## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS** **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council 24th September 2018 Tallaght Area Committee Meeting

### **PRESENT**

**COUNCILLORS**

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| Duff. M | Mahon. K |
| Dunne. L - ***Apologies*** | McCann. C |
| Ferron. B | Murphy. M |
| Genockey. M | O’Connor. C |
| Hendrick. E. | Richardson. D |
| King. C |  |
| Leech. B |  |

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| **A/Head of Local Enterprise** | M. McAdam |
| **County Librarian** | B. Fennell |
| **Senior Executive Officer** | C. Benson, M. Staunton, M. Maguire, N. Hanly, E. Leech |
| **Senior Executive Parks Superintendent** | M. NiDhomhnaill |
| **Senior Executive Architect** | M. O’Sullivan |
| **A/Senior Planner** | J. Frehill |
| **Administrative Officer** | S. Sinclair |
| **Senior Engineer** | T. O’Grady, W. Purcell, C. Galvin |
| **Staff Officer** | E. Leonard |
| **Clerical Officer** | Margaret Dagg |

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

The Chair, Councillor C. O’Connor, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillor L. Dunne.

### **T/365/18 H1/0918 Item ID:59278**

### CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 25th June 2018 which had been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson, seconded by Councillor C. McCann and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 25th June 2018 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

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## **QUESTIONS**

## It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson, seconded by Councillor M. Duff and RESOLVED:

## "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question Nos. 1 to 26 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.”

## **Public Realm**

### **T/366/18 Q1/0918 Item ID:59572**

Proposed by Councillor C. McCann

"To ask the Chief Executive the progress on Tree Pruning in the Tallaght Central area with particular interest in the Belgard, Kingswood and Balrothery areas?"

**REPLY:**

"Belgard, Kingswood and Balrothery areas are included on the 2017-2019 Tree Maintenance Programme.  Tree works have been completed to date as part of this ongoing programme at The Dale & Meadows East & West at Belgard Heights.  Crown-lifting and tree removals were completed earlier this year at Kingswood Drive, Sylvan Avenue, Walnut Close and Ashfield estate in Kingswood and the Council's tree maintenance crew is currently completing outstanding tree pruning works at these locations.  Tree surveys have been completed at The Close and The Dale, Kingswood Heights, Sycamore Close and Forest estate in advance preparation for scheduling tree maintenance works over the coming months.  Balrothery estate, The Glade, The Oaks, The Rise, The Heath and The View at Belgard Heights are listed for maintenance in 2018 but it is likely that these locations will be carried over for completion into early 2019."

### **T/367/18 Q2/0918 Item ID:59573**

Proposed by Councillor C. McCann

"To ask the Chief Executive if a date has been scheduled for works to begin on the clearing of the overgrowth between Bancroft Close and Castlepark. Also the wall was to be highered and access gate to 40 acres replaced?"

**REPLY:**

"Commitments have been given to address the following issues at Bancroft Park.  It is intended that the clean-up referred to will be carried out in the coming weeks.  Fencing and railing works mentioned below as well as other work at park entrances will be carried in the coming months and will be completed before the end of the year.

* The Council's Public Realm Section have agreed to carry out work to clean up and tidy the area of the park just inside the entrance at Bancroft Close. This work will be done in September/October.
* A commitment has been given to erect fencing at the Greenhills Road/Westpark gym entrance to close off access to the park for scramblers at this point.
* A commitment has also been given to replace low railings on top of walls at various entrances to the park which are accessible to scramblers.  A higher railing at these entrances will prevent access.
* A commitment has been given to modify the boundary wall at the park entrance at Bancroft Close to prevent people gathering here and sitting on the boundary wall.
* The issue at Castle Park and Bancroft Close relates to a block wall which has been built to close this off as a through road.  This matter will need to be examined by the Council's Roads dept."

### **T/368/18 Q3/0918 Item ID:59586**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the Play Space Programme and report on the Play Space for Saggart and Brittas?"

**REPLY:**

**Playspace Programme 2014-2018**

**Introduction**

The Play Space Programme will conclude at the end of 2018. Other locations proposed into the future can be considered in future years under the normal 3 year rolling capital programme.

The programme has been very successful to date and taking into account the difficulties encountered during the early phases. The Council can be proud to be in a position where it is now perceived to be at the vanguard of creating new play opportunities close to where children live. It can also be proud to have embraced a new type of play space delivery – using the concepts of Natural Play and where children can create their own play opportunities.

**Delivery to date**

The following play space projects have been constructed to date at an average cost of **€68,000.**

Lucan

* Griffeen Avenue, Lucan
* Sarsfield Park, Lucan
* Hermitage Park, Lucan
* Riversdale Estate

Clondalkin

* Quarryvale Park, Clondalkin
* Rathcoole Park
* Knockmitten Park

Tallaght Central

* Aylesbury Park
* Avonbeg Park
* Sean Walsh Park

Tallaght South

* Brookview Estate
* Killinarden

Templeogue-Terenure

* Kilnamanagh (Tree Park and Park Hill)
* Kingswood
* Beechfield Park

Rathfarnham

* Ballycragh Park
* Glendoher Park

In addition:

* The new Natural Playground in Tymon Park has opened to great acclaim.
* Griffeen Valley Park playground has been refurbished.
* Funding has been allocated through the Public Participation Network 300K – Have Your Say Campaign for the construction of a new playground in Waterstown Park, Liffey Valley

**Planned Programme to the end of 2018**

A list of the playspaces which can be completed by the end of the year that will utilise the current funding has been circulated to all members. Other proposed locations that remain, which will not be completed in this particular Five Year Programme, can be considered in future years under the normal 3 year rolling capital programme.

In relation to Saggart the preferred site which was previously discussed with the Councillors is not available at present due to the conditions of sale of the old school. However it may be the case that this condition may be waived over time at which stage we can review a playspace at this location. An alternative was offered to Councillors at the Saggart end of Rathcoole Park; however this option was not deemed acceptable.

In relation to Brittas; there is no public land currently available the council for play space construction. The Council have been in discussion with the local community who were eager to pursue a play area in land that is available to them. The community are currently considering their options in this regard. It remains open to the community to offer the land to the council for the council to proceed with a playspace development or develop the playspace their selves. The council presented the community with a number of playspace options which they could review.

**T/369/18 Q4/0918 Item ID:58934**

Proposed by Councillor C. King

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated report on securing the hot spots where access is being gained through Killinarden Park by so-called “joyriders” at Knockmore Drive and Crescent and will he make a statement on the matter?"

**REPLY:**

"A commitment was given to the Tallaght area committee in June of this year to carry out works to close off access to Killinarden Park at Knockmore Drive and Crescent.  The estimated cost of the works required is €110,000 and therefore requires a competitive tendering process.  Documents are being prepared in this regard at the present time.  It is expected that the tender process will be completed and works carried out before the end of the current year."

### **T/370/18 Q5/0918 Item ID:58937**

Proposed by Councillor C. King

"To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the negative sight lines that are being created by the wooden bollards along the grass verge at the junction of Bawnlea Avenue and Fortunestown Lane as you look to the right as you exit Bawnlea Avenue at this point?"

**REPLY:**

"This matter has been examined on site and it is felt that the timber bollards do not affect sight lines for traffic exiting Bawnlea Estate on to Fortunestown Way.  The matter will however be referred to the Council's Roads Dept for examination and advice."

### **T/371/18 Q6/0918 Item ID:58232**

Proposed by Councillor K. Mahon

"To ask the Chief Executive to comment on whether the area at Bolbrook/Whitestown stream would benefit from additional tree planting?  The area is maturing, with existing trees, but does still suffer from use as a bonfire site and dumping. Would the planting of additional trees, with limited growth, such as blossom trees, limit the use if the site for bonfires and encourage use by residents and walkers?"

**REPLY:**

"The tree planting programme for winter 2018/spring 2019 is currently being compiled and the open space area along Whitestown stream at Bolbrook will be assessed to determine its suitability for tree planting.  The Council would welcome contact from local residents or a local community group who may wish to get actively involved in planting trees at this location as local participation may help to deter use of the area for bonfires and promote positive interest in the enhancement of the open space area through tree planting."

### **T/372/18 Q7/0918 Item ID:59120**

Proposed by Councillor K. Mahon

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that, following on from the Lower Bancroft Residents' deputation, steps are being taken to

- tidy the public area at the end of Bancroft Close

- secure the perimeters of Bancroft Park from scramblers

- install more suitable fencing on the park walls at Bancroft Close and Castle Park

- facilitate higher visibility and safety for pedestrian access between Castle Park and Bancroft Close.

Can the Chief Executive please outline any proposed schedule for said works?"

**REPLY:**

"Commitments have been given to address the following issues at Bancroft Park.  It is intended that the clean-up referred to will be carried out in the coming weeks.  Fencing and railing works mentioned below as well as other work at park entrances will be carried in the coming months and will be completed before the end of the year.

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### **T/373/18 Q8/0918 Item ID:59490**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the concerns of the Old Bawn Residents Association that no action has been taken in respect of their request, made most recently at their last Deputations meeting, to have the Name Stone at the junction of Old Bawn Road / Way moved out to a more prominent position; will he now give assurances and make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"The Public Realm section have been in touch with the Old Bawn Residents Association to arrange a meeting with the Roads section to agree the new location of the namestone. Once that happens the Public Realm section will relocate the namestone."

### **T/374/18 Q9/0918 Item ID:59491**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he will detail actions available to the Council to deal with the menace of Scramblers activity in the general Kingswood Heights area as highlighted by Kingswood Heights Residents Association and in reporting will he detail his general view in respect of this matter which also effects many other Tallaght communities?"

**REPLY:**

"On-going problems associated with scramblers and quads in some parts of the county is causing distress to residents, sporting clubs and the Council as their quality of life is being impacted negatively through extreme damage to community open spaces and playing facilities. The council is actively working with An Garda Síochána, community representatives and residents of various housing estates in relation to this issue. Following motions passed by this Council a regional taskforce has recently been established between the four Dublin Local Authorities, Department of Justice, Department of Transport, An Garda Síochána, Motorcross Ireland and the Road Safety Authority in relation to dealing with ongoing matters about the use, misuse and dangers of scramblers and quadbikes across Dublin City and County.

The first meeting of the taskforce took place on Thursday 21st June 2018 in County Hall, Tallaght and was very well attended. Focus for the Task Force include legislation and enforcement, and is considered timely given Minister Flanagan's recent announcement that he is set to consider additional legislation to tackle the anti-social misuse of scramblers and quad bikes.  At the second meeting of the task force which was held on September 13th representatives from the Dept of Justice which included Minister Flanagan's legal advisor confirmed that they have sought advices from the office of the Attorney General on a range of relevant matters and when this advice has been provided they will be in a position to proceed.

Public Realm works have been initiated at some locations in an attempt to combat the problem of scramblers and quads accessing parks and open spaces, for example approximately 800m of high railing has been erected around Butler McGee Park at Drumcairn Estate at an approximate cost of €100,000.  Requests have been received for boundary treatment works at Killinarden Park, Jobstown Park, Dodder Valley Park, Tymon Park (at the Basketball Arena), Bancroft Park, Glenshane Green and St Cuthbert's Park in Clondalkin to name just some of the locations where this anti-social behaviour is ongoing.  The Council is cognisant that as requests for new and improved boundary treatments continue to be received, and as the list grows, the potential cost of both honouring commitments already given as well as responding positively to new requests received has the potential to escalate to a level where the current financial provision cannot meet what is required.  The Kingswood Heights area will be examined to determine the extent of the problem at present and if any simple measures can be put in place to prevent access to affected areas."

### **T/375/18 H2/0918 Item ID:59300**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/376/18 H3/0918 Item ID:59303**

Springbank Access Gate

Below is the headed item report given to the area committee meeting in June on this matter.  The ACM members asked if it was possible to move the location of the proposed entrance downstream, away from Springbank house no’s 31 to 40.  It was felt at the time that this was not possible however the members asked that it be examined and a further report presented to the September meeting.

As can be seen from the map provided it is not possible to move the location downstream as the back garden and boundary hedge of the adjacent residence prevents this.  If an entrance were to be provided here it would have to be accessed from the small square which is enclosed by house no’s 31 to 40 and would therefore be in very close proximity to these houses.

**Proposed pedestrian entrance from Springbank Estate to Rathcoole Park - Consultation with residents**

Questionnaires were issued to the 40 residents at Springbank Estate, Saggart on 23 February with regard to the proposal to construct a pedestrian entrance from Springbank Estate to Rathcoole Park.  The text of the questionnaire is set out below.  A deadline of 23 March was given for receipt of replies.

**Background**

An informal pedestrian route existed in the past leading from the area close to numbers 31 to 40 Springbank across the Camac River and into Rathcoole Park.  The Council’s Environment Section was alerted some years ago to safety concerns with regard to the public and in particular children crossing the river at this point as there was no proper crossing of the river in place and those crossing it were using ‘stepping stones’ to do so.  This river poses a hazard when in full flow and for this reason the Council took the decision to close this informal crossing.

A group of residents from the estate subsequently submitted a petition requesting that the entrance be re-opened, stating convenience for accessing the park from Springbank as their reason.  A second group of residents have made counter – submissions requesting that the entrance remain closed for reasons of anti-social behaviour and public safety.

The development of the entrance was included on a proposed works programme for 2017, as the position of the Council was that the entrance could not be re-opened in its previous form but that it may be possible to open a properly developed pedestrian entrance which met health and safety requirements.  It was agreed with the elected members of the Tallaght Area Committee of the Council however that consultation with the residents of the estate should take place in advance of the scheme commencing.

I would be grateful to receive the views of all residents of Springbank on this matter.  Please see below a number of questions which should be answered in this regard.  You may also submit any additional information which you feel is relevant to your case.  Please submit one completed questionnaire per household indicating your house number and the number of people resident there.

1. Are you in favour of the construction of a pedestrian entrance from Springbank to Rathcoole Park?
2. If no, can you outline your reasons below?
3. Are there any measures that you would like to see put in place and which in your view would make the proposal acceptable?

**Report on consultation.**

It should be noted that of the 40 houses in Springbank there is a cluster of 10 very close to the location of the proposed entrance and these are numbers 31 to 40.

* From the 40 houses a total of 19 submissions were received.
* Of the 19 submissions received 10 were in favour of the project proceeding (a little over 50%) and 9 were not.
* Of the 10 houses (numbers 31 to 40) close to the proposed entrance location 9 of these made submissions with 1 in favour of the proposal and 8 against it.
* Of the 30 other houses in the estate 10 of these made submissions with 9 of them in favour and 1 against.
* Those submissions which were in favour of the proposal stated convenience for getting to the park as their main reason.
* Those submissions which were against stated anti-social behaviour in the past when an informal crossing was in place as their main reason for objecting.

**Conclusions**

* Less than 50% of households expressed an interest in the proposal.
* 19 of the 40 households in the estate made a submission (47.5%).
* 10 households made a submission in favour of the proposal (25%).
* 9 households made a submission against the proposal (22.5%).
* 21 of the 40 households in the estate did not express an interest (52.5%).

The number in favour of the proposal was marginally greater than the number against it.  However those against the proposal have made a very strong case with regard to anti-social behaviour which occurred in the past at a time when an informal crossing was in place between the park and Springbank.

The Council's Public Realm Section will proceed on this matter as is directed by the elected members of the Tallaght Area Committee.

[Springbank drawing](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61200)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Genockey and D. Richardson. M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and seconded by Councillor B. Ferron that this Council open gateway at Springbank, Saggart as voted for by residents in Springbank.

A roll call vote was taken with five Members For, three Against, two abstaining and two absent.

For: Councillors B. Ferron, C. King, C. McCann, C. O’Connor and D. Richardson

Against: Councillors M. Duff, M. Genockey, E. Hendrick

Abstained: Councillors B. Leech, K. Mahon

Absent: Councillors L. Dunne, M. Murphy

### **T/377/18 C1/0918 Item ID:59287**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/378/18 M1/0918 Item ID:59484**

It was Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor and Seconded by Councillor B. Ferron

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Tallaght Area Committee welcomes the granting of Green Flag Status for Sean Walsh Park and, noting that this proposal had the support of all Tallaght Councillors, applauds the efforts of Council Management and staff in pursuing the matter and acknowledges the work of the Litter Mugs group recognised in the announcement by the Council and now asks for confirmation of plans to mark the new status of Sean Walsh Park and will the Chief Executive now make a statement."

**REPORT:**

"The Green Flag award for Sean Walsh Park recognises that the park has reached the benchmark standard for a well-managed park. The benefits of the Green Flag standard will encourage greater use of the park and provide areas for individuals and communities to participate in a healthy and active lifestyle. The Green flag also encourages greater community involvement in the management and development of the park.

The Council wishes to acknowledge the contribution of the staff of Sean Walsh Park in the achievement of this award. The Litter Mugs played an important role in the Green Flag preparations and achievement. They are an active community group involved in all aspects of the park from being daily users of the park to arranging clean-ups, taking care of wildlife, planting etc.

The Council plan to raise the Green Flag in the Park on Thursday 4th October –Tree Day - with the launch of a Tree trail in conjunction Tallaght Love Outdoors. This project funded by Local Agenda 21 was a collaboration between Tallaght Love Outdoors, IT Tallaght, schools in the areas and the Council."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor and B. Ferron. M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/379/18 M2/0918 Item ID:59566**

It was Proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and Seconded by Councillor D. Richardson

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to arrange a clean-up and pruning of trees to the rear of Avonmore Park. Residents have complained that the trees are dangerous and that there are also rat infestations in this area."

**REPORT:**

"The tree planting along the rear boundaries of properties in Avonmore Park was inspected. The planting provides privacy, security and prevents access to the private properties. A tree at the rear of 15 Avonmore Park was identified as overhanging the property and this tree will be listed for removal.  However consideration will need to be given by residents to the possibility of opening up this strip to opportunities for anti-social behaviour.  The Council will arrange to meet with residents of Avonmore Park to discuss this proposal.

In the meantime, this area will be listed for inspection by the Pest Control unit and treatment if necessary.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron, C. King, K. Mahon and C. O’Connor. M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/380/18 M3/0918 Item ID:59568**

It was Proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and Seconded by Councillor D. Richardson

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive if litter bins can be installed in the Brookmount area."

**REPORT:**

"The Brookmount area will be examined to identify suitable locations for the installation and servicing of additional litter bins, as requested."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor B. Ferron. M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Environment**

### **T/381/18 H4/0918 Item ID:59304**

OPW Flood Risk Management Plan for the Liffey and Dublin Bay

[OPW FRMP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60908)  
[OPW Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60927)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Murphy, C. King, and B. Leech. C. Galvin, Senior Engineer responded to the Members’ queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/382/18 H5/0918 Item ID:59305**

Killinarden Shops

**REPORT:**

The address is Firhouse Road West to Killinarden Heights.

There is a Community Centre, a Health Centre, mixed use development with apartments over -shop, a public house, 2x fast food /take away food, a supermarket, chemist, bookies, Church, 2 national schools and Public Park in this area.

At present there are 2 litter bins on Firhouse Road West at the gates to the schools, which are often overflowing with litter.   There are also litter bins at the church door.

There are no litter bins outside the shop premises, and it has been continuously advised to the council that in the past litter bins outside the shops were set alight. The take -away and Centra have litter bins **inside their doors**.    The public house and bookies have **cigarette bins outside**.

Since this item was last considered there has been considerable engagement between the Council and the management company with responsibility for the shopping area, and also with the individual shopkeepers in the area concerned.

The Management Company, in conjunction with the shops owners / occupiers are arranging litter collection in the area, and the occupiers of the individual premises are also required to clean the pavement adjoining their business.  The Council's Warden Service has informed the shop owners/occupiers of their obligations in this regard.

The Management Company has most recently informed the Council of progress made with the shop owners on proposed aesthetic improvement works for the area which include CCTV installation, resurfacing of the car park and repainting of buildings.  The works are due to commence within the next month subject to agreed costs.

The Litter Warden patrols this area on a daily basis and to date has reported significant improvements in the area - there is no litter, grass was cut and the drains were being cleansed prior to resurfacing works.

Photographs taken over a period of three weeks are attached.

[Photos](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61146)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, M. Genockey, B. Leech and D. Richardson. M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/383/18 H6/0918 Item ID:59295**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/384/18 C2/0918 Item ID:59279**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **T/385/18 H7/0918 Item ID:59302**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/386/18 C3/0918 Item ID:59289**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Housing**

### **T/387/18 Q10/0918 Item ID:59590**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the current turnaround of Council properties from the time received to going on CBL?"

**REPLY:**

"South Dublin County Council allocate all properties in line with the Allocations Scheme.  New properties are advertised in advance of completion to identify tenants in advance.  The time scale between accepting a unit back into stock and to advertising on CBL varies depending on works needed to bring it up to letting standard."

### **T/388/18 Q11/0918 Item ID:59509**

Proposed by Councillor M. Duff

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise this Area Committee if there are any plans to carry out an inspection of the gated back lanes in the Tymon/Aongus, Tymonville and Castles areas within an intention of removing the serious amount of dumped household furniture, building rubble and garden waste deposited in these lane ways by irresponsible residents, which now creates a public health hazard. Could he also indicate the responsibilities of both Housing and Environment Departments in this matter?"

**REPLY:**

The Estate Officer for the Tymon North area/Tallaght Central, as part of their duties, would regularly make inspections of gated laneways, usually in response to queries/complaints received from local residents. Generally, the queries would relate to laneways where local dumping has occurred, access is a problem due to overgrown vegetation, or the possible presence of vermin. The Housing Department's Policy in relation to gated laneways is as follows: when a laneway is gated, the responsibility for maintaining the laneway is up to the local residents, who have been supplied with gate keys and have or had access to the lane. If local residents, are in a position to clean a laneway themselves, the Estate Management Section will assist them with the provision of a skip if required. If the state of a laneway is causing problems in relation to vermin or is very overgrown, and if the local residents are not in a position to clean the laneway themselves(residents maybe elderly and living alone), the Estate Management Section may engage a contractor to do the work (funding permitting), on a once off basis. Since 2016, over nine thousand euros has been spent by the Estate Management Section in relation to issues around dumping in the laneways in the Tymon North/Tallaght Central area. The Estate Management Section will continue to respond and assist the residents of the Tymon North area / Tallaght Central in regard to dumping in the local laneways.

### **T/389/18 Q12/0918 Item ID:59399**

Proposed by Councillor B. Leech

"There are at present four infill housing projects due for completion in Tallaght, what percentage of them have been allocated to new tenants and what is the breakdown with regards to priority lists?"

**REPLY:**

All social housing units in South Dublin County Council administrative area are allocated in line with our allocations policy.  This scheme recognises the need to achieve a balance in allocating dwellings between the needs and preferences of applicants, the wellbeing of existing tenants and the community as a whole, and the need to make the best use of the social housing stock.

Available units including those within new developments are allocated to those on the housing list, those with medical and homeless priority, RAS transfers and transfer of existing tenants.  It is not possible to give a breakdown as each development is examined to make the best use of the house type available.

### **T/390/18 Q13/0918 Item ID:59492**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he will present a report on actions being taken to support the important work of the Fettercairn Estate Management group which have been the subject of special meetings organised by the group to highlight ongoing difficulties in the Estate and attended by your staff and local Councillors; will he give assurances and make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"Estate Management Officers continue to meet with the Fettercairn Estate Management Group on a monthly basis and where information is received in respect of anti-social behaviour these reports are investigated and appropriate action is taken under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2014. The Council also work closely with members of An Garda Síochána in efforts to eliminate anti-social behaviour in the Fettercairn area.

In recent weeks, a Community Day took place at Kilmartin to commemorate suicide victims and this coincided with the rebuilding of the flower bed and installation of a bench at Kilmartin Park. The railings have been completed around the perimeter wall at Drumcairn Avenue and incidents of joyriding have significantly decreased in this area. Several new flower beds have also been installed at Drumcairn Parade in the co-operation with the local residents."

### **T/391/18 Q14/0918 Item ID:59493**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to respond to criticism often expressed in respect of boarded up houses in the Tallaght region; will he give details of such houses currently in that category; will he give assurances and make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"There are currently 41 social housing units in the Tallaght area shuttered due to ongoing refurbishment works, South Dublin County Council has one of the lowest turnaround times for re-letting properties in the country and is committed to returning these units to housing stock within a 12-16 week period depending on the extent of the works required."

### **T/392/18 H8/0918 Item ID:59468**

Anti-Social Statistics

**Below is a statistical analysis in respect of incidents of anti-social behaviour related to Council tenanted dwellings reported to South Dublin County Council in the Tallaght area.**

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| **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTED TO COUNCIL IN THE AREA** | | | | | | |
| **Incidents** | **2017** | **1st Qtr 2018** | **2nd Qtr 2018** | **3rd Qtr 2018** | **4th Qtr 2018** | **2018 TOTAL** |
| **Priority 1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | **17** | 8 | 11 |  |  | **19** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | **18** | 3 | 1 |  |  | **4** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | **6** | 1 | 8 |  |  | **9** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | **36** | 16 | 11 |  |  | **27** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Priority 2** |  |  |  |  |  | **0** |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | **16** | 11 | 5 |  |  | **16** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | **12** | 0 | 1 |  |  | **1** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | **17** | 4 | 1 |  |  | **5** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | **17** | 5 | 10 |  |  | **15** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | **0** | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | **28** | 7 | 6 |  |  | **13** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking)reported to SDCC | **2** | 1 | 1 |  |  | **2** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Priority 3** | **0** |  |  |  |  | **0** |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | **29** | 2 | 4 |  |  | **6** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | **5** | 3 | 0 |  |  | **3** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | **4** | 2 | 1 |  |  | **3** |
| Selling alcohol | **1** | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **208** | 63 | 60 |  |  | **123** |
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| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **202** | 63 | 66 |  |  | **129** |
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| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff -     Main actions listed below** | **2201** | 686 | 604 |  |  | **1290** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | **790** | 262 | 183 |  |  | **445** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | **5** | 4 | 3 |  |  | **7** |
| Abandonment notice served | **14** | 2 | 0 |  |  | **2** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | **40** | 8 | 12 |  |  | **20** |
| Warnings issued | **11** | 8 | 16 |  |  | **24** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | **497** | 180 | 159 |  |  | **339** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) | **154** | 66 | 37 |  |  | **103** |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. King. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/393/18 H9/0918 Item ID:59470**

Housing Allocations Report

**REPLY:**

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| **TALLAGHT** | **2017** | **CURRENT 01/01/2018 TO 31/08/2018** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST**  **ALLOCATIONS Section**  **categorised as follows:-** | **146** | **113** | **5060** |
| *CBL* | 33 | 59 |  |
| *OAP* | 2 |  |  |
| *Homeless* | 67 | 28 |  |
| *Medical* | 39 | 24 |  |
| *Priority* | 4 | 2 |  |
| *Standard* |  |  |  |
| *Leased/Purchased with Tenant In-Situ* | 1 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **TRANSFERS** | **66** | **43** |  |
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| **TOTAL** | **212** | **156** |  |

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| **COUNTYWIDE** | **2017** | **CURRENT 01/01/2018 TO 31/08/2018** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST**  **ALLOCATIONS Section**  **categorised as follows:-** | **278** | **178** | **7077** |
| *CBL – exc. Homeless and Med for 2018* | 66 | 94 |  |
| *ASH* |  | - |  |
| *OAP* | 4 | - |  |
| *Homeless* | 138 | 45 |  |
| *Medical* | 64 | 37 |  |
| *Priority* | 4 | 2 |  |
| *Standard* |  |  |  |
| *Leased/Purchased with Tenant In-Situ* | 2 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **TRANSFERS** | **140** | **72** |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **418** | **250** |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King and K. Mahon. N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/394/18 H10/0918 Item ID:59471**

Part V & Construction Report

[H-I (10)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61162)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron, M. Duff, C. O’Connor, M. Genockey, B. Leech, C. King, and M. Murphy. M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/395/18 H11/0918 Item ID:59706**

Part VIII for the Energy Centre for the District Heating Project

[H-I (11)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61183)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron, C. King, M. Murphy and K. Mahon. M. O’Sullivan, Senior Executive Architect responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/396/18 H12/0918 Item ID:59296**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/397/18 C4/0918 Item ID:59283**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/398/18 M4/0918 Item ID:58582**

It was Proposed by Councillor B. Leech and Seconded by Councillor C. King that

"Following a Deputation that took place with Fettercairn Estate Management with due regard to the wasteland that lies adjacent to the Luas Line along the Katherine Tynan Road and to the rear of Kilmartin Estate along the Cheeverstown Road that this Council will allocate in the upcoming budget funding to develop this land in consultation with the residents."

**REPORT:**

"This site was raised at the recent Housing SPC when discussing housing lands in the County.  It has now been added to our list of housing sites which will be examined over the next few months."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Leech, C. King and C. O’Connor. M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/399/18 M5/0918 Item ID:59386**

It was Proposed by Councillor Emma Hendrick and Seconded by Councillor K. Mahon

"That this Committee expresses its solidarity with housing activists engaged in direct action such as the occupation of vacant buildings to highlight the housing crisis. This Committee supports the demand by activists for the Compulsory Purchase of buildings that have been vacant for more than 12 months and calls on the management to immediately draw up a register of all vacant residential units in the Tallaght LEA to find suitable buildings for Compulsory Purchase by the council.”

**REPORT:**

South Dublin County has the lowest vacancy rate in the Country at 3.6% (as per the CSO 2016). In accordance with the National Vacant Housing Re-use Strategy 2018- 2021, each local authority was required to identify the scale of vacant homes and develop plans to address vacancy within their administrative area, by categorising those homes by location, ownership and reason for vacancy and subsequently to identify those properties that have the potential to be refurbished and made available for use. There are currently 13 vacant units identified in the Tallaght Area.

The Council’s Vacant Homes Officer acts as central advisory point for property owners in terms of providing advice, assistance and information on these schemes which are available to bring properties back to use.

There are several initiatives in place with the aim of encouraging and enabling privately owned vacant homes to be brought back into use whether to the social housing or private rented market these include:

* Repair and Leasing Scheme
* Buy and Renew Scheme
* Long- Term Leasing
* RAS
* HAP

In addition the Housing Agency is engaging with banks, financial institutions and investors to purchase suitable units for social housing use.

The aim in the first instance would be to encourage property owners to engage with the Council and find solutions for the vacant home units without having to resort to the Compulsory Purchase process However Local Authorities do have a range of legislative powers available to deal with under- utilised and derelict properties for example through the Compulsory Purchase Powers and Derelict Sites Legislation.

Vacant properties can be reported via [**http://vacanthome.ie**](http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&amp;d=jJOE2wL3y_Q1YXrxCkROYD7gW2g0XOuP_9rvhS5U8Q&amp;s=344&amp;u=http%3a%2f%2fvacanthome%2eie%2f)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Hendrick, K. Mahon, M. Genockey, B. Ferron, M. Duff, M. Murphy, and C. O’Connor. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/400/18 M6/0918 Item ID:59397**

It was Proposed by Councillor M. Duff and Seconded by Councillor M. Genockey that

"In view of the fact that Councillors are constantly getting requests from applicants on the Housing List, Transfer List etc, this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive, in the interests of fairness, to inform all local Councillors when houses are allocated to applicants or when a transfer is under consideration."

**REPORT:**

South Dublin County Council allocate all units according to the Allocation Scheme.  Allocations or transfers which are under consideration may not eventually result in an allocation.  With regard to details of specific individual allocations or transfers under consideration for particular properties, the general release of such personal information is precluded under the general data protection regulations.

Any applicant for housing or transfer can contact the housing department for an update on their application.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, B. Leech, M. Duff and K. Mahon. N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

**T/401/18 M7/0918 Item ID:59591**

It was Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and seconded by Councillor B. Ferron

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive for a report on anti-social behaviour in certain estates in Tallaght.  What is being done to the tenants in Council houses to stop the gangs taking over in some areas?  Can the Chief Executive also report on the commitments from the CEO for a special task force to stop this type of behaviour in our communities?"

**REPORT:**

"A statistical analysis in respect of incidents of anti-social behaviour related to Council tenanted dwellings reported to South Dublin County Council in the Tallaght area is available under Headed Item 9 of this month’s Tallaght Area Committee Agenda.

A subcommittee of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee has been established and a draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy is currently under review by the committee members.  Once the strategy has been finalised it will be submitted for adoption by the full Council by the end of 2018.

The objective of this strategy is to assist in the creation of and sustainment of a safe and peaceful living environment for the tenants of South Dublin County Council by actively tackling anti-social behaviour through prevention, enforcement, support and rehabilitation.

**The principle objectives of this Strategy are:**

* The prevention and reduction of anti- social behaviour
* The co-ordination of services to deal with anti- social behaviour
* The continuation of a multi-agency approach to dealing with anti- social behaviour
* The promotion of good Estate Management
* The promotion of co-operation with other persons/bodies including an Garda Síochána in the performance of their respective functions in relation to preventing/reducing anti-social behaviour
* Investigate all complaints of anti-social behaviour fairly, objectively, and impartially"

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Richard, B. Ferron, C. King, M. Duff, and C. O’Connor. E. Leech responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Community**

### **T/402/18 H13/0918 Item ID:59290**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **T/403/18 H14/0918 Item ID:59292**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/404/18 C5/0918 Item ID:59280**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **T/405/18 Q15/0918 Item ID:59407**

Proposed by Councillor M. Duff

"To ask the Chief Executive to inform this Area Committee if any Part 8 exists on the open space between Tree Park Road and the Greenhills Road and Castletymon Road Junction, which is a direct pedestrian route to Tymon Park, Castletymon Road and local schools. Would he also indicate why this Part 8, if any, should impede the provision of a pedestrian footpath on this open space?"

**REPLY:**

The Part 8 for the 'Greenhills Road Realignment' at Parkview was approved in 2006. The proposed realigned Greenhills Road will run between Parkview and the adjacent Treepark Road. The Part 8 includes the construction of an extension to Tymon North Road to link with the proposed realigned Greenhills Road by means of a T junction.

The proposed cross-section of all proposed new roads in this area include for the construction of cycle tracks and footpaths on both sides. The Part 8 also provides for the construction of a new pedestrian crossing on the proposed realigned Greenhills Road near the Cuckoo's Nest Public House linking the footpaths on both sides.

The Part 8 therefore does not impede the provision of pedestrian footpaths in the area."

### **T/406/18 Q16/0918 Item ID:59488**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he will present an update on his dealings in respect of the Laneway at Raheen/Whitebrook; will he confirm the schedule being followed in respect of planned works; will he assurances to the local community in respect of the matter and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"Following on from the approval of the Council not to extinguish the right of way between these two estates, the recommendations of the Arbitrator have been sent to the various Departments for their action.

The public lighting is currently being installed and it should be completed before the evenings get dark."

### **T/407/18 Q17/0918 Item ID:59489**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he would respond to the request from residents of the Birchview area of Kilnamanagh Estate in Tallaght in respect of their concerns regarding the condition of the Footpaths; will he confirm plans to carry out any necessary repairs and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

Birchview Drive and Heights are included in the 2018 Footpath programme.

### **T/408/18 Q18/0918 Item ID:59587**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the upgrade of road at Citywest Shopping Centre and report when this work will be finished?"

**REPLY:**

"Works are progressing well on the scheme which is planned for completion by end November 2018. Temporary Traffic Management is in place, the roundabout has been removed, drainage works are currently ongoing and the next item to commence is the upgrading of the public lighting system. Kerbing and surfacing will soon follow and the implementation of traffic signals will commence."

### **T/409/18 Q19/0918 Item ID:59588**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to look in to the lights at Firhouse Road West at Aylesbury when you are approaching the Shopping Centre on your left the lights are hidden with the trees blocking the lights?"

**REPLY:**

"The matter of tree pruning will be referred to Public Realm for urgent attention."

### **T/410/18 H15/0918 Item ID:59510**

Saggart Village Initiative

[Drawing 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61120)  
[Drawing 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61121)

**The Scheme includes the following improvements:**

* Creation of two plaza areas at either end of Mill Lane, connected by a more pedestrian focused layout along Mill Lane
* Northern plaza is at the Carpe Diem Restaurant stretching across Mill Lane
* Southern plaza is at Parc Mhuire open space stretching across Garter Lane (Main Street). This plaza will incorporate seating and a live Christmas tree
* The Plaza areas will include speed tables to calm traffic and encourage pedestrian priority for crossing; the speed tables will be surfaced in red HRA to contrast with the silver granite finish on the footways as a traffic calming measure
* The carriageway along Mill Lane between the North and South plaza areas will be a narrowed flush surface incorporating footways with bollards and street furniture to delineate the carriageway. This will be surfaced in red HRA as above to contrast with the silver granite finish on the footways as a traffic calming measure
* New silver granite finish paving to be located along Garter Lane (Main Street) on both sides between the signalised junction with Mill Road and the Saggart Tyre Centre, the two plaza areas and the footways along Mill Lane
* The existing carriageway within the scheme boundaries will be resurfaced and relined
* New surface water drainage will be installed along Mill Lane
* Parking will largely remain the same. However it will be rationalised with delineated spaces. There will be two spaces removed from in front of the main plaza along Garter Lane. However an additional space will introduced to provide a full size disabled bay opposite Centra adjacent to the signalised crossing for ease of access
* Bus Stop build outs will be provided on both sides of garter lane outside Centra
* Submission from Saggart Village Residents Association received on the 14/06/2017 was largely taken into account
* 5 new trees will be planted in the South Plaza, plus a live Christmas tree. However 4 existing trees will be removed; 3 due to the works and one is not viable due to disease

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Mahon, M. Genockey and B. Ferron. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/410/18 H16/0918 Item ID:59301**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/411/18 C6/0918 Item ID:59288**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/412/18 M8/0918 Item ID:59565**

It was Proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and Seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to investigate installing speed ramps on Homelawn Road."

**REPORT:**

"The location will be added to the list of requests for the area, assessed for suitability and advertised if selected by the Members in due course."

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/413/18 M9/0918 Item ID:59567**

It was Proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and Seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to investigate and find a solution to the parking issues in the Brookmount Estate. There is a garage in the area which is using the street for over flow parking leading to serious congestion issues in the estate. The new Cycle Track in Brookmount is also being used as parking by this garage. Can the Chief Executive please arrange to have the area inspected and issue a letter to any businesses using on street parking as part of the operation of that business."

**REPORT:**

"The area will be inspected.  A report will be prepared for the Traffic Management meeting."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron, C. McCann, D. Richardson, C. O’Connor and C. King. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/414/18 M10/0918 Item ID:59571**

It was Proposed by Councillor C. McCann and Seconded by Councillor B. Ferron

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to consider carrying out a feasibility study for the possibility of a Taxi Rank being installed at the Square Luas stop".

**REPORT:**

"Yes, this proposal will be considered in the context of the countywide taxi rank policy which is to be prepared in the coming months."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. McCann, C. King, B. Ferron, and C. O’Connor. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/415/18 M11/0918 Item ID:59574**

It was Proposed by Councillor C. McCann and seconded by Councillor B. Ferron

"That this Committee make allowance for traffic calming measures to be carried out on Birchview Drive and give feedback on survey carried out."

**REPORT:**

"The location will be added and a review of existing / or new survey will take place to assess suitability."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor C. McCann. W. Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Planning**

### **T/416/18 H17/0918 Item ID:59404**

[Cooldown](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61223)  
**Strategic Housing Development**

For Your Information

An Application for Strategic Housing Development was received by the An Bord Pleanála on the 22/08/18.

Site; Cooldown Commons, Fortunestown, Citywest, Dublin 24

Applicant; Cairn Homes Properties Limited

The Development will consist of 459 Dwelling Units arranged in 7, 4 to 6 storey apartment blocks.

This application will be uploaded to APAS when the ABP Ref is received and a final date for reports will be issued.

This is stage three of the SHD process, Application to the An Bord Pleanála.

Stage three reference number to follow.

Stage two with ABP in APAS under Ref:  SHD2ABP-301658-18

Stage one with SDCC in APAS under Ref: SHD1SPP005/18

[SHD](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61169)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, M. Murphy, E. Hendrick, B. Leech and D. Richardson. J. Frehill, A/Senior Planner responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/418/18 H18/0918 Item ID:59299**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/419/18 C7/0918 Item ID:59286**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **T/420/18 Q20/0918 Item ID:59487**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to update members on his Tourism strategy for Tallaght; will he detail initiatives planned in that regard and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

The Council’s Tourism Strategy 2015 - 2020 incorporates initiatives planned in the Tallaght area;

The County's tourism branding of Dublin's Outdoors ([www.dublinsoutdoors.ie](http://www.dublinsoutdoors.ie)) emphasises the importance of Tallaght as the gateway to the Dublin Mountains.

The Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre is currently under assessment by An Bord Pleanála.

The third stand on the Tallaght Stadium is now complete and an official opening will be arranged in due course. A feasibility study has commenced to examine the possibility of adding a fourth stand to the Stadium.

A Part 8 for the Dodder Greenway was approved by the members and the scheme is now under detailed design by consulting engineers. It is anticipated that works on phase one of the scheme will commence in Q1 2019.

Seán Walsh park attained Green flag status in 2018 and the Council's Public Realm section are considering other candidate parks for 2019.

Signage for the Tallaght Heritage trail is currently being procured, it is anticipated that we will take delivery in Q4 and arrange for the signs to be erected as soon as possible thereafter.

### **T/421/18 Q21/0918 Item ID:59585**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report when the new stand at Tallaght Stadium will be open?"

**REPLY:**

"The South Stand at Tallaght Stadium was due to be finished in Mid-September, 2018, and handed over by the Main Contractor, ABM to the Council at that time.  However, there have been some minor delays on the Contractor side, and it is now anticipated that Final Completion of the South Stand will be on 19th October 2018."

### **T/422/18 Q22/0918 Item ID:59589**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the amount of new business looking for support from the Local Enterprise Office and to ask the Chief Executive if we need another enterprise park for start-up businesses in the Tallaght area?"

**REPLY:**

"New Business Supports come under various different categories, the numbers seeking support up to the end August 2018 can be broken down as follows;

607 Training participants

60 Training Courses

89 Mentoring Sessions (One to One)

231 Mentoring Clinics

44 Grant Approvals

The need for additional innovation space has been identified and a consultant report was recently brought to the SPC recommending that locations within the Tallaght area be assessed for such a purpose.

Accordingly, it is now proposed to seek independent consultants to prepare proposals in respect of the next stages of the project:

1. Advice on specific site selection within the preferred location, (Tallaght Town Centre).
2. Advice on the planning and design of the building on the identified site.
3. Operation and management of the completed innovation/enterprise space."

### **T/423/18 H19/0918 Item ID:59294**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/424/18 C8/0918 Item ID:59282**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/425/18 M12/0918 Item ID:59485**

It was Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor and Seconded by Councillor C. King

**Cathaoirelach's Business**

"That this Tallaght Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to confirm actions he is taking in respect of improving the status of Cookstown Industrial Estate in Tallaght, noting the concern of many regarding the general condition of the Estate and in reporting will he confirm contacts he has had on the issue and give assurances that serious actions will now be taken particularly regarding the job potential of the Estate."

**REPORT:**

"Cookstown Industrial Estate has been the focus of significant attention from the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Department in recent years with a number of local initiatives aimed at improving the condition, investment and employment potential of the area which have been progressed under the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy and the Dublin Regional Action Plan for Jobs.

Under the Business Support Fund, two significant area improvement works schemes were undertaken with footpath, landscaping, kerbing, fencing and accessibility works carried out at Cookstown Enterprise Centre and at Old Belgard Road/Cookstown Road, with a further potential project being explored and progressed for Fourth Avenue.

Grants have also been approved under the Business Support Fund for the re-development of vacant units for occupancy by microenterprises in Cookstown along with several additional grants for external signage and improvement works to individual units.  These supports remain available to owners/occupiers wishing to upgrade or redevelop units in the area.

The Council also funded a significant study of the ownership, occupancy and condition of the various vacant sites in the County with particular emphasis on Cookstown and this project has resulted in ongoing contact with a group of owners/occupiers in Cookstown through the Sustainable Business Programme that will allow ongoing engagement on the strategic development of the area.

The Tallaght Local Area Plan will provide the framework for the future development of the area within which enterprise and employment opportunities will be facilitated by the Local Enterprise Office and the Council."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, D. Richardson, and M. Murphy. M. McAdam, A/Head of Local Enterprise responded to the members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/426/18 M13/0918 Item ID:59576**

Proposed by Councillor C. McCann

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive to inform us of any efforts being made to fill up empty retail spaces in the Belgard Square area and what if anything we as a Committee can do to address/support this."

As Councillor McCann was no longer at the meeting, the Motion **FELL**.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **T/427/18 Q23/0918 Item ID:59396**

Proposed by Councillor M. Duff

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding the new Castletymon Library. When is construction due to start and what time frame is expected for the Library to complete?"

**REPLY:**

"An open tender competition was held in August 2018 and 5 contractors submitted their tenders, of which 2 failed to qualify at SAQ stage 1.  The tender report has been returned and the successful contractor for the Castletymon Library project will be announced in the next few weeks.  It is anticipated that construction on site will commence before the end of the year with a 52 week build period."

### **T/428/18 Q24/0918 Item ID:59486**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to present an update in respect of the development of the new public Library at Castletymon; will he confirm the schedule now being followed and in reporting will he also take the opportunity to update members on the temporary arrangements now in place to provide Library services to the community?"

**REPLY:**

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The mobile library service continues to provide library services outside St. Aengus' Community Centre every Thursday from 2.00-4.00pm. Every third week there is storytime for children in the centre.  After school storytime continues at St. Dominic's at Avonbeg Road from 4.00-5.00pm on Tuesdays every week. The mobile also calls to Keadeen Avenue from 6.00-6.25pm on Wednesdays and Kilnamanagh (outside the school) on Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30pm. During July and August the Mobile Library visited Tymon Park from 10.30-12.00 noon every Tuesday and engaged in a range of family activities during the school holidays.

Local schools from the Castletymon area attended events held at the County Library from 2017/2018 as follows:

Scoil Santain - Cyber bullying; St. Dominic’s - Science week event; Colaiste De hIde - Science week event; Tallaght Community School - (UCAS talk); St. Kevin's Girls - Christmas Song Contest; St. Kevin's Girls - Harry Potter School quiz; Scoil Santain- Klimt workshop; Scoil Santain -  class visit; St. Dominic’s - Coding event and class visit; St. Dominic's - Doodle Den in April & June; Scoil Santain - Pedal Power; Scoil Santain -Environmental songs; St. Dominic's - School visit; Scoil Aonghusa Senior - School visit; St. Dominic's - World Cup Quiz; Scoil Aonghusa JNS- School visit; St. Dominic's -School visit.

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### **T/429/18 H20/0918 Item ID:59277**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **T/430/18 H21/0918 Item ID:59291**

Library News & Events

[H-I (21)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61093)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor K. Mahon. B. Fennell, County Librarian responded to the members’ queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/431/18 H22/0918 Item ID:59297**

NEW WORKS (No Business)

### **T/432/18 C9/0918 Item ID:59284**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **T/433/18 Q25/0918 Item ID:59494**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to Simon Harris TD, Minister for Health, requesting an update on the development of the new Children’s Hospital at the St James site and also on the Satellite Centre at Tallaght University Hospital and asking for an update on the schedules now being followed?"

**REPLY:**

"Should the Question be agreed, a letter will be issued and reply circulated to Members."

### **T/434/18 Q26/0918 Item ID:59495**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to the National Transport Authority asking if their management have noted the concerns being expressed regarding their Bus Connects proposals and requesting that further time be allowed for submissions in that regard?"

**REPLY:**

"Should the Question be agreed, a letter will be issued and reply circulated to Members."

### **T/435/18 H23/0918 Item ID:59293**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/436/18 C10/0918 Item ID:59281**

Correspondence

[Bus Shelter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60994)  
[Minister for Health](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60995)  
[NTA](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=60996)

### **T/437/18 M14/0918 Item ID:59336**

It was Proposed by Councillor K. Mahon and Seconded by Councillor B. Ferron

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive for the installation of bus shelters on the Avonmore Road and Seskin View Road Tallaght in the direction of The Square. Service users are left completely exposed with none of the bus stops on that road providing any shelter."

**REPORT:**

"Should the Motion be agreed, a letter will be issued and reply circulated to Members."

The Motion was **PASSED WITHOUT DEBATE**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **T/438/18 H24/0918 Item ID:59298**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/439/18 C11/0918 Item ID:59285**

Correspondence (No Business)

The Meeting concluded at 5.55pm.

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