

## November 2018 Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Nov

### 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 October 2018, with Autumn programme ongoing including additional training to be provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end September, 539 clients have attended LEO provided training, with a further 355 attending training provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. The next Evaluation & Approvals Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27th November 2018. 9 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants, including food branding, were approved in 2018 to the end of July to the value €18,634. 25 Trading Online Voucher applications were approved in 2018 with a total value of €51,071.50. The next TOV's seminar is due to take place on January 2019 in the LEO training room. 393 clients availed of in-house clinics/ outreach clinics/mentor assignments to end September 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 October: 0 estimated total commitment €900,000 Spend to date: €72,015.18
- Individual Unit Support Scheme: number applications approved in October: 1 Estimated total commitment €97,500 Spend to date €5,262.72
- Microenterprise Start Up Support (Rates) Scheme: Number applications approved in October: 0 estimated total commitment €0 Spend to date: €11,386.45
- Industrial Area Improvement Scheme: number of applications received in September: 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 • Camera and monitor replacement underway in Grange Castle and along the Grand Canal to comply with GDPR requirements due to be complete in December 2018. Grange Castle South: • Eirgrid – Cable pulling through Grange Castle to the station commenced in November 2018 • Archaeology – GC South: Archaeological excavation complete in southern field, final report due by the end of November 2018. Northern field was retendered, CE order to award the contract in progress. • CyrusOne planning application for a 3 storey office block and a data centre, Planning permission was granted on the 24/09/2018 and appealed by a 3rd party on 22/10/2018 Lands to West. • The Part 8 for the proposed Grange Castle West Access Road was published on 5th October, 2018, with submissions due to be received by 4th December 2018. No submissions have been received to date. • It is hoped to publish the Part 8 for the proposed Grand Canal Greenway from the 12th lock to Hazelhatch in December 2018 • Geophysical Survey of the lands to the West commenced in October 2018 and is nearing completion.

#### 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).
- Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events. Construction of South Stand commenced in February 2018, and was completed in November 2018. Seating capacity will be over 8,000 on completion. North Stand feasibility Report to be delivered by Consultant Architects by end November 2018.

#### Objective 4: Maximise the contribution of arts, libraries, heritage and the Irish language to quality of life and our tourism experience

Library News Right to Read: Family Time at your Library 2018 The aim of this new initiative is to support family

focused approaches to reading with children, and to increase awareness among parents and families of services and resources for children in libraries. The focus is to provide an event branded Family Time at Your Library in each branch library in the country during December 2018, by offering fun activities for children with their families. It also offers an opportunity to share reading recommendations with families and provide tips on reading with children and selecting books. All south Dublin Libraries including the mobile service will be offering a family focused children's reading event during the month of December. 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 was launched will run from September until 31 March 2019. The official launch was held in Kevin Street Library on Monday 19th November. A programme of events have been organised for South Dublin Libraries, some in conjunction with South Dublin Sports Partnership. ICT Funding Approval received from the Department for grant-aid ICT Funding up to €246,677 to support the establishment of public libraries as digital learning centres and enablers of digital services. New equipment has been ordered and claims for funding have been submitted to DRCD in November. Blog Awards 2018 South Dublin Libraries' book review blog, South Dublin Reads, won Best Books and Literature Blog of the Year in the Corporate Category at the Blog Awards Ireland 2018 on 25th October. We would like to congratulate Mark and all the contributors to South Dublin Reads on their win. 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. Red Line Book Festival 2018. Post-event numbers • 7 Days: Monday 8th October – Sunday 14th October 2018 • 14 Venues across South Dublin County • 57 events. • 90+ authors/speakers/actors/storytellers/facilitators • 38 Free Events • 19 Paid Events • 3,495 Audience attendance (increase of 16% attendance from 2017) • 75% attendance rate at events (average) • 200 entries from 17 Countries worldwide for the ITT Short Story competition • 300 Poems from 168 Poets in Ireland for the SD Libraries Poetry competition • 8 workshops • 100 people got involved in workshops • 3rd year of Live Recording of Sunday Miscellany • 100% radio support from RTÉ Supporting the Arts (value equates to €13,377) Children's Book Festival – for the month of Oct in all branch libraries. This year's festival featured 12 authors incorporating 45 separate events. STEAM/Digital Learning – Coding workshops with the Academy of Code during Oct in branch libraries. Library Exhibitions County Library Programme highlights in What's Happening December to February will be available from December 1st. Check the website for link: <http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie> Library Capital Projects: North Clondalkin Library – Construction continues on site. Castletymon Library - CEO for Tender on Castletymon signed. (€1.9M). Arts 1. Creative Ireland Programme Schools Cultural Awards 2019 Closing date: 28th November. 2. Research & Development Tender issued for consultancy services to research and develop policy and strategy in early childhood arts (0-6years) and children's arts (7-12yrs). No submissions were received. The Arts Office has now issued a direct invitation to a children's arts practitioner and consultant. A pre-submission meeting with the consultant was very positive. The brief for 'A Social Audit of Tallaght's Cultural Organisations and the Neighbourhood' is currently being promoted with the assistance of the Irish Architecture Foundation. The closing date is Dec 13th. 3. Public Art A request has been made to the Housing department for a list of current construction projects with % for art approval, and those awaiting approval from the department. This is required to finalise In Context 4 and plan for the following programme 2020 – 2023. 4. Events 8th & 9th November, Ionad Ghaeilge, Tallaght Ar Chúl an Tí is a site-specific performance at the new Lár Ionad Gaeilge, Tallaght Village. The performance is devised by Ciaran Taylor in collaboration with Gaelphobal Thamhlachta. Sat 1st December, 4.30pm to 6.30pm Unwrapped – A Winter Festival of Lights

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

The Castle Stables & Courtyard at Rathfarnham – the project was brought to the market but did not attract any qualified bids. Project is currently under review to bring back to market early 2019. Dublin Marathon Race Series- The 10K road race successfully took place on Sunday 22nd July with c3000 competitors taking part. Due to the success and extremely positive response, SEE Airtricity Dublin Race Series in conjunction with South Dublin's County Promotion Unit will be hosting this event again in 2019. 2019 race is planned to take place on Sunday 21st July at Grange Castle. 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. ABP have advised that an Oral Hearing will take place on the application for the proposed development. The requested bird survey has been completed by the consultants and will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála before 30th September. The oral hearing has been scheduled to open on Tuesday 20th November 2018 in Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, D1. 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 Shop Fronts Grants Scheme 2018 A total of 29

applications from businesses were received for the Shop Front Grant Scheme 2018. 28 applications approved and 2 withdrawn. There are 5 pending works and In progress. South Dublin County Council – Events and Festival Funding 2018 A total of 3 applications were received for the Events and Festival Funding 2018. As some funding is still available under this grant, it was advertised again on 30th August 2018. The closing date for new submissions is 28th September 2018. A further two applications for funding were received and confirmation of funding has been issued to the applicants. Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin • Steering committee meetings held. Gaelforce 2018 Gaelforce Dublin was awarded “Best Sporting Event” at the Event Industry Awards ceremony 2018 at Citywest Hotel on Friday 20th July 2018. Early stage talks for Gaelforce 2019 put in place for next year. Gaelforce 2019 will take place on Saturday 23rd March 2019. South Dublin on Ice 2018/2019 • South Dublin on Ice 2018/2019 has opened at Tallaght stadium and will run until Sunday 20th January 2019.

## 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 now reopened- Road works completed ahead of schedule. Legal action is continuing. Winter Gritting 2018/19 season has commenced, call outs to date 3, 7 gritting routes. Programme C LED Upgrade - Q1/Q2/Q3/Q4 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. Application prepared for funding under Climate Action Fund. Minor Works Programmes 2018 –ongoing 90% complete. TII Allocation for N81 Strengthening works, design drawings being prepared Traffic Light Refurbishment Programme 2018 Works complete. 247 signal fault repairs. Speed limit surveys undertaken. Traffic Calming Ramps installation programme complete for 2018.

### 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. Indication that Oral Hearing will commence before end of year. Notification of date for Oral Hearing 22nd January 2019. Works to redesign the Planning Counter and accommodate My Doorstep Property portal were completed at the end of July 2018. Launch of My Doorstep was held in October 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. Bridge now complete and open to traffic. Works progressing very well, estimated completion date late 2018/ spring 2019. Design works on the NTA funded Projects are progressing on the Scholarstown Road Cycletrack following conclusion of the S38 consultation process. Works to commence End June 2018. Works commencing 2/7/18, now underway and continuing. 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. Proposals submitted and allocations in place. Fortunestown Junction upgrade tender stage complete, works to commence end June 2018. Works now underway. Belgard to Cookstown Link Part 8 adopted at Co Co Meeting February 2018. Celbridge Link Road [LHAF] Part 8 Adopted March Meeting. Final Design being prepared. Tender to issue shortly to consultants. Dodder Greenway progressing to final detailed design and tender stage.

## 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. Saggart village progressing to contract stage. 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. Road Safety Awareness day promoted and supported. Christmas Road Safety campaigns being supported. 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. Liaison with NTA on Bus Connects project arranged.

## Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Corporate Policy Group meeting held 5th November, Budget OP&F held 8th November, Council Meeting held 12th, Oireachtas Meeting held on the 26th November. Annual Budget meeting held on the 15th November where the 2019 budget was discussed and adopted. The Mayor launched Social Inclusion week on the 19th November in the Council Chamber, The Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2018 took place on 22nd November. SDCC moved to Voter.ie back office, and that the Department of Housing will issue communication on the portal shortly, which we will follow up with communication to Councillors in December. Feedback has been provided to the Boundary commission committee regarding the proposed boundary changes, and the Order is expected shortly

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

The Councils budget for 2019 was considered and adopted by the members of South Dublin County Council at the statutory annual budget meeting on Thursday the 15th November. The Councils three year Capital Programme for the years 2019 – 2021 has been prepared and will be considered by the Council at the December monthly meeting. The quarterly three accounts are being completed to be returned to the Department of Housing, Planning, and Local Government along with the GGB report

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

- Internet redesign – Final design and changes being agreed with providers on merging of existing southdublinlibraries.ie to sdcc.ie
- Office 365 is starting to be piloted in ICT in advance of more generalised roll out in 2019.
- Integrated Housing System – Implementation underway. Hardware setup (temp) completed and system install in progress.
- Work on the Council's ICT Security Audit continues. Queries due to be returned by December 7th.
- Disaster recovery and business continuity planning progressing. Final reports and signoffs expected on/before December 7th.
- ICT Security – Follow-up cyber awareness seminars delivered.
- Cyber Insurance requirements prepared.
- Vacant Sites system development – UAT continues. Q1 2019 is likely go live.
- eRecruitment – Implementation and User Acceptance Testing continues.
- Intranet revamp. Final design agreed and templates now being worked on.

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

The winners of the 16th annual IPB Pride of Place Awards in association with Co-operation Ireland were announced on Saturday the 17th of November at a Gala Awards Ceremony in the Cork City Hall. Pride of Place is an all-island

competition that acknowledges the high quality work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. Each year Local Authorities from across the island of Ireland have the opportunity to nominate up to a maximum of five groups in their area, who they believe have made an outstanding contribution to supporting and strengthening their local community. Consultation Portal: • Proposed Variation No.3 to the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022-Amendment on Lands at Ballymount/Naas Road. • Part 8 Grange Castle West Access Road • Dublin Agglomeration –Environmental Noise Action Plan • Interreg-North-West Europe, HeatNet Energy Centre The citizen's newsletter is available on line, and hard copies will issue shortly

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

As part of South Dublin County Council's mission to make our county the best possible place in which to live, work and do business, the Council is holding our fourth annual staff awards this year on Thursday 29th November at 6.00pm, in County Hall, Tallaght. All SDCC staff are invited to attend. Awards categories this year include the Long Service Recognition Award, the Retirement Award, the Outstanding Attendance Award and the Excellence in Service Award. Internal Communication launched 16th November, this annual survey is part of South Dublin County Council's plan for hearing from our staff about how we are doing and what we can improve on in relation to communication across the organisation. It is a commitment the Council undertook as part of the Internal Communications Plan and is one of the key areas of how we plan our future internal communications' strategies. An Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) was launched this month operated by Inspire Wellbeing to provide staff confidential support by phone 24/7 and or in person counselling services

### 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

Social Housing Construction programme progressing: • Revised target delivery of 238 direct build units to be completed in 2018. • Whitestown Way Part 8 report being prepared for December Council meeting. 541 submissions received. • Schedule of proposed housing developments to proceed to Part 8 during 2019 is being finalised. • Ongoing examination of landbank opportunities for housing development. Kilcarberry Integrated Housing Project team working with senior Council staff to ensure EIS application goes to An Bord Pleanála in early 2019. Preparatory works are ongoing for delivery of 109 units at Corkagh Grange under the PPP bundle. Contractor scheduled to commence on site early in 2019. Ongoing engagement with developers, AHBs, private vendors to deliver a total of 307 additional units in 2018 through Part V, CAS, CALF, Leasing and acquisitions as well as examining further opportunities for delivery in 2019 and beyond. 7,240 on Housing List and 622 on Homeless Register at end November. 2,550 active Housing Assistance Payment scheme accounts at end November. Project team due to commence work on delivery of Housing Integrated System in December. 257 applications received to date under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme. Additional €10 million in funding approved for RIHL scheme by DHPLG. New Rent Statements website launched (<https://rents.southdublin.ie>).

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

Social Inclusion Week took place from 19th to 25th November with 95 very well attended events taking place including the following highlights: • Launch of Social Inclusion Week by Mayor in County Hall on 19th November and which also featured Michael Darragh MacAuley and RAMs in Rhythm along with representatives of various groups across the County; • South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum Open Night on 20th November; • Annual Annette Halpin Tea Dance in Red Cow Hotel on 22nd November; • Celebration Talent Show in Civic Theatre on 25th November; • Over 300 entries for the Primary Schools Art Competition; Housing SPC have recommended the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2018-2022 for approval by the Council. Representatives of Age Friendly Alliance and Tus Nua attended the National Convention Age Friendly Counties in Wicklow in November. Healthy County Committee meeting being convened for December to progress 2019 work plan. Joint Policing Committee held on 23rd November in County Hall and considered An Garda Síochána, LPF and Drug Sub-Committee updates as well as GDPR/CCTV, Misuse of Scramblers/Quads and St. Cuthbert's Park. Physical works and CCTV installation have been undertaken by Housing Department and Public Realm section to address issues in St. Cuthbert's Park. Tallaght Travellers and Brookfield / Fettercairn's Men's Shed Intercultural Barrel Top Wagon Project exhibition launched in Fettercairn Community and Youth Centre on Wednesday 14th November 2018. Flavours of South Dublin festival commended at Excellence in

Local Government Awards on 22nd November in Santry.

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

Sportivate South Dublin 2018/19 programme ongoing. Marathon Kids 2018: On 14th November, 1,582 primary school children were at Santry Stadium to complete the final mile of their marathon over 8 weeks. Carbon Monoxide Alarms scheme fully subscribed for 2018 (580 households) with installations ongoing. Home Security (Locks) scheme 2018 installations ongoing with more than 700 completed to date. Tender process for Lucan swimming pool is now complete and construction is expected to commence early in 2019. MeDex pilot project continuing at Tallaght Leisure Centre in partnership with DCU and Tallaght Hospital – programme commended at the Excellence in Local Government Awards 2018. Pilot Social Prescribing Project has commenced and project co-ordinator presented details of the project to the Social & Community SPC at its November meeting. Council supported applications for Sports Capital Grants have been submitted to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport for: • Lucan Athletics Club Phase 2 • Greenhills Bowling clubhouse extension • Cricket Pitch Mower • Choláiste Chillian AWP Clondalkin

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

LCDC assessment of applications for additional funding allocated to South Dublin under the Community Enhancement Programme by the Department of Rural and Community Development is now complete and recommendations will be considered by LCDC at its December meeting. Community Endeavour Awards 2018 were held at Red Cow Moran Hotel on Saturday 1st December at which 150+ eligible nominations were considered for awards. 2nd Round of Community Grants approved at November Council meeting - 41 grants in the total sum of €97,204 were approved. New Public Participation Network host organisation now in place. Two of the South Dublin Community Projects won awards at the 16th annual IPB Pride of Place Awards 2018 in association with Co-operation Ireland were announced on Saturday the 17th November at a Gala Awards Ceremony in Cork City Hall with Muintir Chrónáin -Áras Chrónáin securing the Overall Winner Award in the Creative Place Initiative and St Mark's Youth Club – St Mark's Parish, Tallaght picking up the Runner Up Award in Urban Neighbourhoods. LEADER programme ongoing – applications being reviewed and assessed.

## 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 programme continues and a revised Maintenance Works Programme will be drawn up following completion of the Public Realm Review Process. N81 Improvement Scheme: Tendered for construction of Phase 1A of N81 Scheme is completed. Letter of intent has been issued. The Pre contract meeting has taken place and contractor is due to start on site. Tree Maintenance Programme: Contract has been awarded for the removal of 88 popular trees within Dodder Valley Park at the rear of Rathfarnham Shopping Centres Service yard. Further contract works are also ongoing at a number of locations where trees are in conflict with overhead electricity wires. A report on the Interterm review of the Tree Maintenance Programme was presented to the November Environment SPC meeting with a view to bringing the final review recommendations to the next SPC meeting in February. 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 has taken place. Litter Management: Environmental Awareness: The following environmental awareness campaigns are currently being promoted: waste prevention/reusable cups, anti-Litter, anti-dog fouling and Green dog walkers, Conscious cups, Christmas decoration competition opened to schools via social media. Public Realm: Cleansing Schedule continues, pickups for community clean-ups ongoing. The Solar Bin Pilot (agreed for Rathfarnham) tender process underway. Ongoing servicing of Bottle banks / recycling facilities carried out. Continuous clean—ups of areas prone to repetitive instances of illegal dumping (Scheduled and unplanned). Council, through contractor operating leave collections both bagged and sweeps. Halloween: A total of 280 bonfire sites have been recorded in the County in 2018. The Council collected and removed bonfire materials as a priority task through the month of October (and indeed for part of September also). Over the weekend prior to Halloween, a total of 144.4 tonnes of bonfire materials was collected by this Council. In the days immediately after Halloween, from November 1st to 3rd, a total of 51.7 tonnes of waste was removed from bonfire sites. The information available to date indicates that a total of 280 bonfires took place, an estimated 500 tonnes of waste has been

removed including prior to and post Halloween all at an estimated cost of €120,000. The clean-up of sites has now been completed and reinstatement where required will take place in the spring of 2019. Enforcement & Licensing: CCTVs - roving and decoy at 8 locations countywide (13 cameras). Drones used extensively to monitor licenced / permitted sites. CCTV scheme for St Cuthbert's progressing - ESB connection now complete. Meeting of High Level Task Force held 16th November.

## 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. The Draft Climate Change Action Plan was presented to the November meeting of the Environment SPC. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA: Inspections in relation to ELVE's (End of Life Vehicles) took place week commencing 17th Sept. We have written to 50 Second hand car importers have inspected 33 to date, in relation to compliance with EU (End of Life Vehicles) Regulation 2014. Inspections of Suspected Major Producers of packaging complete and case closed on 16 of 20 identified companies. Communication ongoing with remaining companies. Surface Water Schemes: Schemes for 2018 nearing completion. Upgrade to the remote monitoring of the Poddle screens, works in Glenmaroon, works on Peamount Road, works on the Pond at Rathfarnham Castle and on the SW Culvert on Stocking Lane all completed. Works on Ballyowen Lane ongoing. Surveying work in Templeogue Village complete, ongoing liaison with Roads Department and Irish Water in relation to scheme commencement. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Whitechurch FAS - Appointment of RPS Consultants. Camac - Consultants brief under peer review. Poddle FAS - flow and rainfall survey extended. Meeting with the local stakeholders has also commenced and will continue. River Basin Plans and Measures: Launch of the Dublin Urban Rivers Life Project has taken place at Rathfarnham Castle. Report to September SPC. Business cases being prepared to commence recruitment process. Water Services: Repairs of leaks and bursts by Water Operations ongoing. EPA carried out Audits on the Public Water Supply in South Dublin and Fingal on 22nd August and on the Private Water Supplies in South Dublin on 23rd August - audit reports awaited.

## Objective 3: Manage our regulatory, licensing and enforcement roles together with the Environmental Protection Agency

Waste Enforcement Action: Enforcement / surveillance services (Litter and Waste) continues. Continued interdepartmental liaison to develop common approach to common issues. Continued monitoring of high level activity sites. Control of Animals: Temporary Contracts for Control of Horses and Dogs rolled over pending finalisation of procurement process. 22 - 10 Day Notices issued for Dogs. 5 Horses seized. 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. Mandatory legislation requirements for installation of stoves being considered by the department at the moment. Dublin Noise Action Plan: SDCC noise maps and action plans are now available for public consultation until Monday the 17th of December. To date i.e. end of November there have been 4 submissions on the plan.

## 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 awarded for Waterstown, contractor is on site. The Council have appointed contractors to install play spaces in Ballymount Park, Glendown Park, Bancroft Park, Lucan demesne and Whitechurch. 7 further tenders underway. Teen Space Consultation: Meeting with Community, Comhairle na Nog, Crosscare and Foroige completed. Targeted workshops completed. Final projects being planned to commence in 2019 Recreational and Sporting Facilities: Hermitage Frame Football project opened. Pavilion Programme: QS tendered for construction tender at tender assessment stage for Dodder Valley Mt Carmel; Ogham Tree Trail signage completed, tree supply tendered. Site investigations completed. Delivery of objectives in the Tourism Strategy Corkagh Park Recreational Project re-tendered. Brief agreed. Tender issued.