

## August Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Aug

### 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

The 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. Tenanting of Sheehy Skeffington Meadows Phase 1 and Mayfield is near completion. New Schedule of proposals which were brought to relevant area committees in February/March are being progressed. Homeville and St Catherines which went out to Part 8 is due before the September Council meeting. The Part 8s in relation to Riversdale, Clondalkin, site at Templeogue Village and Fernwood & Maplewood in Tallaght have been published. Expression of Interest for 3 sites were sought from Approved Housing Bodies and are due to be returned by the 31st August. The tender process for the Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project is completed and is due before the September Council Meeting. There were 2474 active accounts on regular Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) in August. There were 601 registered as homeless at the end of June 2018 and this is broken down as follows: Families (294), Couples (6), Single Male/Female (301). Family hubs and supported temporary accommodation in the county are operating at capacity and work is ongoing to encourage families to exit homeless using the HAP scheme. The DRHE continues to operate the Homeless HAP on behalf of South Dublin County Council and the other Dublin Local Authorities.

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

Social Inclusion Week will take place this year from the 19th to 25th November, the closing date for proposal submissions was the 16th August. Nomination forms for "Celebration of Social Inclusion through the Performing Arts" is now open for submissions with a closing date of the 4th October.

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

2018 SDCC Health and Wellbeing Week will have over sixty events across the County. Official opening will be held on 10th September 2018 at Adamstown Community Centre and all weather facilities. Funding for Community Infrastructure and Community Grants Phase 1 also approved/noted. 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 Healthy South Dublin and the maximum number of 8 proposals submitted. The Carbon Monoxide Alarm Scheme, which are free alarms to residents in the SDCC administrative area providing they meet certain criteria, there was an overwhelming response to this scheme and had to close it early as we reached our quota within the €20,000 budget provision. These alarms will be installed by South Dublin County Partnership from October 2018 onwards. List to be provided to South Dublin County Partnership - end September 2018. Installation to commence in October 2018 and is to be completed by the end March 2019.

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

Support and assistance including funding assistance was provided to a wide variety of local family days and village festivals to local communities right across the County commencing in June and will continue throughout the summer up until the middle of September. 36 Summer Projects were supported during the month of July with a total of 5181 children taking part.

### 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 July 2018, with Summer programme ongoing including additional training to be provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end July, 376 clients have attended LEO provided training, with further training provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. The next Evaluation & Approvals Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18th September 2018. 6 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants, including food branding, were approved in 2018 to the end of July to the value €11,135. 17 Trading Online Voucher applications were approved in 2018 with a total value of €20,731.88. The next TOV's seminar is due to take place on 12th June in the LEO training room. 278 clients availed of in-house clinics/ outreach clinics/mentor assignments to end July 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 in July: estimated total commitment €693,750 Spend to date: €5,371 • Individual Unit Support Scheme: number applications approved in May: 5 Estimated total commitment €82,500 Spend to date €4,010.22 • Microenterprise Start Up Support (Rates) Scheme: Number applications approved in May: 0 estimated total commitment €0 Spend to date: €0 • Industrial Area Improvement Scheme: number of applications received in May: 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 – ongoing fibre connections and development options being explored. • Camera and monitor replacement underway in Grange Castle and along the Grand Canal to comply with GDPR requirements. Also camera repairs and 4 new cameras being installed in Grange Castle Business Park. Grange Castle South: • Eirgrid - Abnormal loads (large transformers) all moved into the Eirgrid site on the 28th & 29th May and on the 5th June 2018 without issues. • Archaeology – GC South: Archaeological excavation complete in southern field, reports awaited. Northern field to be retendered. • CyrusOne planning application for a 3 storey office block and a data centre, Request for further information issued by planning department on the 7th June 2018. Lands to West. • Intention to publish, the Part 8 for the proposed Grange Castle West Access Road presented to the Clondalkin & Lucan ACMs. Part 8 to be advertised in September 2018 • Intentions to publish the Part 8 for the proposed Grand Canal Greenway from the 12th lock to Hazelhatch bridge presented to the Clondalkin & Lucan ACMs.

### 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 now circa 4700 (incl construction) Microsoft have tendered for construction contractors for design and build of Dubs 9,10 & 13. • 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. Successful Architects, following EO/Fee Proposal for Design Study process, appointed. • Housing Department continuing to look at developing housing on SDCC owned land through Part 8 process.

### 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. ICT Funding Minister Ring announced national funding for ICT development in branch libraries. Initiative launched in the County Library on 25th July. Applications to be in by 27th Aug. Healthy Ireland at Your Library is a key action under the new public libraries strategy Our Public Libraries 2022 Phase Two of Healthy Ireland at Your Library will run from September until 31 March 2019. Libraries are currently buying stock for phase two of the initiative for branch libraries. Summer Reading Stars Summer Reading Stars, part of Right to Read National Literacy Initiative, was launched by the Mayor at The County Library on Tuesday 19th June. It has been hugely successful and Libraries are collating statistics for the September report. 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 County Library – Aug ‘The Girl with the Umbrella: Art & literary exhibition dealing with abuse’. Lucan Library – Aug ‘Photographic Exhibition from Palmerstown Camera Club’ Palmerstown Library – Aug ‘Heritage & Nature’ Exhibition of photographs by Gerry Cahill. Programme highlights in What’s Happening June, July & August 2018

[http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/sites/all/libraries/tinymce/jscripts/tiny\\_mce/plugins/filemanager/files/Whats\\_Happening\\_Summer\\_2018f.pdf](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/sites/all/libraries/tinymce/jscripts/tiny_mce/plugins/filemanager/files/Whats_Happening_Summer_2018f.pdf)  
Check the website for link: <http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie> Library Capital Projects: 1) North Clondalkin Library – Tender contract signed on 22nd Aug. 2) Tender on Castletymon was issued in July and 5 applications received back Aug 2018.

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

Rathfarnham Castle – Courtyard and Stables – New Capital Project, the Council engaged a conservation architect to complete a conservation report on the Rathfarnham Castle Courtyard and Stables. Request for proposals from the market based on the report is being finalised with OPW for issue in September. Dublin Marathon Race Series- The 10K road race successfully took place on Sunday 22nd July with c3000 competitors taking part. Dublin Mountains Project South Dublin County Council requested by An Bord Pleanála to conduct a bird survey in the area to be submitted by the 30th September 2018, this will extend the application period. The additional information will be lodged in advance of the 30th September. ABP have advised that an Oral Hearing is likely to be scheduled on the application for the proposed development. Liffey Valley Cluster – South Dublin County Tourism Strategy Presentation to Lucan Area Committee on the River Liffey Blue Feasibility Study and Dublin Canals Greenway Project. Feasibility being examined on linkage between 12th Locks on Grand & Royal Canals via Lucan in conjunction with Waterways Ireland and Fingal. Shop Fronts Grants Scheme 2018 A total of 29 applications from businesses 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 • Book Launch of Corkagh Demesne on the 3rd June 2018 • Pride of Place Awards judging took place in the centre on the 28th June 2018 Gaelforce 2018 • Gaelforce Dublin was awarded “Best Sporting Event” at the Event Industry Awards ceremony 2018 at Citywest Hotel on Friday 20th July 2018. South Dublin Chamber Tourism Group • Tourism Meeting held with the South Dublin Chamber Marketing subgroup- 17th July 2018 Fáilte Ireland • Meeting held with the Fáilte Ireland Dublin Regional Team -29th June 2018

## Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Continuous support for the Mayor through calendar and event organisation. Initial meeting on new Mayor’s themes took place in July.

Throughout July and August the Mayor attended the 1st Anniversary of Round Tower Visitor Centre, Planting of Tree of Hope Kilmartin Park Fettercairn, Whitechurch Boxing Family Day, Photo shoot for new green dog walker stand SDCC Foyer, Balgaddy Sports Camp Family Day, ICT Funding Announcement County Library, Sumer Camp award ceremony in Jobstown, Street Party Bawnogue Community Centre, Launch of Art exhibition in County Library, St.Cuthberts Park Fun Day, Reusable Cup Campaign SDCC and Litter Mug Challenge in Killinarden Park. Work is progressing on the new Voter.ie system to replace Checktheregister.ie which will be much more user friendly for the public to update their details directly on the register, for example voter.ie will not be as sensitive as Checktheregister.ie in terms of searches by an individual, and the system updates the data on a daily basis which will be very beneficial in advance of a polling day and the compilation of the supplemental register. Phase one, the current phase, is the development and system integration at the back end which has been ongoing throughout 2018 and currently we are in testing on the system functionality and data transfer issues. A Data Protection Impact Assessment on the project has been completed. Some preliminary work has commenced on the Local Electoral Areas boundary changes however no instruction has yet issued from the Minister to proceed with the changes recommended in the Boundary Commission report.

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

The quarter 2 Financial Returns were completed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The Audit of the Councils Annual Financial Statement 2017 is nearing completion and the Auditors report will be presented to Council at the next meeting. The mid-year review of the Council's Risk Register has been completed. The public consultation in relation to consideration of setting a Local Adjustment Factor for the Local Property Tax has been completed and the Chief Executive will issue his report on same shortly. Work has commenced in the preparation of the 2019 annual budget. A NOAC report was issued on Internal Audit in Local Authorities in which the Internal Audit function in South Dublin County Council was noted to be working well and the report recommendations are being reviewed for implementation. The Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/9/enacted/en/html> was enacted on 30th July and Councillors are encouraged to review this legislation as members of a local authority are included in the interpretation of Irish Officials.

#### 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 delivered over two days with 650 SDCC staff in attendance. Further follow ups to happen in September for remaining staff.
- Internet redesign – Work continues on merge of existing southdublinlibraries.ie
- Work on the Council's ICT Security Audit continues. Expecting further engagement with auditors in September 2018.
- Disaster recovery and business continuity continues to progress. Additional workshops undertaken and documentation being updated.
- Mydoorstep Project – Implementation of technical facilities has concluded and website soft launched.
- Vacant Sites system development – UAT continues.
- eRecruitment – Implementation project now well advanced and on schedule.
- Integrated Housing System – Final stage of tendering entered into in the competitive process.
- Intranet revamp. Design phase continuing. Expecting delivery during September 2018.

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

The summer edition of the Citizen's Newsletter issued with development of content for the next edition underway. Over the past number of months, extensive renovations have been carried out to the Planning front of house. This is now home to 'mydoorstep', an interactive digital hub which enables people to make an informed decisions on where to purchase a home in South Dublin. A new and improved Planning counter has been installed, as well as a digital public consultation area. Plans and projects that are traditionally on display boards in the front lobby, can now be viewed digitally in the consultation area. We are still carrying out final modifications to the physical space and to the official 'mydoorstep' website ([www.mydoorstep.ie](http://www.mydoorstep.ie)), with a view to formally launching in September/October 2018. NOAC Report on Local Authority Satisfaction Survey received and is included on the September CPG agenda. Clondalkin Participatory Budgeting projects all assigned lead departments for delivery. Report for completion of Lucan projects being prepared. Consultations held July/August included: 1. Public Consultation for Draft Road Traffic (Periodic Special Speed Limit)-30klm on a section of Lucan Road. 2. Part 8 Amendment to Grange Road. 3. Local Property tax variation. 4. Proposed Social Housing Development for Older Persons, Templeogue Village at Riverside Cottages Dublin 6w. 5. Proposed Social Housing Development New Nangor Road. 6. Proposed Older Person Residents Development at Fernwood Park and Maplewood Road, Springfield, Tallaght, Dublin 24. 7. 300k Have your say.

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

Work on a People Strategy across the local government sector is progressing and a number of regional workshops were held over the summer with Chief Executives and Directors across local authorities to build buy-in with the aims and objectives. Recruitment is ongoing to fill all vacancies and ongoing testing is being carried out with the online recruitment application system. Interview Training is being rolled out to outdoor staff. A tender for staff health checks to be offered to staff is underway for delivery in Quarter 4 of 2018. A new Employee Assistance Programme being established to support the work of the Staff Welfare office. Preparatory work on an anticipated audit of our CPD Programme by Engineers Ireland is underway.

### 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 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. TII Allocation for N81 Strengthening works, design drawings being prepared Traffic Light Refurbishment Programme 2018 Works underway. 247 signal fault repairs. Speed limit surveys underway. Traffic Calming Ramps installation programme in progress.

#### 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. SDZ Scheme with material alterations adopted by members at meeting 19th June 2018. Latest date for appeal to ABP 16th July 2018. Responses to 15 appeals submitted to ABP by due date of 21/08/2018. Notification of ABP awaited. Works underway to redesign Planning Counter and accommodate My Doorstep Property portal. To completed end July 2018. Works now complete Launch to be arranged for late September 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 is now complete and an ESB diversion is awaited before it can open. Works progressing very well, estimated completion date spring 2019. New bridge to open to traffic by end August. 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 commencing 2/7/18, now underway. 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. Works now commenced. Belgard to Cookstown Link Part 8 adopted at Co Co Meeting February 2018. Celbridge Link Road [LIHAF] Part 8 Adopted March Meeting. Final Design 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. Revision of Lucan Village Green design in progress. 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. New JRSO's to commence September 2018. Back in 5 Campaign supported at promotional event, 29th June 2018. 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, recommended to Council. HI for July Council meeting. Part 8 Report Adopted.

### 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: Tender for Phase 1a of N81 scheme sent to public procurement to issue to construction framework members week of the 20th of August 2018. Tree Maintenance Programme: Tree crews are carrying out tree pruning and removals at Ballycullen Avenue and Oldchurch Estate then on to Ashfield Estate and Sylvan Drive and Woodville and Esker Lane. Contract works are ongoing on a schedule of pruning and removal works on trees in conflict with overhead electricity wires. Scheduled Street Cleaning Programme: Tender for the Road sweeping services was advertised on the 14th June 2018. Closing date for the tender was extended to July 27th following the issuing of additional information to tenderers. Tender assessment is currently underway. Litter Management & Env Awareness: Conscious Cup campaign launched in County Hall on 16th August. Community clean-ups so far this month 97. Dublin canvas project ongoing - 2nd call now issuing for balance of utility boxes. LA21 letters sent out to all applicants. Enforcement & Licencing: CCTVs - roving and decoy at 8 locations countywide (13 cameras). CCTV scheme for St Cuthbert's Park- ESB connection being arranged. Public Realm: Cleansing Schedule continues, pickups for community clean-ups ongoing. Smart Dublin Project: Meeting held with Analytic engines on 5th July to review progress with dashboard development. Next meeting to include DCC.

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

Climate Change: €10 M funding secured for the national 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: Circular recently received outlining details of required enforcement of National Waste Priority Household & Commercial Waste Management Compliance. Mattress Amnesty on 11th August at BCA- c 900 mattresses recycled. Surface Water Schemes: Schemes for 2018 are being implemented. Works on the Pond at Rathfarnham Castle and on the SW Culvert on Stocking Lane commenced. Lead replacement programme planned to replace 2,000 lead services in 3 months. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Whitechurch - Tender Assessment complete and letter of intent and to unsuccessful tenderers being issued. Camac - Work on consultants brief continuing. Poddle - Interim Hydraulic report circulated for review, flow and rainfall survey in place for 8 weeks. Meeting with the local stakeholders has also commenced and will continue. River Basin Plans and Measures: The "Dublin Urban River LIFE" project commenced on August 1st. SDCC and LAWSAT team have met in relation to the new National River Basin Management Plan - the Dodder River is the priority for phase one of this cycle. Routine sampling and inspection work continues in accordance with the RMCEI as well as responding to pollution instances. Water Services: Repairs of leaks and Bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Mechanical Services: 5 Electric vehicles due for delivery w/c 6th August.

### 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: Noise Action Plan is currently being drafted for Public Consultation.

### 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. Signage erected re dogs on leads (except in dog-runs). Play-space Programme: Tender for Waterstown returned and assessed - due to site 15/10/2018. Tenders for remaining play spaces being finalised for issue. Consultation and meetings with regard to Whitechurch completed and tender being prepared. Part 8 for Newcastle Clondalkin ACM; to commence shortly. Awaiting contract from developer. Teen Space Consultation: Meeting with Community, Comhairle na Nog, Crosscare and Foroige some intensive Teenage workshops to be arranged. Pilot projects being planned. Recreational and Sporting Facilities: Hermitage Framefootball project on site. Pavilion programme: QS tendered for and tender process underway. Dodder Valley Mt Carmel; ogham tree trail, signage in lead in period, tree supply out to tender. Awaiting cost proposal from consultants. Fee to be reviewed. Delivery of objectives in the Tourism Strategy Corkagh Park Recreational Project tender for consultants sent to tender.