

April 2018 Strategy Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Apr

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 Road – 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: 115, 7 gritting routes: 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 2038. Regional Road Upgrade (RRU) Programme 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. TII Allocation for N81 Strengthening. Traffic Light Refurbishment Programme 2018 Works underway. 163 signal fault repairs.

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

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, Feb 1st to consider motions submitted. 358 Motions received, Chief Executive Report issued. Proposed Material Alterations to the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone Draft Planning Scheme, and the accompanying Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment determinations on the proposed material alterations are available for inspection from Tuesday 20th March to Friday 20th April 2018 inclusive: 280 submissions received, Chief Executives report being prepared. Date of first meeting to consider motions 19th June 2018. Property portal advancing to launch by June 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. Temporary Bridge now in operation. 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 for 2018 received. Proposals for continuation of existing and new schemes being prepared. Belgard to Cookstown Link Part 8 adopted at the Council Meeting in February 2018. Celbridge Link Road [LIHAF] Part 8 Adopted March Meeting. Final Designs being prepared.

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 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. New Junior RSO's appointed April by Mayor at event in Chamber. 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. New Part 8 Drawings and Scheme proposals circulated to Councillors and on public display. Public consultation concludes on May 20th 2018.

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. St Cuthberts due to start on site in coming weeks. 7 of these projects will be completed and tenanted in 2018 totalling 221 units. New Schedule of proposals on 12 projects totalling 523 units have been brought to relevant area committees in February/March are being progressed. The Dialogue stage and workshops of the Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project is completed and intention to proceed to final tender early May 2018. Target of Social Housing Delivery to 2021 for SDCC is 2993 as revised. Revised targets issued by Minister 18th April 2018 and circulated to the Mayor and all members. 2350 active accounts on HAP at 24th April 2018. This is at an average of 14 per week which is the target for 2018. 550 on Homeless Register at end of March 2018 – (270 single males/females and 11 couples).SDCC Currently has 3 Homeless Hubs 70 units of singles STA and progressing a further 15 places along with 20 step down, 16 Units for Domestic Violence Refuge and funding and premises secured on achieving a further 6 units. Also support a Homeless old aged facility for 24 people at Riversdale.

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

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. Launch will take place in community centres across the County rather than one main launch. Home Security Scheme – 2018: SDCC introduced a new scheme in 2016 to provide 500 replacement locks to private properties of older residents (55 years plus) of South Dublin County Council who may be vulnerable or living alone. Over 600 applications were received and the lock fitter has been working on installation. In 2016, almost 500 locks were fitted and positive feedback has been received. An evaluation of the 2016 Scheme took place before planning for 2017 Scheme. This scheme was launched again in 2017. This scheme went to public tender with the contract won by Crothers Security for a period of 2 years. Up to 31st December 2017, there was 658 locks replaced by Crothers Security. This scheme is currently advertised for 2018 with amendments to be made to the doors that can have their locks replaced and previous applicants can apply to have different locks replaced. The 2018 scheme was advertised on 15th February 2018 with closing date of 30th April 2018. Smoke Alarm Scheme – 2017: This scheme was advertised in October 2017. There were 500 alarms provided to SDCC under the scheme run by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. A high volume of applications were received. The South Dublin Partnership Care and Repair Team commenced the distribution and installations of the alarms week commencing 8th January 2018. 250 homes (2 alarms per home) have been contacted and work has been completed. National Adult Literacy and Wellbeing for Life: The Unit will continue to delivering the National Adult Literacy and Wellbeing for Life Programme in the County. The beginner's 10 week programme started in Aras Chronain in February. There are 26 participants in the programme. The presentation of certificates will take place on Thursday 3 May at 2.30 pm in Aras Chronain, Clondalkin. The advance Health and Wellbeing course will commence on the 10 May. Great feedback on the beginner's course and impressive interest in the Advance Course. South Dublin Traveller Culture Schools Project: This project involved Travellers visiting schools in the South Dublin area and engaging children in dialogue around Traveller culture in modern Ireland. The initiative is being funded by the Department of Justice and Equality. South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum The aim of the group is to provide a forum for representatives of the New Communities in South Dublin to collaborate, network and be a common voice of the communities towards achieving social inclusion, integration and participation in the decision making process. The group continue to meet on a regular basis. Yellow Flag Programme: The Yellow Flag Programme is a progressive equality and diversity initiative for primary and secondary schools which promotes and supports an environment for interculturalism. The programme is being delivered by the Irish Traveller Movement.

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

The Healthy County Strategy Group is progressing a Social Prescribing scheme with HSE and Tallaght Hospital. Healthy County promoting Schools Programme for Healthy Ireland Flag. Extensive survey of services for Children is underway as part of developing the strategy for the Children's and Youth Services Committee. 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. 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: 72 schools participating in the 2018 Cross Country Programme. We are hosting 4 local venues with approximately 800 participating at each local event. Finals at Corcagh Park 17th May 2018. 3,500 participants expected. The Summer Project registration night was held on 18th April. 33 projects will take place this summer. MeDex as presented to the Community and Social SPC is arranged to start 1st May 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. Full support for the programme provided by Tallaght Hospital at presentation on 23rd March 2018. The Community Team met with Tallaght Hospital Director of Training & Staff Development and the Nurse Practice Development Advisor and have arranged a Seminar on the topic of mental Health particularly following recent Council debates on this specific topic. Tallaght Hospital Information Seminar to be arranged for 16th May 2018. A 6 week health and Wellbeing course for the local Bawnogue community in conjunction with Trinity College was held in the Bawnogue Centre the course was very well attended over the 6 weeks. 15 people attended the course. The second round of the Healthy Ireland Fund has been released with a deadline for submission of 3.00pm on the 11th May 2018. Submissions will be considered in the first instance by LCDC and CYPSC.

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 24th June 2018. 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 Balgaddy Link & Lunch took place on Tuesday 27th March in the Clondalkin Lucan Women's Network Unit in Tor an Ri. The session was facilitated by the Sports Partnership mapping what activities are happening and planned in Balgaddy over the coming months. The session also identified the lack of activities and opportunities for men and youth as a priority issue. The exercise will require another couple of sessions before complete. Currently the group are planning the next Balgaddy Link & Lunch meeting for May. Crosscare Ronanstown Youth Service have reported the problem with electrics is resolved and they are now back running afterschool programmes from the Balgaddy unit. 180th Lucan South Scouts have completed phase 1 of their refurbishment of the Bush Centre. Balgaddy Action Group Strategy Committee. The 2nd meeting of the Balgaddy Action Group took place on Thursday 12th April @ 2pm in the Council Clondalkin Civic Offices. The group consists of representatives from Agencies / Community Groups, Local Residents and Council. A presentation was made by representatives of Clondalkin Drugs Taskforce / Nth Clondalkin Community Safety Forum / Local Residents highlighting the Balgaddy area demographics / results from a recent local survey of residents / and photos highlighting a number of ongoing issues. It was agreed to put together a plan indicating short, medium, and long term goals. Housing Estate Management & Community Development are tasked with pulling the plan together. Meanwhile all representatives at the meeting are invited to submit information on their own Roles within the Balgaddy Estate and where they see their role in assisting to identify some immediate short-term actions/solutions. The next meeting is scheduled for May in the Clondalkin Civic Offices where the draft plan will be presented. Clondalkin Handcraft and Horticultural Show. This year the show will be on the 30th of June & 1st of July to coincide with the end of Summer Holidays (in the hopes of encouraging more children to enter). There will also be a Create Your Own Strawberry competition which should be a simple idea to draw people to the event. Newlands Garden Centre is sponsoring part of the show – the produce section- and this will now be held at the garden centre on Saturday the 30th of June while the main body of the show will be at Áras Chronáin on Sunday the 1st of July. 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. Adamstown Community Centre and Sports hall handover is being finalised. The 2018 edition of the 55+ Daily activity booklet have

been delivered. These are delivered to Hospitals Health Centres Community Centres.

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 3rd April, Council Meeting held 9th April. €300K Have Your Say- the submissions period closed on April 9th and the Steering Group met on April 23rd to review all applications submitted and agree a shortlist of projects for the public vote. This shortlist will be presented at the May Council meeting for approval to go through to the public vote from 14th – 27th May. Work is continuing on preparation of the supplement. Closing date for postal votes was 28/4/2018 and for the supplement it is 8/5/2018. To date there have been an additional 2,646 added to the supplement up to current date 3rd May, 2018. The Franchise section are processing an additional 150-200 application forms per day. The Mayor Cllr Gogarty launched Eco Week 2018 on 23rd April.

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

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) for 2017 was presented at April Council Meeting which showed a Revenue surplus of €35,104 for the year and a positive movement of the Councils Capital Account of €49.9m. The Annual Financial Statement for 2017 has been referred to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for audit. The Quarter 1 Revenue and Capital Accounts being prepared for submission to the Department in May. The Councils borrowing return for the periods January 2018 – March 2021 was submitted Implementation of Procurement Plan and Audit plan on-going. Two Public Spending Code in depth reviews finalised and all departments are preparing their return under the Public Spending Code requirements. National Performance indicators return issued to NOAC within deadline and SDCC Profile Request completed and returned. Preparations for the GDPR implementation date of May 25th are ongoing across Council departments, supported by staff training and two Lean Six Sigma projects. Review of Risk Register for GDPR risks underway. The Record Retention and Management Policy document has been circulated to all departments and uploaded on the intranet and feeds into the GDPR preparation process. Review of file storage requirements part of this.

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

- Under normal ICT replacement policy, depot ICT upgrades in the process of being rolled out.
- Internet redesign - Content is constantly being updated and refined to yield a better user experience.
- Participatory Budgeting – Ideation phase complete and preparations are being made for the voting phase pending selection and agreement of nominated projects.
- Upgrades of various ICT Systems being undertaken.
- Work on the Council's ICT Security Audit continues.
- Disaster recovery and business continuity progressing.
- Final Revisions to Property Portal underway and Physical Setup now agreed. Touchscreen procurement underway.
- Vacant Sites system development –UAT underway.
- eRecruitment tender – Data Protection agreement finalised and contract being prepared.
- Scheduled GIS Infrastructure upgrades have taken place.
- Cyber Patching solution being rolled out.
- Integrated Housing System – Phase II of Negotiation underway.
- Intranet revamp. Design phase continuing.

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

Content review on new website ongoing and development of a governance framework for management of the website by the Communications Office. Extensive communications campaign support to the €300K Have Your Say initiative (see objective one above). Consultations held in April included: • Clonburris-proposed material alteration to draft planning scheme. • Proposed Variations of South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022: Proposed Variation No.1 - Zoning Amendment to Lands at Grangecastle West; and Proposed Variation No.2 - Vacant Site Levy • Celbridge Link Road, Tubber Lane, Celbridge Road (R403) • Templeogue Village Initiative Part 8

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. New appointments across Clerical Officers, Library

Assistants, General Operatives, Senior Programmer. Graduate Post interviews in progress and Graduate Programme line manager / mentor training in April. Awaiting start date of graduates. Review of induction procedures for new and promoted staff underway. The review of depot operations is ongoing with regular meetings across management, trade unions and staff representatives. Communications Office and local management held information meetings for all staff in each depot to ensure all staff had full information on the proposed improvements. Annual Chief Executive Staff talks took place on 11th and 12th April in Tallaght Stadium. Internal communications survey report complete, to be published on intranet in Plain English. Survey to be analysed for areas for improvement within specific departments and grades. Communications Network relaunch presented to Grade 7s, shortlist of staff to be invited drafted. Annual Training plan being finalised. IPA Leadership programme commenced - 2 participants. Management Development Programme at grades 6-7 completed, grade 5 ongoing. Grade 8 programme to be finalised for roll-out 2018. G7 delegation order meetings with DoS being scheduled. Workshops commencing for line managers on Grievance and Disciplinary Policies. WFP meetings complete.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

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

LEO training schedule continued in March 2018, with Spring programme ongoing including additional training to be provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end March, 257 clients have attended LEO provided training, with a further 102 attending training provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. 7 Projects were considered at the Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting held on 27th March 2018. 6 projects were approved for a total of €164,850 pertaining to 9 new full time equivalent jobs, as well as sustaining 2 existing jobs. 1 project was deferred pending further documentation. The next EVAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th May. 3 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants, including food branding, were approved in 2018 to the end of March to the value €7,000 8 Trading Online Voucher applications were approved in 2018 with a total value of €15,586.50. The next TOV's seminar is due to take place on 17th May in the LEO training room. 113 clients availed of in-house clinics/ outreach clinics/mentor assignments to end 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: Number applications approved: 0 estimated total commitment €543,750 Spend to date: €0
- Individual Unit Support Scheme: number applications approved: 2 Estimated total commitment €70,000 Spend to date €4,010.22
- Microenterprise Start Up Support (Rates) Scheme: Number applications approved: 0 estimated total commitment €8,750 Spend to date: €0

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 complete. 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, construction of the permanent entrance to the site commenced. • Capital Programme – Nangor Road / R120: Commenced on site. Now concentrating on all areas, works at 12th lock, traffic diversion in place over temporary Bailey Bridge while works are carried out on the existing bridge. • 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 in Southern field only. Northern field to be retendered. • Edgeconnex: Application for new Datacentres approved directly adjacent to the Business park. Access to datacentre will be via Grange Castle Business Park.. • Edgeconnex planning application for an additional data hall was approved on the 04/07/2017. • Edgeconnex planning application (SD17A/0392) for a 125sqm extension to a data hall has now been appealed to An Bord Pleanala by a third party. A decision is due by the 29/05/2018. • 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 took place on 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. Zoning for consideration at May Council meeting. 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. Variation No 1 to the County Development Plan with regard to rezoning of the lands to the west went on public display on the 16th February 2018 until 16th March 2018. 12 No submissions were received. The Chief executives report has been prepared and has been circulated to the members. The variation is listed on the May 2018 Council meeting. 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, On the 17/04/2018 CyrusOne submitted their planning application for a 3 storey office block and a data centre, a decision is due on the 11/06/2018. The section 183 for disposal of ducts in Grange Castle South and the R120 was approved at the March 2018 Council meeting.

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

• The Business Support Fund for 2018 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 5200 (incl construction). • Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events. Construction of South Stand commenced in February 2018, with anticipated completion date for end September 2018. FAI Womens Intl Team played 2 games in April, with approx. 8,000 spectators at the games. Shamrock Rovers New Season commenced March 2017. North Stand feasibility being considered. • 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. SDCC considering the energy demand of the lands to the west and any potential energy projects that may bring.

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. Final draft plan will be presented to the Arts SPC on 2nd May. Video: A Whole World at Your Library was launched in April to promote library services and is receiving good traction on social media. <https://vimeo.com/262014296> or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebx9Xr9_6Y 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. A comprehensive collection of books on health and wellbeing was purchased and are available for loan. Over 30 events on topics relating to this area were held in branch libraries with over 800 attendees. Funding was received from Pobal for this initiative. Epic A ground breaking creative writing initiative curated by Colm Keegan working with young adults from across the county. Colm will present speculative fiction workshops, collate student's writings and compile them into a website. Spring Into Storytime As part of the Right to Read programme a series of storytime sessions across the branch network to encourage reading and literacy development. One City One Book The Long Gaze Back is the title chosen this year, a collection of short stories by Women authors. Events were held in Ballyroan and the County Library with 4 author visits during April. Exhibitions Ballyroan Library - April: Landscapes of War & Peace 1914-2014 Poetry & Photography County Library – April: Mixed Crafts by Bernadette Hynes Clondalkin Library – April: Acrylics by Carmel Lyons Programme highlights in What's Happening April & May 2018. Check the website for link: <http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie> Library Capital Projects: 1) North Clondalkin Library – Tender closing date is 18th May with construction commencing in Q3. (2) New Castletymon Library Design team in place and plans being drawn up. Tenders will be issued in Q 2 with construction beginning in summer 2018. Creative Ireland Culture and Creativity

Strategy 2018-2022 submitted. Feedback from the November Arts SPC is reflected in the draft. 2018 programme for presentation to May SPC

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

South Dublin County Council – Events and Festival Funding 2018 The deadline for applications is 3pm on Friday, 4th May 2018, further information and application forms are available on the council website at <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/tourism/>

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Public Realm Maintenance: The 2018 Improvement Works Programme was presented to the County Council meeting in March and prioritisation of works for 2018 underway, list prepared and estimates being prepared. Schemes commenced. A revised 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: Tree crews are currently carrying out a programme of tree pruning and removals in Willbrook estate, Rathfarnham and in Oakwood Grove estate, Clondalkin. Contract works are ongoing on a schedule of tree pruning and removal works on trees in conflict with overhead electricity wires. Planting of 70 apple trees at 5 locations across the Lucan and Palmerstown areas was recently completed by Public Realm staff in fulfilment of 2017 Participatory Budget project. The locations include: Willbrook Park, Vesey Park, Lucan Demesne, Griffeen Park and Waterstown Park. 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 have commenced by end of April. Other matters relating to cleaning by Council staff are covered by the PR review process and will be progressed on implementation of the Public Realm review. Litter Management Plan: Env Awareness: Till Receipts- anti-litter advert running in Supervalu. 305 Community Clean ups have taken place so far this month 305 and over 72 have registered for NSC clean-ups. Social Credits Scheme Landscaping project- final work is starting on the minor community landscaping project with completion in sight for the coming months. Green Schools -99 Primary & 35 Secondary schools registered. 22 schools in SDCC to be awarded there flags this year. Eco week school workshops taking place with over 100 workshops booked to schools. Dublin Canvas Project submission assessment process under way. National Spring Clean: Launched at the start of April via social media, press outlets and the SDCC website. Tidy Towns: Master composting workshops have been advertised through social media, ppn, email, SDCC website and Community so far over 20 people have signed up. LA21 : A reminder has gone to all LA21 successful projects that completion reports were due 27th April. Enforcement & Licencing: CCTVs - roving and decoy at 12 locations countywide. Drone training completed - SOP Manual (Specific Operating Permissions) is being prepared, which address most of the regulatory issues. Progressing CCTV scheme for St Cuthbert's Park area - liaison with AGS. Public Realm - Review of pitch cleanliness post matches to be scheduled. Smart Dublin: Phase 2 of SBIR – Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP process with Enterprise Ireland to develop low cost solutions to illegal dumping being formally launched following assessment of Phase 1 in January 2018. Meeting held with SparrowWatch on the 29/03/2018. They are developing monitoring and image analysis software. A camera systems integrated with these intelligent algorithms, will deliver a smart, low cost monitoring system to easily capture, report and ultimately discourage illegal activity. USP: Increased battery life no ESB connection. Camera activates on the sound of a car door. Infrared motion and heat sensors are among the specs of the equipment / software. SDCC presentation to SBIR - SMART DUBLIN (on 26th April) give an overview of the challenge, the solutions that are developing and the value of the SBIR process. 4 companies in Phase 2 still developing with a view to deployment afterwards, with possible wider adaptability, and with huge costs savings for SDCC if these projects are further developed. Roundabout Sponsorship: Roundabout sponsorship agreements commenced for 12 month period with Noyeks in respect of 2 roundabouts in Ballymount and with Griffin Solicitors in respect of 2 roundabouts on Templeville Roundabout. Further sponsorship arrangements in development with Roadstone (Outer Ring Road), Tallaght Credit Union (Belgard Road at Tallaght IT), Ardstone Homes (Stocking Avenue) & Gunny Hill Partnership (Scholarstown Road at Orlagh). Landscape upgrade schemes near completion on Orwell Roundabout and at junction Ballymount Road/Calmout Road.

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

Climate Change: The Draft Climate Action Plan 2018 -2023 for the four Dublin Authorities are being drafted. On 19th January 2018 the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten T.D., published Ireland's first statutory National Adaptation Framework and announced funding of €10m to establish Local Authority Regional Climate Action Offices. There will be four offices, one in Dublin for the four Dublin Authorities, one in Kildare for the midlands region Mayo and Cork for the Atlantic Region north and south respectively. The offices will have a specialism as follows: Dublin urban climate issues, Kildare fluvial flooding issues, and coastal issues such as erosion for the Atlantic offices. The Dublin Regional Office will be hiring four staff. 3 Regional Workshops will take place in May/June, 29th May in Dublin. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA: Inspections currently ongoing. Current focus is on Implementation of Tyre Regulations, Inspection of C&D sites from commencement notice to completion and inspection Permit Facilities. Initial role out SDCC designed Construction Management Plan has commenced. Surface Water Schemes: Prioritisation of works for 2018 underway, list prepared and estimates being prepared. Schemes commenced. Chapel Hill SW Scheme complete. Upgrade to the remote monitoring of the Poddle screens complete. Commissioning underway. Works in Glenmaroon complete, reinstatement underway. Surveying work in Templeogue Village complete, ongoing liaison with Roads Department in relation to scheme commencement. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Poddle - The letter of acceptance was issued to Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd on 21st March. The formal PSDP appointment and contract signing for the design of this scheme took place on 28th March 2018. This was also the kick off meeting for the contract and was attended by SDCC, DCC, the OPW and Nicholas O'Dwyer. The overall scheme was discussed and the summary programme was reviewed. A follow-up technical meeting to go through hydraulic modelling and the design process has taken place on 11th April. Winter Habitat Surveys in Bancroft and Tymon Parks ongoing 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: Routing sampling and pollution investigations continued in the first quarter. SDCC have made it to next round in the EU LIFE fund. The "Dublin Urban River LIFE" application has been reviewed favourably and SDCC have submitted answers and clarification to the EU in the past week. We await a final result in April. Water Conservation Programme: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical Services: Grasscare (& Miscellaneous) Machinery - Small Plant Items – Purchase & Repairs" contract in place. Procurement Reference: SD-18-00038F. Stump Grinder tender on e-tenders - closing date; mid-May. 5 No. Electric Vans on order.

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: Temporary Contract on the control of Horses to be rolled over as no further update available on outcome of national tender process. Air Quality: The DCCAE circulated to all Local Authority Directors of Services - Environment on 8th March 2018 regarding the introduction of a nationwide ban on the marketing, sale, distribution and burning of bituminous coal or "smoky coal." The key items to come from this meeting are:-

- Clean Air Strategy will be unveiled in the next few weeks. Regulations are currently being finalised.
- The ban on the sale of smoky coal (now referred to as low smoke) in the existing zones, which has been in place in larger towns for some time, will be extended countrywide from Autumn of 2018.
- The Minister intends to allow coal distributors 12 months from then to sell off existing stocks before a total ban on sale, marketing distribution and burning comes into effect in Autumn 2019.
- Training will be provided for all Local Authority staff to coincide with the ban.
- There are concerns re cross border activity as NI will have different legislation.
- It will be a cross agency approach involving Local Authorities Enforcement, the EPA, Revenue, Garda Síochána and Customs.
- Stoves - Mandatory legislative requirements for the installation of stoves are something that is being investigated. Stove installers will then be accredited. - (HETAS) - UK Registration body that installers must register to.

Dublin Noise Action Plan: Acoustic Consultants now commissioned to complete the noise mapping and population exposure. Expected to be complete within one month. Ongoing weekly liaison with EPA continues in between meetings. Road Traffic Noise is emerging as an issue and this is clear from the types of environmental complaints being made in the past 6 months from residents living along major roads. During the summer, we hope that our draft noise action plans will go for public consultation for 6 weeks before submission to EPA. We expect a lot of interest from the public when

this process opens.

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: Consultation and meetings with regard to Whitechurch continuing. Workshop carried out on the 24th of April. Leaflet delivery tender completed. Teen Space Consultation: Consultation with teenagers completed and being reviewed. Meeting with community held to agree next steps. Meeting with Comhairle na Nog, crosscare and foroige to be arranged in tandem with community section. Report of preliminary findings of teenage survey with draft recommendations to be presented at May Council Meeting. Allotments: Administration of allotments allocations ongoing. Tender documents being prepared for Tymon Park. Recreational and Sporting Facilities: Pavilion programme to be re-tendered next 2 weeks. Dodder Valley Mt Carmel; awaiting cost proposal from consultants. Fee to be reviewed. Hermitage Frame Football: tender process completed. Tender assessment underway Delivery of objectives in the Tourism Strategy: Corkagh Park brief for consultants being prepared.