 358 Motions received, responses being prepared. Property portal advancing for completion /launch by April 2018.

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 underway and progressing well. Design works on the NTA funded Projects are progressing on the Scholarstown Road Cycletrack following conclusion of the S38 consultation process. Works completed on further section of Cycle lane on Willsbrook road between Mount Bellew and St Andrews. NTA allocations awaited. Proposals for continuation of existing and new schemes being prepared. Belgard to Cookstown Link Part 8 report for the Council Meeting in February 2018.

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

Works now complete 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. Tender Documents for the Village Enhancement Works in Saggart are currently being prepared and will be issued shortly. 6 additional School Wardens are now fully operational at their assigned schools across the county, recruitment of relief school wardens ongoing. 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. Meeting with consultants AECOM held 18/1/18 to discuss revisions and deadline for revised drawings provided.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Corporate Policy Group meeting held 5th February and full Council meeting on 12th February. Statutory items on the agenda included the Monthly Management Report to Council and the 2018 Annual Service Delivery Plan. Register of electors has been published and is in force from 15th February 2018. Work is ongoing on South Dublin's transfer over to Voter.ie as part of the pilot to the development of the national shared Register of Electors service that is underway

across the four Dublin local authorities. €300K Have Your Say - Meeting of the Participatory Budgeting Steering Group was held on 21st February after the Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting, to finalise plans for the Launch of the initiative on 27th February in the Round Tower Clondalkin and the associated communications campaign. The launch was then postponed to Thursday 8th March in the same venue and time, due to the severe weather warning on the original date.

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

Annual Ethics Declarations being furnished by all Councillors and relevant staff under Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 by 28th February. Ms. Christine Nangle, Head of Department of Accountancy and Professional Studies in the Institute of Technology Tallaght was approved as a new member of the Audit Committee at the February Council Meeting. Ms. Nangle replaces Mr. Dermot Carter, Director of Finance of Tallaght Hospital who resigned from the committee in December. The Audit Committee held its first meeting in 2018 on 21st February, with Ms Ann Horan presiding as Chair for the year. Appreciation was conveyed to Mr George Kennington for his role as chair previously. Mr. Kennington stepped back as chair in December 2017. Correspondence was received from the National Audit and Oversight Commission regarding the preparation of the Public Spending Code in 2018. Work on the preparation of this will initiate on the completion of the Annual Financial Statement for 2017. The 2018 Commercial Rate was made on 25th January 2018 and 2018 bills totalling €121.6m are being issued for payment in 2 moieties. The first moiety is payable with immediate effect and the second moiety becomes payable on 1st July 2018. The quarterly four accounts have been completed and returned to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government along with the GGB report. The Council has repriced €17.8m in non-mortgage loans availing of lower fixed interest rates which will generate circa €530k in savings over the duration of the loans. The third seminar in insurance training with Irish Public Bodies was completed. The start of year review of the Risk register has been concluded and will be reviewed again in mid-year.

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

- Participatory Budgeting – Revised 2018 website now live facilitating information exchange, ideation, and progress reporting on the 2017 projects.
- Work on the Council's ICT Security Audit continues.
- Disaster recovery and business continuity planning stage 2 nearing completion.
- Vacant Sites system development –User acceptance testing continues.
- Voter.ie – Continue to maintain involvement in advance of a go live of later in the year.
- eRecruitment tender – Standstill complete. Contract documents being finalised.
- Dog Licence System – New solution developed and went live.
- Integrated Housing System –RFT issued and will this stage will close on Friday 2nd of March, 2018.
- Internet redesign –Go live with the new website expected during early March, 2018.
- Intranet revamp underway.

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

An Events and PR Calendar has been created for 2018. Preparations for a new website including a review of all content is underway. A publicity campaign is underway for Seachtain na Gaeilge in March. The Gaelforce event on 17th February started and ended in Tallaght with a choice of either a 29Km or 49Km adventure challenge with running, cycling and kayaking into the Dublin mountains. Organised by South Dublin County Council, South Dublin Chamber, and the Killary Gaelforce team, the 2018 race had 502 entries this year. €300K Have Your Say Clondalkin launch event in The Round Tower on 27th February. Engineers Week was held from 26th Feb to 2nd March. Consultations held in February included the Celbridge Link Road, closed 7th February, and two proposed variations to the County Development Plan on 1] Lands at Grangecastle West and 2] Vacant Site Levy, closing 16th March. The Severe Weather Assessment Team met daily from 26th February in line with the severe weather warning and advised on all associated communications for the public throughout the severe weather alert.

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

Recruitment and selection of new staff to fill vacancies is ongoing. An e-Recruitment system has been tendered and installation / implementation is expected to commence in March. All performance management team and personal plans for 2018 were agreed by line managers, including sign-off of all training and development needs for staff. Preparation of the Training Plan for 2018 is now underway, as well as work on updating our information on the

education details/qualifications held by all staff. The review of depot operations is ongoing with regular meetings across management, trade unions and staff representatives to identify the range of options for operational efficiency and effectiveness and to improve facilities and the working environment for depot based staff.

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 9 projects are on site and progressing totalling 285 units. St Cuthberts due to start in April. New Schedule of proposals brought to area committee February/March. The Dialogue stage of the Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project is Underway with workshops to be held in March with 4 shortlisted groups. Target of Social Housing Delivery to 2021 for SDCC is 2993. 2281 active accounts on HAP at 26th February 2018. This is at an average of 16 per week while the target for 2018 is 15 per week. 488 on Homeless Register at end of January 2018 – (277 single males/females and 10 couples).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 support a Homeless old aged facility for 24 people at Riversdale. New Rent Scheme approved and as agreed at Housing SPC. We have gone live with the online statements and app and included on the new Scheme CAS Approval received to Domestic Refuge purchase by SAOIRSE. New Home Loan launched. Fixed rate of 2% borrowing. HFA sourced €200m for loan at fixed rate – will be lent at 2% fixed rate to eligible borrowers. • 3 types – fixed 25 years • Fixed 30 years – additional 0.25% • Variable Rate- additional 0.3% Aimed at credit worthy first time buyers with incomes ranging from 50K to 70K. There will no longer be an application fee to be applied and LTV is 90% as against 97% in current loan offers. New Enhanced Long Term Leasing Scheme for a period of 30 years announced.

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

MOU agreed between the Healthy County Steering Group and the LCDC. SDCC with the support of South Dublin County Partnership has started consultation process on the development of SDCC's Integration Strategy 2018 – 2021 with 4 main Themes Theme 1: Lifelong Learning Theme 2: Supporting Inclusive Communities Theme 3: Supporting Employment and Business Theme 4: Health and Wellbeing The main stakeholders were also identified as SCYPSC; LCDC; Healthy County Committee; PPN; JPC, Intercultural Forum, Traveller Development Groups, Roma AND Disability support groups. Bealtaine Festival will take place from 1 May to 31 May. The Bealtaine Festival celebrates creativity as we age. South Dublin County Council is organising a number of events during the month to celebrate this festival and will produce a booklet to advertise the wide variety of events and activities that are planned for the festival. A copy will be circulated to all members when complete. Launch will take place in community centres across the County rather than one main launch.

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

The Healthy County Strategy Group is progressing its Communications strategy during 2018 as agreed at its workshop on 9th November for all committee members. Also developing a Social Prescribing scheme with HSE and Tallaght Hospital. Through Children's and Youth Services Committee and Healthy County promoting Schools Programme for Healthy Ireland Flag. AIRO engaged to map all Children's Services in the County. Quality Matters engaged to survey and analyse services and gap in services particularly Youth Mental Health. DCYA has issued call for funding on Youth Mental Health Fund which is focused on scalable or replicable interventions, with some evidence of outcomes that target young people from early adolescence up to age 25. X Country Schools Programme: There will be 72 schools participating in the 2018 Cross Country Programme. We will host 4 local venues with approximately 800 participating at each local event. Griffeen Valley Park (Lucan & surrounding schools) 7th February, 7th March & 18th of April Clondalkin – park near Clondalkin Leisure Centre (Clondalkin & surrounding schools) 8th February, 8th March & 19th of April Jobstown Park – park at Tallaght Leisure Centre (Tallaght & surrounding schools) 21st February, 14th March & 25th April Tymon Park – Basketball Arena entrance (Tallaght/Rathfarnham & surrounding schools) 22nd February, 15th March & 26th of April Finals day on the 17th of May in Corkagh Park – all schools attend - will see a record attendance of 3,600 primary school children participating. MeDex as presented to the Community and Social SPC is arranged to start April 2018 on a pilot basis at Tallaght Leisure Centre. This is a health and wellbeing initiative promoted through DCU and in collaboration with SDCC. It is a clinically proven programme to assist pre and post-

operative patients, those suffering from cardio and COPD. Initially referrals will be through Tallaght Hospital and will run 2 days a week.

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

Flavours of South Dublin Food Festival to be held at Rathfarnham Castle on Sunday 24 June 2018. SDCC is supporting Paralympics Ireland and the 2018 Para Swimming Allianz European Championships from 13th to 19th August 2018. The competition will host over 500 athletes from 40 Countries and will be seen as preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Community Grants 2018 Round 1 will be advertised and open to receive applications from Monday the 19th of March with a Closing Date Friday: 13th of April at 4pm. Assessment and Adjudication will take place during April and May and Recommendations to June Council Meeting. The key considerations when Grants are assessed are:

- Impact on local community and local community involvement
- Availability/existence of other groups doing the same work/duplication of activities
- Proven track record and ability of the group to deliver the project
- Provision of clear and accurate project costings
- Projects/works demonstrating good value for money
- Existing funds available to the group/funds in hand and availability of other funding sources
- Projects/works demonstrating sustainability

The Community Infrastructure Fund: The Community Infrastructure Fund is a fund of €250,000 which offers Community Groups (including Sports Clubs) the opportunity to apply for funding, to assist with the costs of either constructing new Community Facilities or for the modernisation and/or expansion of existing premises. The fund will consider funding requests from a minimum of €5,000 up to a maximum of €30,000. The Fund will be open for applications from Monday the 19th of March (open for 4 weeks) and with a deadline Friday 13th of April at 4pm. Priority will be given to groups who do not have an opportunity to apply for funding from any other source for the funds being requested. Must demonstrate the need for the works and how the works will help meet locally identified needs (both immediate facility users and also the wider community). Fully costed budget plan required, demonstrating all funds are in place to complete all proposed works. Must also demonstrate that they have the resources, ongoing revenue funds and expertise to run the new facility. All the relevant permissions must be in place to complete all the proposed works within 12 month timeframe.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Public Realm Maintenance: Draft Improvement Works Programmes are being presented to the ACMs. The Lucan programme was presented to the January ACM meeting, and the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure programme was presented to the RTT ACM on February 13th. The programmes for Clondalkin and Tallaght will be presented to the relevant ACMs on February 21st and 26th respectively. A countywide works programme will then be presented to the full Council meeting in March. An assessment of the 2017 programme is underway and any work schemes not completed in 2017 have been carried over for completion in the first quarter of 2018. A maintenance works programme will be drawn up following completion of the public realm review process. N81 Improvement Scheme: Stage 1 Construction Tender returned and being assessed. Stage 1 topographical survey completed and being incorporated into detail design. Meetings being arranged with TII. Tree Maintenance Programme: The tree crew operating south of the N7 commenced work in Brookwood estate, Rathfarnham and Willbrook estate. The tree crew north of the N7 is completing works at Castleview estate, Clondalkin. Seasonal tree crews are in operation as available. These are currently assigned to tree maintenance programme works in Corkagh Park and Darglewood. Tree planting contracts are near completion in fulfilment of committed planting programmes for 2017 and Spring 2018. A contract has been awarded to Dermot Casey Tree Care to undertake tree pruning and removal works on trees in conflict with overhead electricity wires and work will commence in Lucan w/c 12th March. Derelict Sites: Register maintained. 2017 & 2018 levies due being calculated - Invoices raised. Scheduled Street Cleaning Programme: Tender process underway for procurement of new road sweeping contract. Expressions of interest stage was completed in 2017 and 5 prospective tenderers passed this stage. Tender documents are being finalised and it is hoped that the tender stage of the process will commence in March. Improvements relating to cleaning by Council staff are covered by the PR review process and will be progressed on implementation of the PR review. Litter Management Plan: Enforcement & Licencing: CCTVs - roving and decoy at 12 locations countywide. Drone training ongoing - SOP Manual (Specific Operating Permissions) is being prepared, which address most of the regulatory issues. New CCTV Scheme now proposed for St. Cuthbert's - ongoing liaison with AGS to see if scheme can be expedited. In-house meeting re St Cuthbert's held last week. HLTF meeting being scheduled. 3 Applications

under Anti-Dumping Grant Scheme being prepared for submission before closing date on 2nd March 2018. 2017 LMP Action Plan summary presented to SPC on 6th February 2018. Environmental Awareness - Till Receipts in Supervalu are ongoing. Cinema advert - tackle litter 16-23 Feb. Community Clean-up - 243 took place in total for January. So far 135 for Feb. The minor community landscaping project is ongoing. Tidy Towns - Presentations delivered to the tidy town's monthly meeting on 19th Feb. on Conscious cups, Dublin Canvas project & The master composter training. Green Schools - 99 Primary & 35 secondary schools registered. The poster competition is now closed and judging will take place in the coming week. The upcycling school campaign is due to close on the 28th Feb. Over 500 clean drain leaflets were given to Councillor Kearns to distribute to residents. DCCAE - LAPN 2017 report & 2017 prevention report 2017 provided to the Dept. Smart Dublin: Continued collaboration with SBIR. Illegal dumping initiatives progressing. As part of the IAA Training / testing SOP Manual (Specific Operating Permissions) is being prepared, which address most of the regulatory issues. The training company has provided a detailed template manual and these are being developed for review by the training company. CCTC Community Scheme now proposed for St Cuthbert's Park. A Project Team is being established for submission to the Commissioner and was noted at JPC on Friday 16th February. Roundabout Sponsorship: Orwell Roundabout - planting works have been delayed by approx 2 weeks due to extremely wet ground conditions, these works are expected to take a further 2 weeks to complete once planting can resume. Contract works have commenced on implementation of a new landscape scheme on the roundabout at the junction of Ballymount Road/Calmount Avenue near to TV3, it is expected that these will be completed in early March. Due to traffic management, works are being carried out on Saturday/Sunday (24th/25th Feb) and are scheduled for completion over 4 weekend periods. Procurement is in progress for supply of plants for a new planting scheme on the roundabout at the junction of Ballymount Road/Turnpike Road for implementation by Council staff. A sponsorship arrangement is being finalised with Noyeks to commence on March 1st in respect of these two roundabouts at Ballymount.

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

Climate Change: Draft Climate Action Plans completed by the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and Codema- currently under review by SDCC for practicality/ feasibility. Presentation made on the Draft Climate Action Plan to the EPR&CC SPC on 6th February. Another workshop of Dublin Local Authorities SPCs to be arranged. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA: Conscious cup campaign now active in SDCC since 5th February. All customers are being incentivised to bring their own reusable cup by offering 10c discount Coordinator met with Tidy Town reps 19th February. Surface Water Schemes: Chapel Hill SW Scheme complete except for some minor surfacing. Final account meetings scheduled before end of February. Upgrade to the remote monitoring of the Poddle screens underway approved, procurement complete, CE Order approved, delivery pending, arrangements being made with ESB to provide power to the sites. Proposal to amalgamate Jetter services in the Drainage section submitted and approved in principle. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Poddle - DCC have adopted the Framework for Consultants. An appointment of a consultant is imminent pending formal OPW approval. Winter Habitat Surveys in Bancroft and Tymon Parks underway by ROD. Camac - Updated consultant brief circulated in December by OPW for review by SDCC and DCC. Whitechurch - OPW to construct with Direct Labour, SDCC to procure Consultant from Framework. River Basin Plans and Measures: Routine monitoring and sampling ongoing. RMCEI work continuing in 2018. Work progressing in relation to the delivery of Integrated Constructed Wetlands in the Griffeen Catchment in 2018. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical Services: 4 no. small light duty commercial type vans delivered 25th Jan last, plus 2 no. large panel vans. Tenders submitted for the electric vans - Mechanical Section SEE has requested demonstration of van prior to taking further action re tender results. Trial of Citroen Berlingo Electric van complete, and tender standstill letters issued. Standstill period elapses on the 26th February.

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

Waste Enforcement Action: Enforcement / surveillance services (Litter and Waste) to continue. Continued interdepartmental liaison planned for 2018 to develop common approach to common issues. Burial Ground Strategy: Draft 2018 Burial Grounds Action Plan prepared. Control of Animals: Ongoing enforcement activity in relation to the control of dogs/horses and animal welfare. Horses Seized. Q4 Return to DOA for Control of Horses Grant 12.02.18. Annual Dog Return being completed. Draft rehoming policy prepared and considered with contractor to try to increase the % of horses rehomed. Ongoing unannounced inspections of Dog Pound following increased media interest in

facility. 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 at a very intricate stage as the finished maps for all 4 Dublin authorities have to be merged as one and to seamless and consistent. RTE's Eco Eye programme aired on 6th February dealt exclusively with noise and its impact on peoples' health. This is the first such dedicated programme on noise that has been aired on TV and we expect quite a big response to the public consultation process of Round Three of the EU Noise Mapping and Action Plans that are just being finalised. A meeting was held in the offices of the EPA in Clonskeagh on Thursday 15th February for the Dublin and Cork Local Authorities, the Dublin Airport Authority, TII and Irish Rail. In addition to Environmental Health, SDCC was represented by colleagues from Planning and Transport Management. The main item for the meeting was the management of noise in future housing development schemes and the UK Pro PG guidance document of 2017 was explained. This item will be included in our Noise Action Plans which will be produced in the next 3 months and then put out for public consultation under the statutory process.

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

Regional and Local Parks: Proposal for new regional park maintenance structure is included in the Public Realm Review proposals. Playspace Programme: Discussions with Developer on-going re Newcastle playspace. Briefing scheduled for Clondalkin ACM Feb. Consultations with some residents in Whitechurch and community section Feb 15th. Consultation with Perrystown Community Centre scheduled late Feb. Leaflet tender for consultations returned and being assessed. Teen Space Consultation: Social media consultation process concluded; surveys being examined (with the addition of focus group discussion if required) and reported on. It is intended to utilise the public participatory budgetary process and the proposed implementation of the ball wall in the Lucan area to engage with teenagers on this new type of facility provision in our parks. Allotments: Administration of allotments allocations ongoing. Tender documents being prepared for Tymon Park. Recreational and Sporting Facilities: Pavillion programme to be re-tendered. Dodder Valley Mt Carmel; awaiting cost proposal from consultants; meeting week of Feb 19th. Hermitage Frame Football: tender process completed. Awaiting tender assessment. Delivery of objectives in the Tourism Strategy: Corkagh Park brief for consultants being prepared.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

LEO training schedule commenced in 2018, with the Winter programme ongoing including additional training to be provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. 27 clients have attended LEO provided training in January. Next Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting to be held on 27th March 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. • Microenterprise Development Fund:. • Individual Unit Support Scheme: • Microenterprise Start Up Support (Rates) Scheme:

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 nearing completion. 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 on the 31/10/2017. • Eirgrid - Works commenced on site in September 2017. • Capital Programme – Nangor Road / R120: Commenced on site and majority of site clearance complete. Concentrating on works at 12th lock. • 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 May 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. Grange Rower are still liaising with the EPA for licensing. • 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. Sod turning ceremony scheduled for 28/02/2018. • Energy Masterplan: SEAI granted funding to SDCC to carry out an energy masterplan for the Grange Castle Business Park. SDCC now considering which projects to progress. SEAI now offering multi-year funding for more long term energy projects, therefore SDCC considering how that may work for Grange Castle projects. • 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. Shamrock Rovers New Season commenced March 2018. Construction commenced 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. SEAI now offering multi-year funding for more long term energy projects, therefore SDCC considering how that may work for Grange Castle projects.

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

Library News Library Development Plan 2018 – 2022 South Dublin Libraries is in the process of preparing a library development plan encompassing the strategy and work plan for the next five year period. The draft plan was presented to the Arts SPC on 7th February. Healthy Ireland at your Library Initiative South Dublin Libraries are embracing the Healthy Ireland at your Library initiative to promote a healthy lifestyle for the citizens of South Dublin. We aim to have trust-worthy and evidence based information available. A census of health related queries in branch libraries will be held from 26th February – 4th March. A public survey is also available on Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HIAYLSurvey2018>. Lucan 300K Have Your Say – Free Library Books update €3,000 was allocated to the Free Library Books project under the 2017 300K Have Your Say initiative. South Dublin libraries purchased a selection of approximately 240 books comprising adult fiction and non-fiction in late 2017. The non-fiction books are of Irish interest including authors such as Philly McMahon and Roz Purcell, and each book is identified by a “have your say” sticker. Community and day care centres in the Lucan/Palmerstown area were identified and so far the

following have taken books: Ballyowen Community Centre, Palmerstown Community Centre, L.I.F.E. Adult Education Centre, Esker Hill and Rossecourt (Stewarts Care Day Centre). A selection of books will be delivered to Adamstown Community Centre when it opens. Winter Words - A series of creative writing workshops held throughout South Dublin branch libraries funded by Carnegie Trust - ongoing until end of February. History and Heritage Tallaght Historical Society in conjunction with the County Library have a talk on Jonathan Swift: the Dublin Connection on 28th February. Exhibitions Art exhibition by Christina Russell in Ballyroan Library & an exhibition on WWI Chaplain Fr. Willie Doyle in the County Library. Engineer's Week – 3D printing workshops in Palmerstown Hub & County Library. Programme highlights in What's Happening January – March 2018.

http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/sites/all/libraries/tinymce/jscripts/tiny_mce/

[plugins/filemanager/files/Whats_Happening/Whats_Happening_Spring_2018.pdf](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/sites/all/libraries/tinymce/jscripts/tiny_mce/plugins/filemanager/files/Whats_Happening/Whats_Happening_Spring_2018.pdf) Check the website for link: www.southdublinlibraries.ie Library Capital Projects: 1) North Clondalkin Library - Tenders will be issued in March 2018 with construction commencing in Q4. (2) New Castletymon Library Design team in place and plans being drawn up. Tenders will be issued in March 2018 with construction beginning in summer 2018. Creative Ireland The submission date for the Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 is 21st February 2018. Feedback from the November Arts SPC is reflected in the draft.

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

Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin Winner of Silver Award in the Best Heritage Project category at the All Ireland Community and Council Awards held in Croke Park on the 3rd February Dublin Mountains Project South Dublin County Council requested by An Bord Pleanála to reissue the notice given to the public that on 30th November, 2017 re: Significant Further Information on the project. This further information can be inspected for a period of 30 days from the 31st January 2018 to the 1st March 2018. Shop Fronts Grants Scheme 2018 The scheme is now open for applications and the closing date is Friday 30th March 2018, further details and application are available at <http://www.sdcc.ie/business/enterprise/business-support/shop-front-grant> Gaelforce Dublin 2018 The event took place in Tallaght Stadium on the 17th February 2018 with over 600 registered participants.