**€300K Have Your Say : Clondalkin - Newcastle - Rathcoole**

**Criteria for Project Submissions**

The intent of €300K Have Your Say is for local people to participate in the Council’s budget decision-making process to identify projects that that will benefit that community and that fulfil the parameters of the initiative. Hence in developing a project idea, people should be guided by the premise that their submission should be (1) a project that would benefit a significant number of people living in their community; (2) is achievable within the maximum €300,000 allocation\*, and (3) is deliverable within the Council’s subsequent budget cycle - for example, for a local initiative run in 2018 the projects voted on in 2018 will be delivered in 2019, following the adoption of the budget by the Council.

Within those considerations, all proposals that are made in the submissions stage (that is after 8pm on Tuesday 27th February and by 5pm on Monday 2nd May 2018) will be subject to a technical review and possible modification by the Council before they are considered for approval to go into the public vote. The following are the criteria that will be used by the Council to aid that technical review and shortlisting of projects:

* Is the proposed project already planned for by the Council within an existing programme of work?
* Is the proposed project within the remit of the Council, or is it the responsibility of another government department or public body and therefore beyond the scope of a Council initiative?
* Would the proposed project be considered for funding through an existing grant scheme, such as the Council’s Community Grants Scheme
* Does the project proposal raise a local issue that will or can be addressed through the Council’s existing repair and/or maintenance programmes?
* Is the proposed site of the project on land that is in public ownership or is it private property? Proposals that require land must clearly identify the proposed areas/sites within the electoral area. This land must be in public ownership.

Please note that in some cases a number of project proposals may be submitted from different people or groups that are similar in their nature or objective. Where this happens such proposals may be combined into one project for shortlisting purposes by the Steering Group.

\* Proposals that exceed €300,000 may still be deemed worthy of further investigation and funding could be allocated for feasibility studies for said proposals.