SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

**HELD ON THURSDAY 4th October, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

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

[**Minutes of SPC 17th May 2018.docx**](../May/Minutes%20of%20SPC%2017th%20May%202018.docx)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 17th May 2018 were proposed by Cllr. Paul Gogarty, seconded by Cllr Ruth Nolan and **AGREED.**

**H-1 (2) Minimum Passing Distance signs**

[Items\H2 Minimum Passing Distance Signs.docx](Items/H2%20Minimum%20Passing%20Distance%20Signs.docx)

Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer presented the report. He outlined the current position with the Minimum Passing Distance legislation. The Attorney General has advised that it has constitutional difficulties implementing this legislation. It will not go ahead in its current format. There are proposals to introduce specific Dangerous Overtaking of Cyclists law with fines and penalty points. This is only at early stages at the moment. SDCC are not therefore proposing to provide signage indicating a minimus passing distance for overtaking cyclists.

Following discussion Mr. Purcell answered questions and queries raised b Councillors Donovan and Murphy he stated that he would investigate the possibility of introducing a pilot programme on roads with speed limits higher than 50kph.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H-1 (3) Draft Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities Consultation Draft (August 2018)**

**Items\H3 Draft Urban Development & Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authoritites.docx**

Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner gave the report.

On 9th August, 2018, the Minister for Planning, Housing and Local Government published the “draft Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities for public consultation.

The purpose of the Guidelines is to set out national planning policy on building heights in relation to urban areas, building from the strategic policy framework set out in Project Ireland 2040 and the National Planning Framework (NPF).

The Guidelines seek to:-

1. Develop NPF policy in relation to building height
2. Provided planning authorities with strategic policy considerations/performance criteria assessing proposals for taller buildings alongside statutory development plans policy; and
3. Promoting brown field consolidation for housing, employment or other purposed, by increasing building height in existing urban areas.

The closing date for responses in respect of this consultation was 5pm on 28th September, 2018. The Guidelines will be finalised this month and given formal statutory status.

Once the plans are finalised by the Minister, SDCC and An Bord Pleanala will be required to have regard to the guidelines and apply any SPPRS (Specific Planning Policy Requirement) of the Guidelines, in carrying out their functions.

These SPPR’s will take precedence over any existing contrary or opposing policies/objectives in the Development Plan, SDZ’s and LAP’s. Where there is a policy/objection confliction the Council will be required to amend the Development Plan, SDZ’s and LPs to reflect the content and requirements of the Guidelines.

Mr. Keaney answered queries raised by Councillors Gogarty, Murphy, Nolan and Higgins and it was agreed to bring back further report to next SPC in November.

The report was **NOTED.**

**H-1 (4) Urban Regeneration and Development Fund**

[**Items\H4 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund URDF Bid Proposals.docx**](Items/H4%20Urban%20Regeneration%20and%20Development%20Fund%20URDF%20Bid%20Proposals.docx)

Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner presented the report.

On September 28th, 2018 SDCC submitted two proposals to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government for funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) 2018 call for proposals. The proposals are for Tallaght Town Centre and the Naas Road/Ballymount Area.

The Tallaght bid a Category A proposal, has a number of projects in the sum of €28.2m. If delivered they will act as a catalyst for the wider and long term growth of Tallaght, as a living town and the thriving heart of SDCC. The proposals are as follows:

Belgard Road North – Link Roads €2 million

Belgard Civic Plaza €2 million

Tallaght Innovation Hub €7.3 million

New Civic Square and Link €1 million

Mobility Hub €2 million

Tallaght Stadium 4th Stand €4 million

Sean Walsh Park Active Devt: Astro pitches €1.5 million

Links to Killinarden Pk & Killinarden Pk

Active Development €1.5 million

Links to Tymon Library & Bancroft Park

Active Development €0.8 million

Tymon Library €2 million

Tallaght Heritage Trail €0.1 million

N81 & Belgard Road Works €4 million

**TOTAL COST €28.2 million**

In addition to the above SDCC is also delivering Elderly Housing as part of the redevelopment of the Sean Walsh Depot, Affordable Housing on Council owned land adjacent to Belgard Square North and the Interreg North West Europe funded South Dublin District Heating Pilot Project. These will form part of the wider investment in housing and energy infrastructure in Tallaght Town Centre, and complement the projects listed in the URDF submission.

The Naas Road/Ballymount, a Category B proposal totalling €437,500 relates to undertaking a survey/analysis stage and full amasterplanning of this Category B bid will be a plan led innovative approach including

* Review of the Naas Road Framework Plan (2010)m and variation of the land use zoning of these lands
* Transport assessment and Stragegy
* Economic Viability Study
* Surface Water Management Strategy & Flood Risk Assessment
* Constraints study and
* Communications and Branding Stragegy

The above will position SDCC in collaboration with DCC to prepare a Category A application to the URDF in 2020.

The Minister should make his decision before the end of the year.

Mr. Keaney answered queries raised by Cllrs Nolan and Gogarty.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (5) Clonburris SDZ Update**

[H5 Clonburris SDZ Update.docx](Items/H5%20Clonburris%20SDZ%20Update.docx)

Mr. Brian Keaney, Senior Planner presented the report.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1(6) Bike Week Report**

[**Items\H6 Bike Week Report 2018.doc**](Items/H6%20Bike%20Week%20Report%202018.doc)

Ms. Sheila Kelly, Administrative Officer presented the report.

**The report was NOTED**

**H-1 (7) Bus Connects**

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Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer presented the report in which he outlined the purpose of Bus Connects.

Timeline:

June 2018: Core Bus Corridors Project update

October 2018: Core Bus Corridor Project – Public Consultation

2020: An Bord Pleanála Decision

2021: Core Bus Corridors Project – Construction of bus and cycle lanes begins.

**BusConnects Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign Public Consultation:**

**A process of public consultation on the BusConnects Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign is currently under way and will continue until September 28th 2018.**

Written submissions can be submitted to the following email address: [**consultations@busconnects.ie**](mailto:consultations@busconnects.ie)

**Or** **posted to:**

BusConnects Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign

National Transport Authority

Dun Sceine, Harcourt Lane

Dublin 2

D02 WT20

For more information on the consultation visit [**www.BusConnects.ie**](https://busconnects.ie/initiatives/dublin-area-bus-network-redesign/)

Following a discussion in which Mr. Purcell answered queries raised the report was **NOTED**

**The meeting concluded at 7.08 p.m.**