SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LAND USE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON MONDAY 15th February 2017**

**PRESENT:**

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| **Members**  | **Council Officials**  |
| Cllr Emer Higgins (Chair) | Frank Nevin | Director of Services |
| Cllr. Mick Murphy | Laura Leonard | A/Director of Services |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole | William Purcell | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr. Paul Gogarty | Brian Keaney | Senior Planner |
| Cllr. Ruth Nolan  | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
|   | Sean O’Hara | Administrative Officer |
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| **Non-Elected Members:** |
| Siobhan Butler |
| Niall Durkan |

**Apologies: Cllr Paula Donovan**

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

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

[**Minutes of SPC LUPT Meeting of 4th December, 2017.docx**](file:///%5C%5CSDCC-file3%5CRoads%5Crdsad%5CMeetings%5CSPC%27s%5C1%20LANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5C2017%5CDecember%5CMinutes%20of%20SPC%20LUPT%20Meeting%20of%204th%20December%2C%202017.docx)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 4th December 2017 were proposed by Cllr. L. O’Toole, seconded by Cllr. R. Nolan and **AGREED.**

**H-1 (2) Presentation by Frank Nevin, Director of Services**

 **Grange Castle Business Park**

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Frank Nevin, DOS presented the report which outlined the history of Grange Castle from its formation in 1994. This is owned, developed and marketed by South Dublin Council. He informed meeting that there are only two sites of significant project scale remaining. At present two projects are under construction: Microsoft and Google. There have also been some upgrades to internal park infrastructure, such as footpaths, cycle routes, pump stations, ducting etc.

The Council continue to attract businesses that provide employment in the area, however, the Council collaborates with the IDA and the Chamber of Commerce in this regard.

Recent developments include strategic acquisitions of lands to west of R120. There is a proposed Variation to County Development Plan No. 1 which will go on public display in March.

Improvements have also been carried out by our service providers in the Park.

A discussion followed in which Mr. Nevin answered questions raised by Cllrs. Gogarty, Cllr O’Toole, Cllr Murphy and Cllr Higgins.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Variation to Development Plan**

[Proposed Variation of Development Plan Grange Castle West\_](Items/H.1%20%20%282%29%20Proposed%20Variation%20of%20Development%20Plan%20Grange%20Castle%20West_files)

[Proposed Variation No. 2 of Development Plan Vacant Sites Levy](Items/H.1.%20%283%29%20Proposed%20Variation%20No.%202%20of%20Development%20Plan%20Vacant%20Sites%20Levy_files)

 Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner, gave the report.

1. **Grange Castle West**

Brian Keaney gave the planning background as to why there is a proposed variation to the Councils Development Plan. The Variation seeks to change the land use zoning objective of lands at Grangecastle West from Objective RU (Rural) to Objective EE (Enterprise and Employment) These amendments to the land use zoning objective would also result in the realignment of the indicative route for the Western Dublin Orbital Route (North).

Mr, Keaney explained that it was the Council’s objective to facilitate and support the growth of the economy and the GDA in a sustainable manner, whilst maintaining and improving environmental quality. There is a lack of EE Employment lands within the administrative area. A lot of the well-established business parks in the County are nearing capacity.

The Proposed Variation along with accompanying documentation will go on display from Friday 16th February, 2018 to Friday 16th March, 2018. Submissions and observations to be submitted by 12.00 midnight on 16th March 2018. This can be done on the Council’s online portal or by post to SEO.

1. **Vacant Sites Levy**

The principal amendments to this Variation No 2 are as a result of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 which provided for a levy to be applied on vacant sites in residential and regeneration zoned lands, which are suitable for housing, and are not forthcoming with development. No changes are proposed to the land use zoning map or any land use zoning objective under Proposed Variation No. 2.

The public display period for this is the same as Variation No. 1.

Mr. Keaney answered queries raised regarding submissions and report, appeals mechanism from Cllrs Higgins and O’Toole.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Weston Aerodrome**

**Weston Aerodrome Executive Report**

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Ms. Laura Leonard A/DOS introduced the item and Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner, presented the update on Weston Aerodrome in which he informed the meeting that 824 submissions had been received. The Chief Executive Report is prepared attached for the members.

Mr. Keaney answered questions raised by Cllr O’Toole regarding the Planning concerns and the report was **NOTED**.

**H-1 (5) Review of Parking By-Laws**

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Ms. Laura Leonard, A/Director of Services gave the report. This report was following on from commitments given at the December SPC to have a look at Tariffs, Expenditure of surplus monies, adjustment of parking areas in outlying underused village areas and need for park and ride facilities and Grace periods.

The majority of the suggested changes are operational adjustments and can be incorporated into the Paid Parking Services contract without having to develop new Bye Laws and it is proposed to effect such changes as are possible within a short time frame and in any event by 7th April following adoption by the full Council and any recommendations of this committee. The report outlined the significant changes since the introduction of the Pay and Display scheme in the County in 2006. The latest Bye Laws were adopted by full Council on April 11th 2011.

Ms. Leonard responded to queries raised by Cllrs O’Toole, Gogarty and Murphy and Ms. Butler regarding the various issues with the scheme and in particular with the Parking contractor. She informed the meeting that these issues have been addressed with the Contractor and that things on the ground should improve. It was not the Council’s intention to allow grace time for the 30 minutes free parking to be increased as income would be substantially reduced.

It was **AGREED** that any matters arising would be brought as a Headed Item to the Area Committee Meetings.

**It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to go over time to take the last two items.**

**Cor (1) Correspondence**

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1. **Correspondence from Fingal County Council – Infinity Congestion Charge**
2. **Environment, Public Realm & Climate Change SPC – Quads and Scramblers – Establishment of Task Force**
3. Item 1 was **NOTED**
4. Ms. L. Leonard, A/DOS asked the meeting for a nominee to sit on the Task Force on Quads and Scramblers. Anyone interested to send their name to A/Director or AO who will forward them to Environment SPC.

Ms. S. Kelly to circulate email to members.

This was **AGREED**

**H-1 (6) AOB**

[**AOB 2. RSES Pre Draft Submission Jan 2018 FINAL DRAFT.docx**](Items/H-1%286%29%20AOB%202.%20RSES%20Pre%20Draft%20Submission%20Jan%202018%20FINAL%20DRAFT.docx)

[**AOB Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy.docx**](Items/H-1%286%29%20AOB%20Regional%20Spatial%20%26%20Economic%20Strategy.docx)

1. **Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy – Issues Papers Submitted**

Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner informed the meeting that the purpose of the RSES is to implement the forthcoming National Planning Framework (NPF) “Our Plan 2040”. The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) has commenced work on the presentation on this for the Eastern and Midland Region. SDCC is a member of the Dublin Strategic Planning Area (SPA). The RSES will identify key strategic assets, opportunities and challenges and set out policy responses in relation to Housing, Employment, transportation and amenity issues up to 2030 and beyond.

There are three elements to the Strategy

1. A Spatial Strategy
2. An Economic Strategy
3. A Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategy (MASP)

There are 38 members of the EMRA and they will adopt the RSES by end of 2018. Once plan is adopted each Planning Authority and Public Body within the region will be obliged to review their plans and programmes and consider any variations to those plans and programmes as is necessary to achieve the objectives of the RSES

Mr. Keaney responded to queries raised and the item was **NOTED**

**The meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m.**

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