

## May 2018 Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of May

### 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 April 2018, with Spring programme ongoing including additional training to be provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end April, 300 clients have attended LEO provided training, with a further 132 attending training provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. The next Evaluation & Approvals Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26th June 2018. 4 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants, including food branding, were approved in 2018 to the end of March to the value €8,634.04. 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 12th June in the LEO training room. 150 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 – the majority of recent Permit to Work applications have been from contractors working on behalf of Interexion. These contractors are pulling in fibre cables as Interexion ramps up its connectivity. • Grange Backup Power: Section 183 for disposal of the site in front of the ESB substation to Grange Backup Power was approved at the May Council meeting. Grange Castle South: • Eirgrid - Abnormal loads (large transformers) will be moving through Grange Castle South into the Eirgrid site on the 28th & 29th May and on the 5th June 2018. • Archaeology – GC South: Archaeological excavation complete in southern field, reports awaited. Northern field to be retendered. • 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 closing date for objects / submissions was the 21/05/2018 and 5?No submissions were received. Lands to West. Variation No 1 to the County Development Plan with regard to rezoning of the lands to the west was approved at a Special Council meeting on the 21th May 2018. Next steps: SDCC will continue to examine the infrastructure required to access and service the new lands.

#### 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) Grifols have increased their permanent workforce in Grange Castle by 20 employees. • 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. Seating capacity will be over 8,000 on completion. North Stand feasibility being considered, with Expressions of Interest/Fee Proposals invited on cost proposals for a design study.

#### 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 “Open to You” South Dublin Library Plan 2018 – 2022 was formally agreed at the Council meeting on May 14th. The plan is essentially a road map for the next five years with six key objectives and corresponding actions outlined. Currently the draft report itself is with the designers, and will shortly be available. Healthy Ireland at your Library Initiative Healthy Ireland at Your Library is a key action under the new public libraries strategy Our Public Libraries 2022 which is due to be launched by the Minister in June. This is part of the national campaign to encourage Irish citizens to lead a healthier lifestyle by providing a range of resources, services and support to library users and communities. The LGMA intend to put in a submission for funding for Phase Two Healthy Ireland towards the end of May. A final decision on the funding application will be known late July/early August. If successful, Phase Two of Healthy Ireland at Your Library will run from September until 31 March 2019. Epic This ground breaking creative writing initiative curated by Colm Keegan working with young adults from across the county was launched in The County Library on 24th May. Colm held a number of speculative fiction workshops, collate student’s writings and compile them into a website. Ruaille Buaille Lucan’s Children’s Music Festival will be launched at Lucan Library on 6th June at 11.45am. Summer Reading Stars Summer Reading Stars, part of Right to Read National Literacy Initiative, will be launched by the Mayor at The County Library on Tuesday 19th June. This year there will be a literacy and sport link with a Soccer Quiz and Penalty Shoot-out for a school class. Cruinniú na nÓg 23rd June 2018 Creative Ireland presents Cruinniú na nÓg -a day of fun and creativity for Children & Young People. Events have been organised during the day in our branch libraries. Work Matters This is a National initiative which is being driven throughout the library branch network. Library staff continue to establish links with the ETB and LEO. Staff have received training and new brochures/promotional material are now available. Related events have been organised in branch libraries. Library Exhibitions Ballyroan Library - May: Art through the Eyes of Anxiety by Damien Tallon County Library – May:- A Brief History of Irish Pirate Radio Clondalkin Library – May: - Old Irish Lace Collection Lucan Library – May: - Lucan Community College Adult Education Art Exhibition Palmerstown Library Digital Hub – May: Glass Craft by local adult glass class. 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 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

Shop Fronts Grants Scheme 2018 A total of 26 applications were received for the Shop Front Grant Scheme 2018. South Dublin County Council – Events and Festival Funding 2018 A total of 3 applications were received for the Events and Festival Funding 2018. Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin 13th Dublin Economic Monitor launch event in the Round Tower Centre on the 3rd May 2018. Round Tower Centre hosted Bealtaine Event on the 18th May 2018 Tallaght Heritage Interpretative Panels Tender issued in May 2018.

### 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 is being implemented. 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. Meetings being arranged with TII. Tree Maintenance Programme: Tree crews are carrying out tree pruning and removals at Aranleigh and Oakwood Grove estate. Contract works are ongoing in the Rathfarnham area on a schedule of pruning and removal works on trees in conflict with overhead electricity wires. 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 for stage 2 of the process have now been finalised, and the tender stage of the process will commence before the end of May. Litter Management & Env Awareness Plan: High Level of activity ongoing. South Dublin Canvas Project (to combat graffiti) in process with second call being required for certain locations. Drone "launch" data being arranged in collaboration with Mayor's office. 227 Community Clean ups have taken place this month. Green Schools -99 Primary & 35 Secondary schools registered. 22 schools in SDCC to be awarded there flags this year. Dublin Canvas Project submission assessment process under way. Tidy Towns: Master composting workshops totally booked out with 1st class starting Thursday 17th May. LA21: announced and

applications starting to come in. Enforcement & Licencing: CCTVs - roving and decoy at 12 locations countywide. New CCTV system being installed in St. Cuthbert's Park area. Smart Dublin Project: Phase 2 of SBIR – develop low cost solutions to illegal dumping 4 companies in Phase 2 still developing with a view to deployment afterwards, with wider adaptability, and with potential costs savings for SDCC. Roundabout Sponsorship: Sponsorship at two roundabouts on Templeville Road and two roundabouts in Ballymount in respect of Griffin Solicitors and Noyeks respectively. Contract landscape improvement works on roundabout at junction of Ballymount Road/Calmount Road are now complete.

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

Climate Change: €10 M funding secured for the set up and running of 4 regional Climate Change Offices for the next 5 years. Recruitment has commenced for the Dublin Region Climate Change Office (staff x 4). 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. Surface Water Schemes: 2018 Programme of works is being implemented. Works on the Pond at Rathfarnham Castle and on the SW Culvert on Stocking Lane commenced. Works on Ballyowen Lane planned to commence shortly. Surveying work in Templeogue Village complete, ongoing liaison with Roads Department in relation to scheme commencement. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Poddle - preliminary design process underway by NOD. Winter Habitat Surveys in Bancroft and Tymon Parks completed. 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 continue in the Q2. Health & Safety training in relation to working near water and the use of floatation devices took place at the end of April. SDCC have made it to next round in the EU LIFE fund. The "Dublin Urban River LIFE" application has been reviewed favourably. We await a final result announcement. Water Services: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical Services: Stump Grinder tender on e-tenders - now closed. 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. 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: National Clean Air Strategy launched. Regulations are currently being finalised. The ban on the sale of smoky coal which has been in place in larger towns for some time, will be extended countrywide from autumn of 2018. Dublin Noise Action Plan: Over the Summer the draft Noise Action Plans will go for public consultation for 6 weeks before submission to EPA.

#### 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. Play-space Programme: Consultation and meetings with regard to Whitechurch continuing. Part 8 for Newcastle Clondalkin ACM; to commence shortly. Teen Space Consultation: Consultation with teenagers completed and being reviewed. Meeting with Community, Comhairle na Nog, Crosscare and Foroige to agree next steps. Some intensive Teenage workshops to be arranged. Report of preliminary findings of teenage survey with draft recommendations presented to May Council Meeting. Pilot projects being planned. Recreational and Sporting Facilities Pavilion programme re-tendered. Dodder Valley Mt Carmel; awaiting cost proposal from consultants. Fee to be reviewed. Hermitage Frame Football: tender process completed; in standstill period. Delivery of objectives in the Tourism Strategy Corkagh Park Recreational Project tender for consultants sent to tender.

### 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. St Cuthberts ground investigation started on

site. 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. Homeville and St Catherines have now gone out on Part 8 process. The Dialogue stage and workshops of the Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project is completed and have progressed to final tender. 2394 active accounts on HAP at 28th May 2018. This is at an average of 14 per week which is the target for 2018. 653 on Homeless Register at end of April 2018 – (346 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 - closing ceremony took place 31st May. There was over 150 events organised for the month of May and for the majority of the events we had full participation. 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.

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

X Country Schools Programme: 72 schools participated in the 2018 Cross Country Programme and 3,500 participants at the Finals at Corcagh Park 17th May 2018. The Summer Project registration night was held on 18th April. Funding to the approved Summer Projects is on the agenda for the May 2018 Council meeting. MeDex as presented to the Community and Social SPC started on 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. The Community Team met with Tallaght Hospital Director of Training & Staff Development and the Nurse Practice Development Advisor and arranged a Seminar on the topic of mental Health on 16th May 2018. The Community Enhancement Programme was launched 31st May 2018 by the Department of Rural and Community Development. 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 were considered by LCDC and CYPSC and LCDC submissions made. The CYPSC submission received a later date for submission end of June 2018.

#### 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 and Community Infrastructure funding reports for the May 2018 Council meeting. For the Community Grants approved are 46 Grants with a total value of €50,169 and 14 Sports Grants Approved with a value of €45,825. Community Infrastructure Fund of €250,000: Total Number of applications received: 42, Total cumulative amount of funding requested: €804,300. Total Number recommended for funding: 15, Total Budget spend: €249,740. 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. Adamstown Community Centre and Sports hall handover is finalised and an official launch and family fun day arranged for 23rd June 2018.

### Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

€300K Have Your Say, Clondalkin: 230 submissions were received for consideration to be put through to the public vote following the assessment and costing process. A shortlist by the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee

was considered at its meeting of 2nd May and brought to full Council for approval on 14th May, and a shortlist of 24 ideas were publicly vote on between 14th and 27th May. The preparation of the Supplemental Register was ongoing throughout May with the deadline for applications onto it on 8th May in preparation for the Referendum on May 25th. A Special Council meeting was held on Monday 21st May, additional to the scheduled calendar of meetings, to discuss the variations to the Development Plan.

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

The Quarter 1 financial returns were prepared and submitted to the Department in accordance with their requirements. The Councils Revenue Account showed an excess income over expenditure of €4.3m for the quarter and the Councils Capital Account has improved by €5.5m. The Audit of the Councils Annual Financial Statement for 2017 commenced on the 13th April. The review of the Risk Register will commence later this month. GDPR comes into effect on 25th May and work has been ongoing across the organisation to prepare for GDPR implementation. A GDPR Steering Group has been established to support, manage and monitor all aspects of GDPR compliance. The Quality Assurance Report for 2017 for South Dublin County Council was submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in Compliance with the Public Spending Code Public Spending Code and was published on the website within the deadline of 31st May. The Local Government Procurement Conference was held on 2nd May and attended by both the Procurement Officer and the Director. The Procurement Steering Group meet on May 9th to consider items including current and planned national frameworks, to finalise a review of the Procurement Handbook and Templates, and to review the procurement pipeline for 2017 Six Lean Six Sigma projects presented to and approved by the Steering Group in May, on business areas relevant to GDPR readiness, Football pitch allocation and charging models, Energy usage within Council buildings, Local performance indicator preparation and timesheets and overtime processes. The Designated Officer for Child Safeguarding attended training on the full requirements on the policy and procedures required and work has commenced across the organisation in carrying out risks assessments and Child Safeguarding Statements. The Corporate Child Safeguarding Policy and Statement was circulated and agreed to by all staff. The retrospective vetting of all relevant persons in the organisation has been completed and the Policy and Procedure for the Management of Garda Vetting was circulated and agreed to by all staff.

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

- ICT Security – Awareness campaign being rolled out to include poster and online campaign culminating in mandatory awareness seminar attendance.
- Internet redesign - Content constantly being updated. Significant redesign works underway with libraries to merge existing southdublinlibraries.ie with sdcc.ie
- Participatory Budgeting – Voting phase deployed and now finalised.
- Work on the Council's ICT Security Audit continues.
- Disaster recovery and business continuity progressing.
- Property Portal/Mydoorstep - Touchscreen procurement complete.
- Vacant Sites system development –UAT underway.
- eRecruitment tender – Procurement finalised and implementation project now begun.
- Integrated Housing System – Phase II of Negotiation continues.
- Intranet revamp. Design phase continuing.

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

Work is ongoing by the Communications Office on the development and content creation processes for the new website and on the redesign of the intranet. A significant PR Campaign was run for the duration of the €300K Have Your Say voting period from 14th – 27th May and the results night has been organised for Wednesday 6th June in the Clondalkin Round Tower. Run4Fun-Be Happy, Be Bright, Be You! - Launched in Tallaght Stadium 16th May, Minister Zappone and Mayor Paul Gogarty in attendance. On Thursday 24th May, the Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Paul Gogarty launches South Dublin EPIC in Tallaght Library Consultations held in May included: 1. Proposed Rapid Build Social Housing Development Old Knocklyon Road (Homeville)-Closes 25th June 2. 300k Have your say Clondalkin Public votes closes 27th May

#### 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. The contract has been signed with the suppliers of the online recruitment system and installation and implementation and training has commenced. On completion of that

process, a pilot will be run on a small number of competitions before the full implementation on all competitions is initiated. The Graduate Programme is progressing with line managers and mentors identified and training happening and an anticipated start for the successful candidates in June – July. A review of the induction procedures for new and promoted staff is underway to improve the supports and integration of staff to the organisation, systems and procedures used. The review of depot operations is ongoing with regular meetings across management, trade unions and staff representatives. It is expected a final agreement will be reached by end of May / early June. Meetings were held in May across all Directors and Head of Functions on the finalisation of a template Grade 7 / Section Manager delegation order and the identification of specific requirements for each post / section. The Director is working on the development of a People Strategy for the sector and work commenced in May within the HR department to consider the preparation of a South Dublin specific strategy. The Health and Safety Conference for the Local Government sector was held on 23 May and attended by the Director and Health and Safety Officer.

## 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, Legal action being pursued. Winter Gritting call outs since commencement of winter season: 115, 7 gritting routes Winter Season concluded 30/04/18: 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) 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. TII Allocation for N81 Strengthening works. Traffic Light Refurbishment Programme 2018 Works underway. 247 signal fault repairs. Speed limit surveys underway.

### 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. CE Report issued 15th May 2018. Closing date for receipt of motions 31st May 2018. Date of first meeting to consider motions 19th June 2018, 2nd meeting if required scheduled for 21st June 2018. Works underway to redesign Planning Counter and accommodate My Doorstep Property portal. To launch July 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. Works 40% complete, estimated completion date Spring 2019. Design works on the NTA funded Projects are progressing on the Scholarstown Road Cycletrack following conclusion of the S38 consultation process. Works to commence End June 2018. 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. Fortunestown Junction upgrade tender stage complete, works to commence end June 2018. Belgard to Cookstown Link Part 8 adopted at Co Co Meeting February 2018. Celbridge Link Road [LIHAF] Part 8 Adopted March Meeting. Final Designs being prepared. Tender to issue shortly.

### 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 by Mayor in April 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. Deadline for submissions 1st June 2018. Part 8 Report to June ACM.