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

Minutes of Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2018

### **PRESENT**

**COUNCILLORS**

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| Duff. M | Mahon. K |
| Dunne. L | 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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| **Senior Executive Parks Superintendent** | M. NiDhomhnaill, M. Keenan |
| **Senior Executive Librarian** | R. Hand |
| **Senior Executive Officer** | C. Benson, M. Maguire, M. Staunton, E. Leech |
| **A/Head of Local Enterprise** | M. McAdam |
| **Senior Engineer** | T. O’Grady |
| **Senior Parks Superintendent** | S. Furlong |
| **Executive Environmental Scientific Officer** | R. Fitzpatrick |
| **Executive Technician** | L. Beirne |
| **RAPID Co-ordinator** | A. Lane |
| **Administrative Officer** | B. Pierce, A. Byrne |
| **A/Project Resident Engineer** | D. Grant |
| **Staff Officer** | E. Leonard |
| **Clerical Officer** | M. Dagg |

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

### **T/492/18 H1/1118 Item ID:60368**

### CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd October 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 M. Duff and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Tallaght Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd October 2018 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor C. O’Connor, seconded by Councillor D. Richardson and RESOLVED:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Question Nos. 1 to 20 be ADOPTED and APPROVED.”

## **Transportation**

### **T/493/18 Q1/1118 Item ID:60428**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne

"To ask the Chief Executive that the Cloonmore Estate is put on the footpath repair scheme for 2019?"

**REPLY:**

"Cloonmore Close and Park was included in the 2018 footpath programme. However works had to cease due to intimidation of the contractor.

Cloonmore will be included in the 2019 programme but footpath repair will be dependent on safe working conditions."

### **T/494/18 Q2/1118 Item ID:60474**

Proposed by Councillor C. King

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on what plans are in place to tackle and respond to possible Winter weather events in the Tallaght area such as the Snow Storms that took place earlier this year?"

**REPLY:**

"The 2018-2019 Winter Maintenance Plan is being presented to the Committee today.  When a snow event is forecast the Major Emergency Management team assemble and respond as necessary."

### **T/495/18 Q3/1118 Item ID:60433**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to include The Drive, Millbrook Lawns, on his list of sites being considered for the next Traffic Calming Programme and will he also take the opportunity to confirm the schedule now being followed in respect of the Programme?"

**REPLY:**

"There are no requests from residents in this location for traffic calming measures.  It has been added to the list of locations to be considered for the 2019 traffic calming measures throughout the county."

### **T/496/18 Q4/1118 Item ID:60434**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he is dealing with the concerns of residents of Sylvan Close, Kingswood Heights, in respect of Traffic Management issues close to the Luas line and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"This matter is listed for discussion at the Traffic Management Meeting to be held on 19th November 2018."

### **T/497/18 H2/1118 Item ID:60406**

Winter Maintenance Plan 2018-2019

The report was presented by T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer.

The report was **NOTED**.

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### **T/498/18 H3/1118 Item ID:60391**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/499/18 C1/1118 Item ID:60378**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/500/18 M1/1118 Item ID:60339**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne and Seconded by Councillor D. Richardson

"This Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to repair the footpaths in Glenshane Estate as they are in dire need of repair."

**REPORT:**

"Glenshane will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Footpath repair programme subject to availability of resources."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor L. Dunne. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/501/18 M2/1118 Item ID:60472**

Proposed by Councillor C. King and Seconded by Councillor D. Richardson

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to report on when the roads in the vicinity of the infill housing scheme in Killinarden Estate will be resurfaced as was agreed during the consultation period on the Part 8 Scheme. The funding for this was identified under the "Social Housing Estate Renewal Fund" in the Annual Budget."

**REPORT:**

"These roads will be included in the 2019 programme."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King and L. Dunne.

T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

## **Planning**

### **T/502/18 H4/1118 Item ID:60389**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/503/18 C2/1118 Item ID:60376**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Economic Development**

### **T/504/18 Q5/1118 Item ID:60431**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to bring members up to date on his continued efforts to improve the image of Cookstown Industrial Estate; will he appreciate the potential of the area in respect of the job creation needs of Tallaght; will he give assurances and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"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 Budget has provided for the continuation of the Business Support Funds. This includes the [Microenterprise/Start-up Support](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/business-support/) which encourages new micro enterprise a graduated “rates holiday” for up to two years. It also provides supports for Industrial Area Improvements Schemes, Individual Unit Supports and a Microenterprise Development Fund aims at the refurbishment of industrial areas and increasing the occupancy rates in those areas. It is intended that another attempt to further encourage business owners in the Cookstown Industrial Estate to avail of the supports on offer will be made in early 2019.

The importance of continued employment creation in Tallaght as the County town is a key objective of the Council and this is supported by a range of actions and objectives:

The [**South Dublin Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=49881)includes a series of economic objectives each of which identifies target actions and the key stakeholders involved. These actions are aimed at putting the appropriate infrastructure, enterprise and employment supports in place to improve the level and quality of economic activity in Tallaght and across the County.

The [Local Enterprise Office](https://www.localenterprise.ie/southdublin) (LEO) provides financial grants, mentoring, training and other supports to assist new and developing micro-enterprises with job creation and sustainment in the County. The full range of Local Enterprise Office services are available to businesses in Tallaght and across the County to support both job creation and business development and these include financial assistance, export supports, trading online vouchers, training, mentoring and other advisory services along with the while the Sustainable Business Programme in partnership with South Dublin Chamber which offers assistance and advice to businesses.

LEO is also working with relevant local agencies including South Dublin Chamber, Institute of Technology Tallaght, South Dublin County Partnership, Enterprise Ireland, Partas and others to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the actions which can impact on job creation in Tallaght and across the County."

### **T/505/18H5/1118 Item ID:60384**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/506/18 C3/1118 Item ID:60372**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/507/18 M3/1118 Item ID:60412**

Proposed by Councillor C. McCann and Seconded by D. Richardson

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to reconsider the disposal of a small piece of land in Birchwood Close to facilitate a resident to build her own home."

**REPORT:**

"The Council has given full consideration to the disposal of this piece of land in Birchwood Close.  The land was not considered suitable for disposal as it forms part of the wider public lands at this location.   Disposal of this land would cause issues for Public Realm in relation to future maintenance of adjoining open space lands and passive surveillance of public open space."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. McCann, D. Richardson, C. O’Connor, M. Genockey and M. Murphy. B. Pierce, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/508/18 M4/1118 Item ID:60466**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and Seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive for an updated report on Cookstown Industrial Estate.  Is there any progress on 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.

It is intended that another attempt to further encourage business owners in the Cookstown Industrial Estate to avail of the supports on offer will be made in early 2019.

It should also be noted that 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 D. Richardson, C. O’Connor and M. Murphy.

M. McAdam, A/Head of Local Enterprise responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **T/509/18 Q6/1118 Item ID:60432**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to furnish a report on the recent Red Line Book Festival, detailing highlights and confirming if anything emerged from the events which would assist planning for the 2019 Festival and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"The Red Line Book Festival 2018 hosted the most expansive and ambitious festival programme to date and was a great success – attracting an attendance of 3,495 people - *increase of 16% attendance from previous year.*

* *57 events over 7 days in 14 venues across South Dublin County*
* *38 free events*
* *19 paid events*
* *attendance rate at each event averaged 75%*

The Red Line Book Festival is a vital part of the action plan of the Council Tourism Strategy and is an opportunity to highlight the cultural richness of South Dublin as well as its history and heritage.  With some 57 events, the festival celebrated local, national and international writers.

This year’s highlights strongly featured some of the most striking and talented women writers in Ireland and beyond to mark one hundred years of women’s suffrage in Ireland. Three such events involved **Alison Spittle,** who hosted Internet Famous, a panel event with Tara Flynn, Aoife Dooley, Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen in which the contributors discussed transforming Internet fame into publishing success. **Angela Nagle** discussed her controversial book ***Kill All*** ***Normies: The Online Culture Wars from Tumblr and 4chan to the Alt-Right and Trump*** and **Emilie Pine** discussed her book **Notes to Self** which exploded onto the literary scene this year.

The festival incorporated the annual Red Line Book Festival Poetry Competition and ITT Short Story Competition. These competitions attracted entries from all around the world. We also launched the chapbook anthology Red Lines – a selection of poems from the first five years of the competition. We also hosted a number of writing workshops.

Clondalkin’s new status as a Líonra Gaeilge was celebrated with an evening of song, dance, poetry and music in the Round Tower Centre, Clondalkin.

A major aspect of the festival is always our extensive Schools and Children’s programme which boasted 11 shows translating to 23 individual shows.

The week ended on a high note with a live recording of RTÉ Radio’s ***Sunday Miscellany***.

Looking forward to 2019, it is hoped to grow the Red Line Book Festival, to collaborate further with Rua Red and the Civic Theatre, to continue to attract popular authors and entertainers, to encourage reading and literacy for all and to attract tourists and locals alike to spend time in our libraries and wonderful historical venues in the South Dublin County."

### **T/510/18 H6/1118 Item ID:60367**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

### **T/511/18 H7/1118 Item ID:60381**

Library News & Events

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A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor E. Hendrick. R. Hand, Senior Executive Librarian responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/512/18 H8/1118 Item ID:60387**

NEW WORKS (No Business)

### **T/513/18 C4/1118 Item ID:60374**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **T/514/18 Q7/1118 Item ID:60440**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to write to Simon Harris TD, Minister for Health, asking him to give assurances that Tallaght University Hospital will receive all the necessary resources to deal effectively with the challenges of the coming Winter months?"

**REPLY:**

"Should the Question be passed, a letter will issue to the Minister and response circulated to Members."

### **T/515/18 Q8/1118 Item ID:60441**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he would please write to Joe McHugh TD, Minister for Education & Skills, asking if his Department has any plans for further schools development in the Tallaght region?"

**REPLY:**

"Should the Question be passed, a letter will issue to the Minister and response circulated to Members."

### **T/516/18 H9/1118 Item ID:60383**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/517/18 C5/1118 Item ID:60371**

Correspondence

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### **T/518/18 M5/1118 Item ID:60430**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor and Seconded by Councillor M. Duff

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Tallaght Area Committee calls on Charlie Flanagan TD, Minister for Justice & Equality, to take immediate action in respect of the menace of Scramblers which is of serious concern to many communities throughout Tallaght and asks the Minister to expedite plans to introduce new Legislation to tackle the problem."

**REPORT:**

"Should the Motion be passed, a letter will issue to the Minister and response circulated to Members."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Duff, L. Dunne, M. Murphy, B. Ferron, B. Leech and C. King.

E. Leonard, Staff Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/519/18 M6/1118 Item ID:60146**

Proposed by Councillor Emma Hendrick

"This Area Committee with the support of the residents of Fettercairn calls on Council management to identify a suitable site and write to the HSE encouraging them to provide medical services (GP) in the community."

**REPORT:**

"Should the Motion be passed, a letter will issue to the HSE and response circulated to Members."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Hendrick, M. Duff, K. Mahon, M. Murphy, B. Leech, C. McCann, C. King and L. Dunne.

E. Leonard, Staff Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **T/520/18 H10/1118 Item ID:60388**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/521/18 C6/1118 Item ID:60375**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Water & Drainage**

### **T/522/18 H11/1118 Item ID:59938**

Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE

A Report was presented by L. Beirne, Executive Technician and R. Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne, B. Leech and M. Murphy. L. Beirne and R. Fitzpatrick responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

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### **T/523/18 H12/1118 Item ID:60392**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/524/18 C7/1118 Item ID:60379**

Correspondence (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **T/525/18 Q9/1118 Item ID:60102**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the request for a bin to be installed outside St Aidan's Community School and other schools in the local area that are in need of them?"

**REPLY:**

"A litter bin will be placed along the road at St Aidan's Community School, it is hoped that the bin installation can be carried out before the end of the current year.  The situation will be monitored to ensure that litter is not generated as a result of locating the bin at this area and that the bin is not misused for disposal of household waste etc."

### **T/526/18 Q10/1118 Item ID:60340**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne

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| "To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Motion 52911 dated 26/03/2017, where it was agreed that a tender would be sought to erect 1.2 metre high fencing around the green area of Sundale Grove and Russell Lawns.  This work has still not been carried out?" | | | | | |

"To ask the Chief Executive why the fence has not been erected around Sundale Grove and Russell Lawns given that it went out to Tender in September 2017?"

**REPLY:**

"A 1.2 metre fence has recently been erected as agreed along the boundary of the green space between Sundale Grove and Russel Lawns."

### **T/527/18 Q11/1118 Item ID:60094**

Proposed by Councillor B. Leech

"Can an undertaking be given by the Council as to when the bollards and boulders be installed at the Carraigmore Playground Carpark. This Playground is open 3 years and yet the carpark is locked and only opened for service vehicles. Why were these safety measures not introduced before the Playground was open. We now have a situation where parents are being clamped when inside the playground with their children. There is no opening or closing time displayed to inform users of the carpark which needs to be addressed. I have informed a parent who was clamped to appeal the clamping fine?"

**REPLY:**

"The Council will examine the carpark at Carrigmore Playground to determine what can be done to allow access to the carpark by park users, if any physical works are required to enable this then they can be included on the 2019 programme of improvement works.  The Council wishes to encourage families to use the playground and the park.  However, it is important to ensure access is not provided for vehicles which may cause damage to the park.

The carpark external to the playground carpark is under the remit of the management agency for the development and this is where the clamping took place."

### **T/528/18 Q12/1118 Item ID:60413**

Proposed by Councillor C. McCann

"To ask the Chief Executive what, if any progress has been made with regard to the new Teen Space programme?"

**REPLY:**

"During the delivery of the 2014-2018 play space programme for younger children by South Dublin County Council, an issue that repeatedly emerged was the need to carry out a similar programme of facility provision for teenagers. South Dublin County Council commenced a consultation process with teenagers from 2017 into 2018, which examined both active and passive recreational requirements for this age group. Background research was also carried out over the period to assess current level of provision for this group in the county.

A report presented the preliminary findings of the study and the draft recommendations to the Environment Public Realm and Climate Change SPC on the 01 05 2018 and the County Council Meeting on the 14 05 2018.

The Council undertook to carry out further consultation, which has been progressed with the Community Department and various youth groups and teenagers and the report is now being finalised for presentation to the Council at the start of 2019 to allow a teenage facility programme to be rolled out commencing in 2019.

The preliminary report made some recommendations with regard to possible locations. These initial recommendations were based on some of the requests / agreements from communities which had already arisen during the play space programme or locations which are located in larger parks or central town / village areas, and it is likely the programme will commence with these. The final list of initial projects is still under consideration and will be presented in early 2019; the programme will commence with an initial list of projects and it is intended to develop a further tranche of projects subsequent to the initial projects. The Homelawns / Avonbeg area (as proposed during the playspace programme as an area that would benefit from teenage facilities) is included in the list of possible locations for consideration."

### **T/529/18 Q13/1118 Item ID:60435**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive if he would present an up to date report in respect of all matters raised by Kingswood Heights Residents Association at its most recent Deputations meeting; will he appreciate that the Association is anxious to seek progress and would he make a statement?"

[Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61817)

**REPLY:**

"The Traffic Section prepared a drawing setting out area along Kingswood Avenue where parking bays were to be located and the extension of double yellow lines.  This was given to the Councillors at a recent Traffic Management Meeting and a response is awaited.  Drawing attached.

The following items were dealt with by the Council's Public Realm Section at the deputations meeting in November 2017 -

Tennis Courts - The Council to liaise with the residents group regarding revamping of Tennis Courts and ensuring a committee or club is in place to monitor and take charge of these courts. No further discussions have taken place on this matter to date with the local residents.  The residents group will be contacted again in the near future on this matter and if required a provision for works to be carried out on the tennis courts can be made in the 2019 improvement works programme, which will require the approval of the elected members.  
   
Ballymount Park -  Council staff were to meet with residents to examine the shrubbery and the nature signs with a view to getting new signage and upgrading of green areas and also explore what options may be available regarding the installation of a jetty/platform, also arrange to have graffiti removed and shrubbery cleaned up.  This meeting took place and agreed works were subsequently carried out.  
   
Kingswood Castle heritage project - Public Realm to consult with the Council's Architectural Conservation Officer about any monies previously allocated to Kingswood Castle.  This query has recently been passed to the conservation officer and a response is awaited.  
   
The Black Path area - the Council agreed to look at this with a view to costing works to include in the 2018 work programme, also to arrange a clean-up of the area.  This was done and a scheme to resurface the black path was included in the 2018 programme of works.  The preparation works for this have been completed and resurfacing of the path will take place in November/December."  
 

### **T/530/18 Q14/1118 Item ID:60436**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to refer to past business raised by this and other Councillors in respect of Trees in the 30 acres which impact on houses in Bancroft Estate; will he outline actions being taken in respect of the matter and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"An increased provision has been made for tree management and maintenance in the 2019 budget.  A review of the Council's Tree Management Strategy is being carried out at present and is nearing completion and in this review the issue of trees in open spaces and parks which are in close proximity to and in conflict with nearby housing has been identified as an issue requiring attention and action. It is proposed to arrange to deal with the trees in the 30 acres at Bancroft estate in 2019 as part of a programme of tree works to resolve such issues."

### **T/531/18 Q15/1118 Item ID:60467**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on how much rubbish was taken in the run up to Halloween bonfires in the Tallaght area and could we have the cost of removing and the clean-up from fires in the Tallaght area.  Would this Council look at rubbish collection from Estates for next Halloween?"

**REPLY:**

"A total of 280 bonfires have been recorded in South Dublin County in 2018 and while information is still being collated it appears that the Council has removed approximately 500 tonnes of bonfire materials, including both before and after the event, at an estimated cost of €120,000.  Of the 280 total number for the County just under half of these (136 in number) took place in the Tallaght area.  Every effort was made in the run up to Halloween to intercept and remove materials intended for bonfires.  In this regard the Council was particularly successful in removing materials in the days immediately prior to Halloween, from Saturday October 27th to Wednesday October 31st, when a total of 144.4 tonnes of bonfire materials was collected by this Council.

It is also worth noting that a major bonfire was prevented in Kilnamanagh on this occasion and this required a coordinated effort involving local residents, An Garda Siochana and the Council.  While there is no figure available on the amount of waste diverted from Kilnamanagh it is known that approximately 1,000 wooden pallets were remove by Council staff from the location prior to Halloween along with large quantities of other waste materials including tyres.  Reports received from the Kilnamanagh area suggest that while a bonfire did take place there only a small quantity of waste was available to be placed on it.

There are no plans for the Council to provide waste collections in the future in connection with Halloween.  The Council previously provided junk collections to households on a three or five year recurring basis.  These came to an end in 2008 with the economic downturn.  The annual cost of these collections was in the region of €600,000.  It is worth noting that these collections did not prevent bonfires from taking place, in fact the number of fires taking place annually at the time far exceeded the number of fires which now take place."

### **T/532/18 C8/1118 Item ID:60377**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/533/18 H13/1118 Item ID:60390**

**Tree Planting Programme - Winter 2018/Spring 2019**

Trees make a major contribution to the character and appearance of South Dublin County. They provide significant economic, social, environmental, ecological and aesthetic benefits to communities and to urban and residential streets, parks and open spaces. They also enhance biodiversity and play a crucial role in mitigating climate change.

South Dublin County Council recognises the value of street trees in the urban environment and is committed to planting new trees to ensure that the visual amenity in South Dublin is assured for future generations.

Areas targeted for new tree planting are those where trees have been removed or where there is an identified need to increase the overall tree cover. Requests from Council members and local residents for new trees in their streets or areas have also been taken into consideration within the planting programme and have been prioritised according to the number of trees already on the street, including those in front gardens and on adjacent land.

The principle of planting the ‘right tree in the right place’ will apply for all new and replacement tree planting. Trees will be selected for their appropriateness of scale and proportion to their surroundings and the aesthetic contribution they make to that environment.  Planting density and species selection will be guided by available space to ensure that each tree is compatible with its new site and has every opportunity to develop into a healthy mature specimen.

Potential sites for tree planting have been inspected to assess their suitability for new trees, considering factors such as services, sight lines, warning signs and traffic signals, distance from public lighting columns, space for future crown and root growth, etc.

Details of the proposed tree planting programme for winter 2018/spring 2019 are set out in the table below:

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| House Number | Address | Location type    Street - S     Open space -O/S | Quantity | Trees Species |
| Between 93 - 95 | Allenton Avenue | O/S | 3 | Prunus x yedoensis |
| O.S | Aylesbury | O/S | 3 | Fagus sylvatica ‘Purpurea’ |
| 3 | Prunus sargentii 'Rancho' |
| 12 | Quercus robur |
| 4 | Quercus ilex |
| 3 | Cedrus atlantica ‘Glauca’ |
| 6 | Prunus 'Yedoensis |
| 6 | Betula pubescens |
| 5 | Ilex aquifolium |
| 6 | Corylus colura |
| Opposite 22 | Allenton Drive | O/S | 1 | Prunus x yedoensis |
| Side of 35 | Ashfield Avenue | O/S | 6 | Betula pubescens |
| 72 / 74 | Bancroft Avenue | S | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| 69 / 71 | Bancroft Avenue | S | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| Corner of 62A | Bancroft Avenue | S | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| 37 / 39 | Bancroft Avenue | S | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| Opposite 3 | Bancroft Avenue | S | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| 5 | Bancroft Avenue | S | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| 17 | Bancroft Avenue | S | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| O/S | Balrothery estate | O/S | 3 | Prunus x yedoensis |
| 2 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 4 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 14 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 19 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 38 / 40 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 59 / 61 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 68 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 69 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 84 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| 86 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| Side of 82 | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| Side of 80A | Bancroft Park | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| OS | Bancroft Park | O/S | 3 | Fagus sylvatica |
| OS | Bancroft Park | O/S | 9 | 3 Quercus ilex, 3 Cedrus atlantica, 3 Pinus sylvestris |
| Side of 23 | Bancroft Road | s | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| Side of 21 | Bancroft Road | S | 1 | Malus 'Royalty' |
| Side of 7 | Bancroft Road | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| Side of 5 | Bancroft Road | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| CREDIT UNION | Cookstown Road | S | 7 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Side of 99 | Dunmore Lawn | O/S | 6 | Betula pubescens |
|  | Ely Crescent | O/S | 5 | Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis Rosea' |
| 2 / 3 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 6 / 7 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 10 / 11 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 13 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 16 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 22 / 23 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 34 / 35 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 36 / 37 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 38 / 39 | Homelawn Gardens | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 62 / 63 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 64 / 65 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 37 / 38 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 35 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 32 / 33 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 30 / 31 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 26 / 27 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 16 / 17 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 6 / 7 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 4 / 5 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| 2 / 3 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Corner of 60 / 61 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Side of 1A | Homelawn Villas | S | 2 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| Side of 9A | Homelawn Villas | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Opposite 16 / 17 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Opposite 19 / 20 | Homelawn Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Side of 48A | Parkwood Avenue | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| Side of 45 | Parkwood Grove | S | 1 | Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet' |
| Corner of 11 | Parkwood Road | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Opposite the side of 30A | Parkwood Road | S | 3 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Rear of 2 / 3 | Whitebrook Park | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Rear of 5 / 6 | Whitebrook Park | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Rear of 9 / 10 | Whitebrook Park | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |
| Rear of 11 / 12 | Whitebrook Park | S | 1 | Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' |

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

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/534/18 H14/1118 Item ID:60532**

**Memorial for local Suffragettes**

An area at the entrance to Sean Walsh Park off the Old Bawn Road has been identified as an area for the recognition and commemoration of the local women suffragettes.  A design and plaque has been prepared using the colours associated with the Suffragettes and outlining the significance of their campaign.  The local Community school has been contacted in order that the students can partake in the preparation and commemoration.

It is proposed to unveil the memorial in Sean Walsh Park prior to the December Tallaght Area Committee on Monday 17th December.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne, K. Mahon, B. Leech and C. King. M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/535/18 M7/1118 Item ID:60437**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor and Seconded by Councillor M. Duff

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

"That this Tallaght Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to present a report on his efforts to deal with the challenge presented by Halloween activities in Kilnamanagh Estate and in responding will he appreciate the strong concern of the local community that action be taken in respect of the Open Land at the bottom of Treepark Road beyond the Ned Kelly Park which attracts such activity and will he note the clear need to present proposals for the future of the Land and in that regard will he enter into discussions with local stakeholders."

**REPORT:**

"A total of 280 bonfires have been recorded in South Dublin County in 2018 and while information is still being collated it appears that the Council has removed approximately 500 tonnes of bonfire materials, including both before and after the event, at an estimated cost of €120,000.  Of the 280 total number 136 of these took place in the Tallaght area.  Every effort was made in the run up to Halloween to intercept and remove materials intended for the bonfire at Kilnamanagh and this required a coordinated effort involving local residents, An Garda Siochana and the Council.  While there is no figure available on the amount of waste diverted from Kilnamanagh it is known that approximately 1,000 wooden pallets were remove by Council staff from the location prior to Halloween along with large quantities of other waste materials including tyres.  Reports received from the Kilnamanagh area suggest that while a bonfire did take place there only a small quantity of waste was available to be placed on it.

With regard to the open space adjacent to Ned Kelly Park the Council's Public Realm section is aware and has been liaising with the Climate Change / Water and Drainage Capital Section who have a grant under the EU funded LIFE scheme, Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE project, for the possible siting of a wetland within the Kilnamanagh area on the open space in question. This will be subject to topographical survey and other engineering prerequisite requirements before progressing to planning and consultation, including environmental assessments. This work will be progressed by the Climate Change / Water and Drainage Capital Section in 2019.

In addition the Public Realm Section intends to install a footpath around this open space and this will have the effect of increasing legitimate activity and providing passive surveillance in the area. This scheme is included in the 2018 public realm improvement works programme and will be completed before the end of the year.  These works will be co-ordinated with the Climate Change / Water and Drainage Capital Section to ensure they are compatible with each other."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, M. Duff, M. Murphy and C. McCann

M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/536/18 M8/1118 Item ID:60451**

Proposed by Councillor B. Ferron and Seconded by Councillor C. King

"This Committee notes that a Play Space Programme is due to be rolled out in the coming year for teens in the County. This Committee calls on the Chief Executive to include a space in the Avonbeg and Homelawns area."

**REPORT:**

"During the delivery of the 2014-2018 play space programme for younger children by South Dublin County Council, an issue that repeatedly emerged was the need to carry out a similar programme of facility provision for teenagers. South Dublin County Council commenced a consultation process with teenagers from 2017 into 2018, which examined both active and passive recreational requirements for this age group. Background research was also carried out over the period to assess current level of provision for this group in the county.

A report presented the preliminary findings of the study and the draft recommendations to the Environment Public Realm and Climate Change SPC on the 01 05 2018 and the County Council Meeting on the 14 05 2018.

The Council undertook to carry out further consultation, which has been progressed with the Community Department and various youth groups and teenagers and the report is now being finalised for presentation to the Council at the start of 2019 to allow a teenage facility programme to be rolled out commencing in 2019.

The preliminary report made some recommendations with regard to possible locations. These initial recommendations were based on some of the requests / agreements from communities which had already arisen during the play space programme or locations which are located in larger parks or central town / village areas, and it is likely the programme will commence with these. The final list of initial projects is still under consideration and will be presented in early 2019; the programme will commence with an initial list of projects and it is intended to develop a further tranche of projects subsequent to the initial projects. The Homelawns / Avonbeg area has been added to the possible locations for consideration."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron, K. Mahon and C. McCann. S. Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/537/18 M9/1118 Item ID:60456**

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

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive if a report can be prepared on the use of scramblers and quads in the Tymon Area. This Committee notes with regret that recent legislation calling on the Gardaí to be given the power to seize these bikes was defeated in the Dáil.  In the absence of this could the Council examine if a meeting between various stakeholders in the area can be convened, this should include the Gardaí, The Council, Local Representatives and of course local Residents."

**REPORT:**

"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 was established earlier this year involving the four Dublin Local Authorities, Department of Justice, Department of Transport, An Garda Síochána, Motorcross Ireland and the Road Safety Authority in relation to deal 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.  The third meeting of the taskforce was held on November 14th.  At the meeting the Dept of Justice informed the group that advice has come back from the Attorney General's office indicating that new legislation in this area is not advisable but that existing legislation could be amended so as to extend the powers of the Gardaí to deal with the relevant issues.  The existing legislation referred to is the Road Traffic Act and any proposed changes to this legislation will have to be agreed with the Dept of Transport who are responsible for it.  Further work therefore is necessary to identify and agree the changes which are required and the Dept of Justice representatives agreed that both the Gardaí and local authorities would also be consulted on the matter.

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 and reps from the St Marks GAA club have now asked that this fence also be extended along the boundary on Cookstown Road.  Requests have also 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.  Commitments have to date been given in relation to some of these requested boundary treatments at Killinarden Park, Tymon Park and Bancroft Park.

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 Council has in the past met with residents at Bancroft Park in relation to these matters to discuss measures to combat the problem.  A meeting also took place at Killinarden Community centre over the summer attended by the Council, the Gardaí, the community centre staff, and the principal of the local secondary school as well as a representative from the Croi Ro Naofa club.  If further meetings of this type are required then they can be facilitated."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne, B. Ferron.

M. NiDhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/538/18 M10/1118 Item ID:60473**

Proposed by Councillor C. King and Seconded by Councillor D. Richardson

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to report on proposals for Monuments as previously proposed as part of the N81 renewal scheme. That this report identifies timelines, methodology to be used to identify precise locations, subject matter of the monuments and Artists or manufacturers of the monuments themselves and to note previous suggestions that one of the three monuments should commemorate the Fenian Rising of 1867 and that a site close to the Tallaght Village would be preferable for same."

**REPORT:**

The N81 landscape scheme as passed by the Council under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Act specifies a number of locations for artwork including:

* Sean Walsh Park area
* The junction leading to Jobstown
* The Spawell Roundabout

In relation to the artwork proposed close to Jobstown the following was included within the Part 8:

“The current proposals mark the entrance to the N81 landscape corridor project as well as being an important amenity for the local community at this particular location, hence a high level of design and the sculptural piece proposed for here. A significant name plate or stone and the requirement to incorporate the heritage of the area will be included as part of the design brief for this element.”

The proposed art installations will be considered further at detail design stage for the various phases of the N81 and it is intended to procure the artwork in a tender competition.

Suggestions made at the Part 8 Stage for themes / information to be incorporated into the artwork adjacent to Sean Walsh Park included:

* The Leinster Roads Races (1930s to 40s) who used this road as part of their track
* The monastic 8th century heritage of St Maelruain and the Céile Dé.

The Fenian Rising of 1867 can also be included in the brief for the artist to be incorporated into the themes / information for the artwork.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/539/18 M11/1118 Item ID:60463**

Proposed by Councillor C. McCann and Seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor

"That this Committee insert a new public pathway across the green space from The Meadows West to the Meadows East in Belgard Heights."

**REPORT:**

The construction of two new pathways across the green space from The Meadows West to the Meadows East in Belgard Heights is included in the Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2018.  These pathways which are along the two desire lines across the green space from the Meadows West to Meadows East have been excavated and the stone sub-base has also been laid.  The finishing tarmacadam surface layer will be laid before the end of the year.

The Report was **NOTED**.

## **Environment**

### **T/540/18 H15/1118 Item ID:60385**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/541/18 C9/1118 Item ID:60369**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/542/18 M12/1118 Item ID:60450**

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

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to provide an update with regards to the site at the old ESSO garage in Tallaght Village. This Committee notes that an order was issued requesting the owner to carry out various works at the site. Can the Chief Executive please provide an update on the enforcement?"

**REPORT:**

Significant efforts continue to establish ownership / responsibility for this site - Toughers Oil Distributors (in receivership) former Esso garage in Tallaght Village.

On 15th August, 2018 a Section 11 Notice was served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 requiring the site to be tidied up, shrubbery to be removed and grass to be cut back.  Based on records available to us, the notice was served on the owner, a company, and a receiver appointed to the company.

This receiver and a joint receiver have reverted advising that the site is not an asset captured in their receiverships, and a further reference check identified a third receiver who has also confirmed that this site is not in their receivership.

Enquiries are ongoing in an effort to trace those responsible for the management and maintenance of the site.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron, K. Mahon and B. Leech

M. Maguire, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/543/18 M13/1118 Item ID:60465**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and Councillor C. King

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive to report on the land area around Hazel Hill, rubbish dumping and the general look of the area is a disgrace.  Also the road up to the traveller site is littered with rubbish.  Can the Chief Executive report on cameras to be installed in that area as this is a black spot for dumping?"

**REPORT:**

"The Traveller Accommodation Unit is aware of littering in the area around the Traveller Site, the unit is currently making arrangements for this area to be cleaned.

The Litter Warden Service patrols the areas of Hazel Hill regularly and all incidents of illegal dumping are searched for evidence of polluter details.  Appropriate enforcement action is taken where the information of the polluter is identified.  Our Public Realm operations unit then arranges for removal of dumped material.

The CCTV systems in this area will be reviewed."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Richardson and C. King.

M. Maguire and E. Leech, Senior Executive Officers responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

## **Housing**

### **T/544/18 Q16/1118 Item ID:60429**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne

"To ask the Chief Executive to give a report on how many Rebuilding Ireland loan applications in the Tallaght Area have been forwarded onto the Housing Finance Agency?"

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council has received 242 applications under the Rebuild Ireland Home Loan to date.  All 242 applications were sent to the Underwriters in the Housing Agency.

As it is not a requirement to have identified a property at the time of application, I cannot confirm how many applicants will purchase in the Tallaght Area.

### **T/545/18 Q17/1118 Item ID:60205**

Proposed by Councillor B. Leech

"Can a completion date be given for the work in progress at the entrance to MacUilliam Estate? There is still fencing in place on the Citywest Ave. for a long length of time which is causing an issue with motorists and cyclists?"

**REPLY:**

"The works in respect of the 28 new build housing units in MacUilliam estate which include works at the entrance to the estate are due for completion in early 2019."

### **T/546/18 Q18/1118 Item ID:60439**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the schedule now being followed in respect of housing developments in Tallaght which were the subject of recent Part 8 decisions; will he give details in each case and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

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| **Scheme** | **No. of Units** | **Planning Status** | **Next Stage** |
| St. Catherine’s Knockmore | 13 | Part 8 approved September 2018. | Pre-Tender Design to be prepared |
| Fernwood and Maplewood | 40 | Part 8 approved October 2018 | Clúid Housing are currently preparing pre tender design for both schemes. |
| Whitestown Way, Tallaght | 81 | Part 8 consultation complete and County Architects being prepared for December Council meeting | Part 8 report to be presented to Council on the 10th of December 2018 |

### **T/547/18 Q19/1118 Item ID:60447**

Proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive to present a further report on actions being taken in respect of the concerns of the local community highlighted by the latest meeting held by Fettercairn Estate Management Group in Council Headquarters; will he appreciate the continued concerns in respect of these issues and will he make a statement?"

**REPLY:**

"The Council continues to meet with Fettercairn Residents Association on a monthly basis. In recent weeks efforts have been made to keep the effects of Halloween to a minimum and clean ups have been arranged for green areas in Fettercairn.  Incidents of joyriding have significantly decreased in the Drumcairn area due to the new railings around the perimeter wall at Drumcairn Avenue/Parade.  Allocations Support will continue to liaise with Tallaght Gardaí and report anti-social incidents.  Residents have also requested new paths for Butler Park which are being installed next year."

### **T/548/18 Q20/1118 Item ID:60469**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on plans for Homeless Services and emergency accommodation for the Christmas period?"

**REPLY:**

"The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has responsibility for co-ordinating responses to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. In order to meet the increase in demand for homeless services and have the appropriate contingency plans in place for cold weather conditions, the DRHE has activated the Cold Weather Strategy for 2018 for the Dublin Region which enhances the services already available.

Additional beds and units will be brought into use across a range of existing services and facilities.

A contingency emergency response is already in place for any family who may be at risk of sleeping rough at night.

Arrangements are in place between the DRHE, the Gardaí, Housing First, Central Placement Service and the HSE with a view to improving outcomes for people that may be sleeping rough.

Services operate throughout the year to support persons who are rough sleeping. However, there is an increased emphasis on the level of service provision during the cold period in order to mitigate against the health risks that people can be exposed to, through rough sleeping in cold weather conditions. The cold weather period provides opportunities for engagement with long-term rough sleepers and hard-to-reach groups, where increased supports need to be available.

During the cold weather period the Housing First Intake Team, operate from 7.00am – 1.00am every day. The Intake Team will increase their staffing for the cold weather period, to enable broader engagement with persons sleeping rough across the Dublin Region. The Housing First transport facility is available to assist in supporting vulnerable people sleeping rough to access accommodation.

These services will operate throughout the Christmas period.

In addition there is a range of rapid emergency accommodation and support measures which will be activated depending on the level of severity and the type of any weather alert (red, orange, yellow) predicted."

### **T/549/18 H16/1118 Item ID:60366**

Anti-Social Quarterly Statistics 2018

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| **STATISITICAL 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** |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | **17** | 8 | 11 | 7 |  | **26** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | **18** | 3 | 1 | 1 |  | **5** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | **6** | 1 | 8 | 2 |  | **11** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | **36** | 16 | 11 | 12 |  | **39** |
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| **CATEGORY B** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | **16** | 11 | 5 | 2 |  | **18** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | **12** | 0 | 1 | 3 |  | **4** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | **17** | 4 | 1 | 1 |  | **6** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | **17** | 5 | 10 | 3 |  | **18** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | **28** | 7 | 6 | 4 |  | **17** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking)reported to SDCC | **2** | 1 | 1 | 2 |  | **4** |
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| **CATEGORY C** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | **29** | 2 | 4 | 6 |  | **12** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | **5** | 3 | 0 | 0 |  | **3** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | **4** | 2 | 1 | 0 |  | **3** |
| Selling alcohol | **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **0** |
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| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **208** | 63 | 60 | 43 |  | **166** |
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| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **202** | 63 | 66 | 36 |  | **165** |
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| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff -     Main actions listed below** | **2201** | 686 | 604 | 433 |  | **1723** |
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| Housecall / Inspection | **790** | 262 | 183 | 137 |  | **582** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | **5** | 4 | 3 | 0 |  | **7** |
| Abandonment notice served | **14** | 2 | 0 | 0 |  | **2** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | **40** | 8 | 12 | 6 |  | **26** |
| Warnings issued | **11** | 8 | 16 | 5 |  | **29** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | **497** | 180 | 159 | 149 |  | **488** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) Group Tenancies were held in respect of new developments. | **154** | 66 | 37 | 10 |  | **113** |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne and C. King.

E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/550/18 H17/1118 Item ID:60393**

Part 8 - Proposal for Extension/Alterations to 1, 9 and 10 Belgard Park

**Description**

It is proposed to go to Part 8 in respect of extensions to Bays 1, 9 and 10 Belgard Park on medical grounds.

To provide the following:

Bay 1: Two ground floor bedrooms, storage area and extension to living area.

Bay 9: Three ground floor bedrooms, storage area and extension to living area.

Bay 10: Two ground floor bedrooms, storage area and extension to living area.

**Cost**

The value of the works proposed requires Part 8 approval from the Council. The estimated cost of the proposed works is €290,087.00 excl VAT.

It was Proposed by Councillor C. King and Seconded by Councillor L. Dunne that the Proposal be agreed.

The Proposal was **AGREED**.

### **T/551/18 H18/1118 Item ID:60422**

Housing Procurement Report

**PART V AND APPROVED HOUSING BODY DELIVERY PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**TALLAGHT AREA**

Part V negotiations are ongoing with developers to deliver the 10% social requirement on private schemes within the county. There are currently 6 schemes within the Tallaght area delivering a total of 50 units by the end of 2018

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| **Part V Update** |

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| **Area** | **Delivered Q1 2018** | **Delivered Q2 2018** | **Delivered Q3 2018** | **Expected Q4 2018** | **Expected 2019** |
| Tallaght Central |  |  |  | 4 | 36 |
| Tallaght South | 32 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Grand total | 32 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 38 |

The Approved Housing Body Sector has an active acquisition programme of turnkey developments within the county.  There are a total of 33 units projected for delivery in the Tallaght area in 2018 with a further 76 units projected in 2019.

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| **Approved Housing Body Delivery Programme Update** |

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|  | **Delivered Q1 2018** | **Delivered Q2 2018** | **Delivered Q3 2018** | **Q4 2018** | **2019** |
| Tallaght | 1 | 0 | 3 | 30 | 76 |

**Local Authority Acquisitions**

The Council will consider opportunities to purchase housing units offered to the Council and will assess on a case by case basis on value for money, housing need in the area and condition of the property. To the end of Quarter 3 2018 a total of 5 units were purchased and the Council are due to close a further 5 units by the end of 2018.

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| Area | Delivered Q1-Q3 2018 | Projected Q4 2018 |
| Tallaght | 5 | 5 |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne, M. Murphy and C. King.

M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/552/18 H19/1118 Item ID:60423**

Housing Allocations Report

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| **TALLAGHT** | **2017** | **CURRENT 01/01/2018 TO 31/10/2018** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST**  **ALLOCATIONS Section**  **categorised as follows:-** | **146** | **137** | **5154** |
| *CBL* | 33 | 72 |  |
| *OAP* | 2 |  |  |
| *Homeless* | 67 | 37 |  |
| *Medical* | 39 | 26 |  |
| *Priority* | 4 | 2 |  |
| *Standard* |  |  |  |
| *Leased/Purchased with Tenant In-Situ* | 1 |  |  |
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| **TRANSFERS** | **66** | **51** |  |
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| **TOTAL** | **212** | **188** |  |

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| **COUNTYWIDE** | **2017** | **CURRENT 01/01/2018 TO 31/10/2018** | **CURRENT NOS ON LIST** |
| **HOUSING LIST**  **ALLOCATIONS Section**  **categorised as follows:-** | **278** | **231** | **7088** |
| *CBL* | 66 | 117 |  |
| *ASH* |  | - |  |
| *OAP* | 4 | 1 |  |
| *Homeless* | 138 | 66 |  |
| *Medical* | 64 | 45 |  |
| *Priority* | 4 | 2 |  |
| *Standard* |  |  |  |
| *Leased/Purchased with Tenant In-Situ* | 2 |  |  |
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| **TRANSFERS** | **140** | **88** |  |
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| **TOTAL** | **418** | **319** |  |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne and K. Mahon.

E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/553/18 H20/1118 Item ID:60386**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/554/18 C10/1118 Item ID:60373**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **T/555/18 M14/1118 Item ID:60427**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne and Seconded by Councillor D. Richardson

"That this Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to install kissing gates between the boundary walls and the Luas line in Sheehy Skeffington as a matter of urgency."

**REPORT:**

"The Housing Department have instructed the Architects Department to work with the contractor and to provide kissing gates at the pedestrian crossing points from Sheehy Skeffington Meadows toward the Luas line at Cheeverstown stop.  We will monitor this request to progress works as soon as possible."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor L. Dunne.

M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

### **T/556/18 M15/1118 Item ID:60471**

Proposed by Councillor C. King and Seconded by Councillor D. Richardson

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to immediately arrange for the removal of the ESB substation that has been erected outside of 24 Killinarden Estate as part of the infill scheme as it is in completely unprotected, free standing and not built into a wall which is general practice. As a result of this it is prone to being damaged by a car which could put the lives of local residents at risk. This Committee furthermore calls on the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of the Laneway which was CREATED by the building of the new houses and which was not part of the plans. The creation of this laneway has rightly angered and concerned residents in equal measure as it is felt it will attract anti-social behaviour and possible illegal dumping. I raised this matter months ago on behalf of residents and got agreement from Architects that it would be extinguished immediately by taking it into gardens. These works have clearly not commenced yet and this is the reason why I have it on this Agenda to get it resolved on behalf of the residents."

**REPORT:**

"The ESB do not require planning permission to install a substation.  The location of the ESB substation is usually constrained by the location to their supply routes. This Council is engaging with the contractor and design team to examine to see what if other options are available to reduce the visual impact of the substation.

The Architects Department is working with the Housing Department to progress a solution regarding the laneways at the new development."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne and C. King.

M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **T/557/18 M16/1118 Item ID:60050**

Proposed by Councillor B. Leech and Seconded by Councillor K. Mahon

"Can this Council ensure that the AHB Tuath be fully responsible for their obligations to ensure Tallaght Homeless Hub is kept free of all drug paraphernalia for the health and wellbeing of their tenants."

**REPORT:**

"Tallaght Cross Family Hub, managed by Tuath with the support of Focus Ireland, provides accommodation for families who find themselves homeless.

Family accommodation hubs are an important response for families who become homeless and who have no alternative other than commercial hotels.  This is not the long term housing solution for these families but provides a temporary secure and stable placement for families until they are allocated social housing within the county or find a private rented property using the HAP scheme.

Families are provided with supports such as key workers who assist them to find private rented accommodation using the HAP scheme at the enhanced homeless rate.  South Dublin County Council also has dedicated placefinders who will work with families in hotels and B & B's and where necessary support the services already available in the hubs.

South Dublin County Council meet with the management of Tallaght Cross on a regular basis and the health and wellbeing of tenants is discussed as is the maintenance etc. of the facility."

 A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. McCann, K. Mahon, and B. Leech. A. Byrne, Administrative Officer responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **T/558/18 M17/1118 Item ID:60468**

Proposed by Councillor D. Richardson and Seconded by C. King

"That this Committee asks the Chief Executive to report on the current emergency call out for families that heating systems breakdown, currently some residents are told it can take up to ten days for call out.  This is not acceptable in the current cold climate."

**REPORT:**

"Maintenance requests are received from a variety of sources:

1. Phone
2. Customer Care Counter
3. Post
4. Email
5. Pageboy
6. Public Representative
7. Clerk of work / Foreman of Works

If the maintenance request relates to an issue that is the responsibility of the Council a Maintenance Request Form (MRF) is raised following contact.  The tenants contact number and availability is recorded on the MRF. The tenant is advised of timeframes when logging initial maintenance request.

The maintenance depot categorises requests on a daily basis the MRF's as follows, emergency 1-5 workings days, Urgent up to 10 workings days, Routine 12 weeks +, Cyclical 1-7 years.

Heating system breakdown maintenance requests fall within the Urgent maintenance category however the Council endeavour to have a Heating Contractor for repairs to a Heating System visit a tenant as soon as possible from receipt of complaint.  Depending on the level of calls received at any particular period of time the response times may vary but heating calls are dealt with within the 10 day timeframe depending on the Contractor being able to gain access to the property when they call.  Housing Maintenance endeavour to prioritise those tenants who are elderly or if someone has severe medical needs in the home for repairs to heating systems.  Since January 2018 to date Housing Maintenance have received 4414 requests for works to heating systems."

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Richardson, L. Dunne and E. Hendrick. E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

## **Community**

### **T/559/18 H21/1118 Item ID:60380**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

### **T/560/18 H22/1118 Item ID:60382**

New Works (No Business)

### **T/561/18 C11/1118 Item ID:60370**

Correspondence (No Business)

**Suspensory Motions**

It was Proposed by Councillor M. Duff that the following motion be brought to the December Council Meeting.

“Following on from the deliberate destruction by fire of the St. Aengus Community Action Group Community Drug Treatment Centre at Castletymon Green, with damage estimated to be in excess of €300,000 and the subsequent but separate attack by fire at a Senior Citizen bungalow in the same area, and in light of the numerous complaints by local residents of the high levels of Anti-Social activity in the area including open drug dealing, large congregations of young men and women blocking entrance to the local supermarket and causing fear by their presence and activities to older residents and the continued presence of cars and scramblers driving through the shopping area at high speeds, this Area Committee call on the Chief Executive to immediately install CCTV in the Castletymon Shopping area and to liaise with Tallaght Garda to ensure that appropriate policing is carried out.”

Signed by Councillors M. Genockey, B. Leech, C. McCann, D. Richardson, C. King, C. O’Connor, L. Dunne, M. Murphy, K. Mahon, E. Hendrick, and B. Ferron.

It was Proposed by Councillors K. Mahon, M. Murphy and B. Leech that

“Tallaght Area Committee supports the “Justice for the Stardust 48” campaign in their call for the Attorney General to exercise its right under Section 24 of the Coroner’s Act 1962 to grant a fresh inquest into the Stardust fire of February 14th 1981. We ask that this Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities and ask them to add their backing to the families campaign for justice for the 48 loved ones that never came home.”

Signed by Councillors K. Mahon, C. King, M. Murphy, L. Dunne, C. McCann, B. Leech, E. Hendrick, D. Richardson, M. Genockey, B. Ferron, and C. O’Connor.

The Meeting concluded at 6p.m.

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