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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council December 2018 County Council Meeting held on 10 December 2018

**PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bonner, B. |  | Lawlor, B. |
| Casserly, V. |  | Leech, B. |
| Donovan, P. |  | Looney, D. |
| Duff, M. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Duffy, F. |  | Mc Cann, C. |
| Dunne, L. |  | McMahon, C. |
| Egan, K. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Ferron, B. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Foley, P. |  | Murphy, M. |
| Genockey, M. |  | Nolan, R. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | O’Brien, D. |
| Graham, J. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Hendrick, E. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Higgins, E. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Holland, S. |  | O’Toole, L. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Richardson, D. |
| King, C. |  | Russell, R. |
| Lavelle, W. |  | F. Timmons |
|  |  | Ward, M. |
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**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function  A/Heads of Function  Head of Finance  County Architect | L. Maxwell, T. Walsh, F. Nevin. C. Ward  L. Leonard.  R. FitzGerald.  E. Conroy. |
| Senior Executive Officers  Financial Management Accountant  Senior Planner | C. Hurson, M. Staunton, E. Leech, Neil Hanly,  Mary Kelly  Brian Keaney |
| Administrative Officers | C. Murphy, N. Noonan. M. Kavanagh, |
| A/Executive Accountant  Staff Officer  Clerical Officer  IT. Support  Sord | A. O’Melia  L. Abbey.  D. Murphy,  R. Saiz, A. Fahey, R. Murray  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor M. Ward, presided.

Apologies were received from M. Johansson

### **H1/1218 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Special Presidential Nomination Meeting 20th September 2018 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor F. Timmons seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

b) - Minutes of the Council Meeting 12th November 2018 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor M. Ward seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

c) - Minutes of the Budget 2019 Meeting 15th November 2018 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor M. Ward seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### **H2/1218 REPORTS FROM AREA COMMITTEES**

**a) Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee - 13th November 2018**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**b) Clondalkin Area Committee – 21st November 2018**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**c) Tallaght Area Committee – 26th November 2018**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**d)** **Lucan Area Committee – 27th November 2018**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

### **H3/1218 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION PROCEDURE & FINANCE**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates

January – February 2019

January 2019

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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 7th Jan | **Corporate Policy Group** | 3.00pm - 4.30pm |  |
| Tue. | 8th Jan | **Rathfarnham /Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 13/12/2018 |
| Wed. | 9th Jan |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 10th Jan |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 11th Jan |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 14th Jan | **County Council Meeting** | 3.30pm - 7.00pm | 17/12/2018 |
| Tue. | 15th Jan |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 16th Jan | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 02/01/2019 |
| Thur. | 17th Jan |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 18th Jan |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 21st  Jan |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 22th Jan |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 23rd  Jan | **Deputations** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 24th Jan | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **Clondalkin**  **Traffic Management Meeting**  **Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure**  **Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee** | 2.00pm - 2.45pm  2.45pm - 3.30pm  3.30pm - 6.00pm | 10/01/2019 |
| Fri. | 25th Jan | **Joint Policing Committee (Provisional)** | 3:00pm – 5:00pm |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 28th  Jan | **Traffic Management Meeting (Tallaght)**  **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2.15pm - 3.00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 14/01/2019 |
| Tue. | 29th Jan | **Traffic Management Meeting (Lucan)**  **Lucan Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2.15pm - 3.00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 15/01/2019 |
| Wed. | 30th Jan |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 31st Jan |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 1st Feb |  |  |  |
| **February 2019** | | | | |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 4th Feb | **Corporate Policy Group** | 3.00pm - 4.30pm |  |
| Tue. | 5th Feb | **Environment , Water & Climate Change SPC** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm | 04/01/2019 |
| Wed. | 6th Feb | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 07/01/2019 |
| Thur. | 7th Feb |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 8th Feb |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 11th Feb | **County Council Meeting** | 3.30pm - 7.00pm | 28/01/2019 |
| Tue. | 12th Feb | **Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 29/01/2019 |
| Wed. | 13th Feb | **Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 14/01/2019 |
| Thur. | 14th Feb | **Housing SPC** | 5.30pm– 7.00pm | 15/01/2019 |
| Fri. | 15th Feb |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 18th Feb |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 19th Feb | **Social & Community SPC** | 6.00pm – 7.30pm | 17/01/2019 |
| Wed. | 20th Feb | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 06/02/2019 |
| Thur. | 21st Feb | **Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC** | 5.30pm– 7.00pm | 21/01/2018 |
| Fri | 22nd Feb |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 25th Feb | **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 11/02/2019 |
| Tue. | 26th Feb | **Lucan Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 12/02/2019 |
| Wed. | 27th Feb | **Deputations** | 2.00pm – 5.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 28th Feb |  |  |  |
| Fri | 1st Mar |  |  |  |

b) Report on Conferences/Seminars was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor M. Ward and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

The following Draft Calendar of Meeting dates was **APPROVED** by the Members at the Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on 22nd November 2018

**REPORT ON CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

“[**Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/zza37y2001s142.html) provides for the authorization of Members’ attendance at conferences both home and abroad.

Listed below are conferences which have been notified to South Dublin County Council and whose appropriateness has been vetted by the members’ working group in accordance with Circ. Letter 02/10.

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| **Conference** | **Host** | **Venue** | **Date** | **Members**  **Attending** |
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**Conferences Attended Since September**

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| **Conference** | **Host** | **Venue** | **Date** | **Members Attending** |
| AILG Training – Module 4 | Association of Irish Local Government | County Arms Hotel, Birr, Co Offaly. | 21st September 2018 | Cllr V. Casserly  Cllr K. Egan  Cllr Brian Lawlor  Cllr E. Higgins |
| LAMA 2018 Autumn Training Seminar | LAMA | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | The River Island Hotel, Castleisland, Co Kerry | | 28th – 29th September 2018 | Cllr Emer Higgins Cllr Guss. O' Connell  Cllr Ronan McMahon Cllr. Dermot Richardson Cllr Jonathan Graham Cllr Louise Dunne Cllr. Brian Lawlor Cllr. Cathal King |
| AILG Training | Association of Irish Local Government | Longford Arms Hotel, Longford | 11th October 2018 | Cllr. Rob Russell  Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan |
| Your Development Plan & Climate Change | Institute of Professional Training | Casey’s Hotel Baltimore, West Cork | 19th – 21st October 2018 | Cllr. K. Egan  Cllr Brian Lawlor  Cllr. R. McMahon  Cllr E. Higgins  Cllr. Jonathan Graham  Cllr. Vicki Casserly |
| AILG Autumn Training Seminar | Association of Irish Local Government | Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan | 25th – 26th October 2018 | Cllr Dermot Richardson Cllr. Brian Lawlor Cllr. Cathal King Cllr. Emer Higgins Cllr. Guss O'Connell Cllr. Kenneth Egan Cllr. Vicki Casserly Cllr Conor McMahon Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan Cllr Ronan McMahon |
| Local Authorities Budgets 2019 | Institute of Professional Training | Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny | 9th – 11th November 2018 | Cllr Jonathan Graham Cllr. Conor McMahon Cllr. Kenneth Egan Cllr. Vicki Casserly Cllr. Brian Lawlor  Cllr. Ronan McMahon |
| AILG Module 6 - General Data Protection Regulation and The Elected Member | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  |   Association of Irish Local Government | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Springfield Hotel, Leixlip |  | | 17th November 2018 | Cllr. Guss O’Connell |

As authorisation under this section is a reserved function Members are required to pass the following resolution:

“In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001 attendance by Members at the Conferences / Seminars outlined in the report is hereby authorized.”

### **H4a/1218 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES** **– ARTS, CULTURE, GAEILGE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor D. Richardson Chair of Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

**H4 a) (i) Minutes of Meeting 5th September 2018**

**Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge & Libraries SPC**

**Meeting 5th September 2018 (5.30pm) – IT Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**Attended**

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| Cllr. Dermot Richardson (Chair) | Cllr. Dermot Looney |
| Cllr. Breeda Bonner | Cllr. Madeleine Johansson |
| Cllr. Brian Leech | Ms. Deirdre Mooney |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Cora McCann

Mr. Peadar O’Caomhanaigh

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of SPC meeting 2nd May 2018**  **Minutes were AGREED.**  **Matters arising: None** |
| **Headed Item 2: Music Generation Update**  **Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave an update on music generation and outlined the participating areas and schools in South Dublin. The Music Generation initiative includes pre-school; primary and secondary school programming, along with two community hubs run in Rathcoole and Clondalkin. The Music Development Officer is working on a 5 year Strategic Plan in conjunction with the MG South Dublin Steering Committee, and a draft copy will be brought to the SPC for input.**  **Following some discussion and questions raised on the MG generation programme,** the report was NOTED. |
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| **Headed Item 3:   Update on Library Capital Projects**  **Bernadette Fennell and Frank Nevin gave an update on the Library Capital Projects. The contracts for the new library in North Clondalkin were signed in August and the SPC members were informed that a sod turning ceremony was to be held on 7th September at 11.00am on the site. Cllr. Bonner enquired as to how the meeting with local residents in June had gone? Frank Nevin reported that the meeting was very positive with residents welcoming issues that were raised previously incorporated into the plans. Eddie Conroy, County Architect, presented the plans to the residents and invited discussion and feedback. By way of keeping local residents informed on the project, an article on the new library was issued in the summer edition of the local Newsletter ‘The Buzz’.**  **Bernadette Fennell also updated the members on the new library for Castletymon. Tenders were invited and submissions were received in August 2018. The tenders are currently being reviewed and it is anticipated that work will start on site in late November.**  **Members welcomed the news that both projects were progressing well and the reports were NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Red Line Book Festival 2018**  Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian, presented an update on the Red Line Book Festival 2018. She highlighted the new branding and marketing of the programme and Members complimented the new look of the design. The programme runs over 7 days from 8th – 14th October inclusive. There are over 50 events planned across 14 venues in the county. A pre-festival event will be held on 8th September at 2.00pm in the Pearse Museum, chaired by Dermot Bolger with renowned writer Jennifer Johnston and musician John Sheahan. Details of all events are available at <https://www.redlinebookfestival.ie> .  The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 5: Update on Tourism Projects**  Frank Nevin, Director, gave an update on two tourism projects in the county.  On the Mountains Project there was a request to carry out a bird survey of the area especially with regard to the Merlin species. The report is due to go to the Board this week. Members enquired if there was a decision for an oral hearing but Frank said there was no final decision yet.  Frank Nevin told Members that an advertisement calling for expressions of interest for the development of the Castle Stables & Courtyard at Rathfarnham Castle was placed in the Irish Times on 5th September. The aim is to secure a high-quality lifestyle based commercial development incorporating premium food and beverage options, craft, artisan, fashion, garden and related retail offerings. The project will be a significant investment in the area.  Following some discussion **the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed item 6: AOB**  Bernadette Fennell informed Members that the SDCC Arts Framework document between the Council and the Arts Council was progressing and that a meeting was scheduled to discuss it on the 17th September.  Bernadette also informed the meeting that the Local Authority Culture and Creative Ireland Strategies 2018-2022 were to be launched in the Irish Architectural Archive, Merrion Square East, by the Taoiseach Mr. Leo Varadkar, TD on 12th September at 4.00pm.  **Meeting** concluded at 6.30pm. |

**H4 a) (ii) Report of Meeting 7th November 2018**

**Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge & Libraries SPC**

**Meeting 7th November 2018 (5.30pm) – IT Conference Room**

**Report**

**Attended**

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| Cllr. Dermot Richardson (Chair) | Cllr. Dermot Looney |
| Cllr. Breeda Bonner | Cllr. Madeleine Johansson |
| Cllr. Cora McCann |  |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Brian Leech

Mr. Peadar O’Caomhanaigh

Ms. Deirdre Mooney

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of SPC meeting 5th September 2018**  **Minutes were AGREED.**  **Matters arising: None** |
| **Headed Item 2: InContext 4 Arts Project**  **Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave an update on the InContext 4 projects, SDCC’s public art programme under the percent for art scheme 2016-2019. The commissions include Ciaran Taylor ‘Rock to the Top’; Rhona Byrne & Yvonne McGuinness ‘The Central Field’; Fiona Dowling & George Higgs ‘Work Songs’; Nathan ODonnell ‘The Mill’; Veronica Coburn ‘Clamour & Roar- a citizen’s chorus’; A public art project by Sarah Browne – untitled. Creative evaluation of the projects is being carried out by Sean O’Sullivan. Following some discussion and questions raised on the projects,** the report was NOTED. |
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| **Headed Item 3:   South Dublin Framework Agreement with the Arts Council**  **Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave a presentation on SDCC’s framework agreement 2018-2025 between South Dublin & the Arts Council. The purpose of the agreement is to highlight the shared strategic priorities for arts development over the next 8 years with a 3 year cycle review. Three areas have been identified for development 1. Supporting Artists, 2. Cultural Diversity and 3. Young people & children.**  **Following some discussion by Members the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Report on Red Line Book Festival 2018**  Bernie Meenaghan, Senior Executive Librarian, presented a post event report on the Red Line Book Festival 2018. She highlighted the success of the 2018 festival with increased attendance. Members complimented the new branding and marketing of the programme and agreed that the branding was more noticeable. The programme ran over 7 days from 8th – 14th October inclusive, with 57 events across 14 venues in South Dublin. There was some discussion on charging a nominal fee for attendance at events to insure that people took up on attendance. Members gave credit to SDCC and the Library service for the excellent work carried out.  The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 5: Right to Read Programme – Family Time at Your Library**  Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave an update on the Right to Read Programme, which is a national initiative happening in all branch libraries. Family Time at Your Library is the most recent initiative to be added to the other components of the programme which currently include: Spring into Storytime; Summer Stars Reading Initiative; Children’s Book Festival for the month of October; Service to Schools both Primary and Secondary.  During December the focus is to provide an event branded **Family time at Your Library** in all branch libraries by offering fun activities for children and their families. The events will be held in the evenings and on Saturdays to give working parents a chance to come along and partake with their children. It will provide an opportunity to share reading recommendations, provide tips on selecting books and reading with children, along with fun activities  Cllr. Bonner mentioned the success of the Clover book pack for DEIS schools provided by SDCC library service.  The report was NOTED. |
| **Headed Item 6: Update on Tourism Projects**  Frank Nevin, Director, gave an update on the tourism projects in the county. He said that the focus of the South Dublin Tourism Strategy was on Outdoors/Mountains, Rivers/Canals and Heritage & Culture in the county. The projects include: the Mountains Project; Clondalkin Round Tower Heritage Centre; The Courtyard at Rathfarnham Castle and Orientation/Signage/Interpretation project with other authorities and Fáilte. Other projects include the Grand Canal Greenway; Grand/Royal Canal Loop; Events and Festivals such as Gaelforce and Redline and the potential of the Cultural Quarter. It was noted that expressions of interest for the development of the Castle Stables & Courtyard at Rathfarnham did not attract qualified bidders. The project is under review.  Following some discussion the report was NOTED.  **Headed Item 7: AOB**  As Cllr. Cora McCann was stepping down from the board of Rua Red Arts Centre, Cllr. Dermot Richardson proposed Cllr. Madeleine Johansson for nomination to the board, which was seconded by Cllr. Dermot Looney.  Cllr. Dermot Looney asked that the Irish Language Strategy be included as a headed item on the next SPC agenda.  **Meeting** concluded at 7.10pm. |

### **H4b/1218 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES** **– ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC REALM & CLIMATE CHANGE**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor P. Kearns Chair of the Environment, Water and Climate Change SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

**H4 b) (i) Minutes of Meeting 4th September 2018**

**Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 4th September 2018 in IT Conference Room**

**In attendance**

**Elected Members**

Councillor Pamela Kearns (Chair)

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Danny O’Brien

Councillor Rob Russell

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Derek, Senior Engineer

Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer

Caroline O’Reilly, Administrative Officer

Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer

**Apology**

Councillor Brian Lawlor

Councillor Ed. O’Brien

Connie Kiernan

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 1st May 2018**

The Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on [**1st May 2018**](../September%202018/Minutes%20of%20May2018%20SPC.doc)**,** were proposed by Councillor P. Kearns, seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien and agreed.

**Item 2: Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project**

The following report as circulated was presented by Senior Engineer, Chris Galvin

**Summer 2018 Update**

In this update

·         Irish Water submits strategic infrastructure planning application

·         Background to the planning application

·         Why this project is needed?

·         What has happened so far?

·         What is a Regional Biosolids Storage Facility?

·         Planning application and next steps

**Irish Water Submits Strategic Infrastructure Planning Application**

Irish Water submitted a planning application for strategic infrastructure development to An Bord Pleanála seeking permission to further progress the upgrade of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP). The application sought permission for works required to facilitate the use of Aerobic Granular Sludge (AGS) technology, to omit the previously permitted long sea outfall tunnel and to upgrade the sludge treatment facilities at Ringsend, Dublin 4, and to provide for a Regional Biosolids Storage Facility in Newtown, Dublin 11.

This proposed upgrade of the Ringsend WwTP will enable future population growth and ensure the plant operates to the highest possible environmental standards.

**Background to the planning application**

AGS is an advanced nutrient removal technology that will allow for a greater amount of wastewater to be treated to a higher standard within the current Ringsend WwTP.

A previous planning application to upgrade the plant, based on the treatment technologies available at that time, received approval in 2012. This 2012 approval included the construction of a 9km long sea outfall tunnel, which would allow the discharge of the treated wastewater further out into Dublin Bay, away from the nutrient sensitive Lower Liffey Estuary.

In 2014, Irish Water took over the responsibility of providing water and wastewater services in Ireland.  The need for the Ringsend WwTP Upgrade Project was assessed and reaffirmed.  All elements of the 2012 approval were reviewed and AGS technology was identified by Irish Water as ideally suited and subsequently proven for use at the Ringsend WwTP.

Using AGS technology allows for a greater amount of wastewater to be treated to a higher standard within the current Ringsend WwTP. This means that the treated wastewater leaving the plant will be of a much higher quality than it would have been based on the original proposal in the 2012 approval. This higher quality treated wastewater will be suitable for discharge at the current outfall location, in compliance with the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, negating the need for the 9km outfall tunnel originally included in the 2012 planning approval.

**Why is this project needed?**

Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is one of the most important of a number of major investments in both water supply and wastewater that Irish Water will be rolling out in the region to support the economic projections for growth for the Greater Dublin Area.

Wastewater from homes and businesses needs to be collected and treated to ensure it is not a threat to public health or the environment when returned to a river or to the sea.

Wastewater from Dublin has been treated in Ringsend since 1906. The current plant is the largest wastewater treatment plant (WwTP) in Ireland and was built in 2005 to a design capacity of 1.64m population equivalent (PE).

Ringsend WwTP currently discharges treated wastewater into the Lower Liffey Estuary via an outfall located approximately 1km from the facility. Under the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, the Lower Liffey Estuary is designated as a (nutrient) sensitive waterbody.  This designation requires the WwTP to reduce nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus) to below a specified level before discharging into a nutrient sensitive waterbody.

The Ringsend WwTP is currently operating at levels in excess of its intended design capacity, with wastewater of up to 1.9m population equivalent requiring treatment. In order to treat the current wastewater load to the required standard and to allow for future growth in population and industry, the plant must be upgraded. The need for this upgrade project was highlighted in the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study (2005) and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment (2008). Irish Water has assessed and reaffirmed the need for the Ringsend upgrade project.

Subject to An Bord Pleanála approval, this upgrade project will allow the Ringsend WwTP to treat the increasing volumes of wastewater arriving at the plant to the required standard and capacity, enabling future housing and commercial development and helping to ensure that Dublin is able to sustain continued growth. When all the proposed works are complete, the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant will be able to treat wastewater for up to 2.4 million population equivalent while meeting the standards of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive.

Note; All wastewater from sewers in South Dublin County Council discharges via trunk sewers and pumping stations to Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**What has happened so far?**

To date, Irish Water has invested €70 million in upgrading the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant. This includes advance work to prepare the site for the upgrade, upgrades to the odour treatment facilities, trialling and proving of AGS technology and investigative works to inform the project.

In December 2017, Irish Water appointed a contractor to construct a new 400,000 population equivalent extension at the plant (as laid out in the 2012 planning approval).  Works on this capacity upgrade are progressing to schedule and it is anticipated that these will be completed in 2020.

**What is a regional biosolids storage facility?**

Biosolids contain high levels of nutrients and are sustainably reused as an organic fertiliser in agriculture, in compliance with EU and National regulations. Approximately 98% of biosolids produced in Ireland are reused on agricultural land.

Biosolids are only applied to lands during the planting seasons each Spring and Autumn. For the rest of the year biosolids need to be stored. No further treatment of the material is required and no treatment will take place at the storage facility. Under the new strategic infrastructure planning application, the Ringsend WwTP will have the capacity to serve the Greater Dublin Area, including parts of Kildare and Meath for the next 25 years.

Irish Water commenced a site selection process in February 2017 that included three stages of public consultation to identify a preferred site for a Regional Biosolids Storage Facility.

This process identified a preferred site for the facility at Newtown, Dublin 11.  A six week non-statutory consultation was held on the identified preferred site and the factors to be considered in the development of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).  The preferred site has undergone all relevant environmental studies and assessments as part of the preparation of a planning application for the project.

For more information on the regional biosolids storage facility visit [www.water.ie/biosolids](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&d=i_2X28T3v3EWsaKgbl78oqBCoSxQpvTPGqC8O2RiQw&s=344&u=https%3a%2f%2firishwater%2ecmail19%2ecom%2ft%2fr-l-jykkhtit-kluhirkytl-y%2f)

**Planning application and next steps**

The planning application consisted of two primary components:

* **Component 1: Ringsend WwTP, Pigeon House Road, Dublin 4:** Permission sought for the further development of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant comprising revisions and alterations to the 2012 approval.
* **Component 2: Regional Biosolids Facility:** Permission sought for the development of a Regional Biosolids Storage Facility at Newtown, North Road, Dublin 11.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement were prepared and accompanied the planning application.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Upgrade Project consisted of the following five volumes:

* Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary
* Volume 2 - Project Description and Overarching Documents
* Volume 3 – Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP)
* Volume 4 – Regional Biosolids Storage Facility (RBSF)
* Volume 5 – Drawings

 Submissions or observations were invited and could be made to An Bord Pleanála up to end July 2018.

Further information is available on the Irish Water website at:   [www.water.ie/ringsend](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&d=i_2X28T3v3EWsaKgbl78oqBCoSxQpvTPGvzqOTVgRQ&s=344&u=https%3a%2f%2firishwater%2ecmail19%2ecom%2ft%2fr-l-jykkhtit-kluhirkytl-i%2f)

**END OF REPORT TO SPC**

The report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Climate Change Update**

The following report as circulated was presented by Senior Engineer, Chris Galvin:

“On 19th January 2018 the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughton T.D., published Ireland’s first statutory National Adaptation Framework and announced funding of €10m to establish Local Authority Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO). There will be four offices, one in Dublin for the four Dublin Authorities, one in Kildare for the midlands region, and Mayo and Cork for the Atlantic Region North and South respectively. The **Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office** has completed some of the recruitment process; the Senior Engineer (or analogous) competition has been completed. The interviews for the Grade 6 Administration position has also taken place.

A training workshop for the new CARO staff and Local Authority Staff will occur in September, looking at the Revised Local Authority Adaptation Strategy Development Guidelines and the process ahead.

Work on the SDCC Draft Climate Action Plan continues in parallel to the establishment of the Climate Action Regional Office.

The current schedule for the plan is as follows:

* Late August all 4 plans will be sent to Dr Barry O Dwyer in MAREI to peer review against the new draft guidelines from the EPA (due out in Oct)
* A final draft of the plan will be sent to the management team in mid-September with a list of issues that may need to be addressed
* When the issues have been addressed we will then make any final adjustments and look for sign off mid October
* Scoping for SEA/AA in October
* Presented to the SPC in November
* Presented to the full council in December
* If the Draft Plan is adopted - Public engagement will be in late January

A further development, as part of the general public engagement and as an initiative to raise Climate Change and Climate Action as a local issue there will be a "National Dialogue on Climate Action – Local Gatherings" across the country. There has already been one in Athlone and this continue to be rolled out across the country. The Local Authorities, the CARO offices and the EPA will work together to rollout these events, and seek input into Climate Action from local communities and elected members”. **END OF REPORT**

It was documented that the SDCC Draft Climate Action Plan is being prepared in accordance with the guidelines and being “proofed” by Dr. Barry O Dwyer in MAREI in advance of the guidelines being published.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**Item 4 Update from EMRWO on recycling strategy objectives from EMRWP (Incl Role of Repak)**

Cllr Kearns welcomed Mr Hugh Coughlan, Regional Co-Coordinator, Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Office who delivered a presentation.

The main focus of the [presentation](file:///F:\ENV%20-%20SPC\SPC%202018\September%202018\SPC%20Pres.pptx) was as follows:

* The EMRWM Plan which is underpinned by is underpinned by National and European waste legislation
* The “Recycling List” which is made up of 3 main categories of waste and how it should be presented: CLEAN / DRY / LOOSE
* RAC – Recycling Ambassador Programme
* Recycling is “Prevention”
* Minimal Waste Grocery concept - bring your own jars or containers, fill them with what every you require
* Prevention networks
* Communication – August “reach “ of 2,500 during August 2018
* The Future – Mywaste.ie / Prevention Toolkit / Food Waste / Recycle Month

Mr. Coughlan also outlined the role of [REPAK](../September%202018/Introduction%20to%20Repak%20to%20HC%2031082018.pdf)

* Repak v Self Compliant
* Shared Responsibility
* Fee Structure
* Recovery and recycling / Recovery operators

A discussion ensued and Mr. Coughlan responded to queries raised. Issues raised included:

* Green waste in Black bin post introduction of fee
* Possibility of plastic free aisles in supermarkets
* Provision of water fountains in public places to minimise bottles
* Perceived lack of incentives for householders v commercial entities to recycle
* Recycling costs exist – REPAK subsidy is helping keep these costs down
* Deposit / Refund scheme continues to be examined
* Waste Regulator being considered- recent public consultation process – report awaited
* Potential for “Minimal Shops”
* WtE potential to convert to heat – District Heating

**Item 6 Update on Dublin Urban Rivers – LIFE PROJECT**

The following [report](../September%202018/LIFE.ppt) was presented by Executive Environmental Scientific Officer, Richard Fitzpatrick:

* Lead-up to EU LIFE Application
* Schematic of work to create numeric model
* GIS layers of pollution load model
* Artificial storm water drainage catchments in South County Dublin identified for door-to-door assessment or wetland installation
* Geo-directory of housing distribution in SDCC Area
* Average 8% “misconnections”
* Water quality assessment of storm water outfall to the Griffeen River
* The project - 12,000 (7k SDCC & 5k DLR) door-to-door drainage assessments
* River Catchments Water Quality
* Driver for improved Water Quality
* Governance – S 85 DLR Co Co / DLR/SDCC oversight group
* Active engagement with homeowners, communities, and the wider public on the subject of domestic misconnections
* Project Outcomes – removal of 960+ “misconnections and reduced pollution in these two rivers by on average 30

Queries raised in relation to enforcement were responded to by Mr Fitzpatrick and Ms Walsh.

The committee commended the executive on the successful application – the only one in Ireland.

**Item 7 Update on Flood Alleviation (Including CFRAMS) and Surface Water Schemes**

The following report as circulated was presented by Senior Engineers Chris Galvin and Derek Sargent

**Ballycullen Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The 12 month defects period, we continue to monitor all reinstatements to ensure thay comply with the specification and that all green areas grow back to the required standard.

**River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme has progressed to Stage 1 – Scheme Development and Preliminary Design following the appointment of Nicholas O’ Dwyer Ltd as Consulting Engineers on March 20th 2018.

Current works being carried out under Stage 1 is the collecting of rainfall and river level flow data and advance surveys of existing infrastructure such as culverts along the route, reviewing of SDCC and DCC Planning data along with the gathering of GIS storm water network data to enable Hydrological Analysis and Hydraulic Modelling of flood events. A Draft Hydraulic Report has been completed and is currently under review by SDCC the OPW and DCC.

Preliminary meetings have also been held with stakeholders residing on the route and with the relevant Local Authority Drainage Inspectors to assist in identifying historical problem areas and in regard to the current maintenance of the River Poddle.

Preliminary Design is expected to be completed in late 2018 to early 2019, Public Consultation on the proposed solutions for the scheme will occur in Q3 and Q4 2018.

Once the preliminary Design is completed a Part X planning Application will go to An Bord Pleanala, this is expected in Q1 2019. We will then await the decision of the Board, the time scale for this is outside of our control but is generally between 6 and 8 months.

**Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme is a cost beneficial scheme, as set out in the Dodder CFRAMS project. The OPW have confirmed funding for this scheme.

The OPW Design office are carrying out some of the design work on this scheme they will produce the Hydraulic modelling this project. In order to progress this modelling they have already completed culvert and channel surveys as well as topographical surveys. The overall project design and Planning will be carried out by consultant. The consultant will also act as Project Supervisor Design Process (PSDP) for the project. SDCC have completed the procurement and consultants will be appointed in September 2018 to progress this scheme in co-operation with the OPW.

**Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The overall scheme for the Camac did not meet the OPW cost benefit criteria to progress work on the river in its entirety. A steering group has been set up to consider works at specific locations on the Camac River, SDCC and the OPW have met on site and walked the Camac. The OPW have drafted a brief for the appointment of Consultants to carry out the design of flood alleviation measures at these specific locations and this is currently being reviewed by SDCC and DCC.

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| **SURFACE WATER MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME:** | |  |
| **1 Surface Water Sewer Systems;** |  |  |
| **Location** | **Project** | **Update on Project** |
| Tay Lane, Rathcoole | Flood Alleviation | In Planning - road regrading required to accommodate upsizing of pipes. |
| Glenmaroon | Localised surface water improvement – to alleviate flooding on Glenmaroon Road. | Works Complete. |
| Peamount Road, Newcastle. | Ditch to be cleared | Completed May 2018. |
| Main street, Newcastle. | Main street - Localised surface water improvement | In Planning. |
| Celbridge Road, Lucan | Surface water improvement scheme – collapsed culvert restoration. | Works complete. |
| Ballyowen Lane, Lucan. | Surface water improvement scheme - - to address localised flooding and to provide  a discharge pipeline from Public Realm pitch drainage works | Construction has commenced and works to be completed late September 2018 |
| Templeogue Village | Section 1 – provide surface water discharge line from Main Street at Morgue Pub to discharge to existing surface water system on Lane to Riverside Cottages. | Section 1 –Survey is complete. It is hoped that construction will start November 2018 |
| Templeogue Village | Section 2 - Main street - Initial assessment and feasibility study of pipeline along the main street. (anticipated co-funding from IW to be agreed ) | Section 2 -Liaison with Irish Water. |
| Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham. | Provide improved drainage on road | Phase 1- Assess condition of current drainage and Planning. Carried forward from 2017 |
| Old Lucan Road near village | Localised surface water improvement | Multi annual scheme in planning in conjunction with Roads |
| Butterfield Park | Localised surface water improvement (anticipated co-funding from IW to be agreed ). | In planning. |
| Nangor Road/Ninth Lock Road Junction, Clondalkin. | Localised surface water improvement | In planning. Carried over from 2017 |
| The majority of the above schemes are at preliminary stage and are subject to detailed design and full budgetary estimates. In cases where the new surface water pipeline will provide additional capacity in the foul sewer, co-funding is anticipated from IW and amounts need to agreed. | | |
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| **2 Flood Alleviation Minor Capital Works – Rivers & Streams;** | |  |
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| **Location** | **Project** | **Update on Project** |
| Camac River | Clearing and regrading | Regrading at Mayfield done in May and minor clearing works in September |
| Poddle River | Clearing and regrading | Annual clearing works to be carried out September 2018 |
| Jobstown stream | Regrading, dredging and cleaning. Provision of a better aesthetic area to discourage illegal dumping into the stream. | In planning |
| River CCTV & Telemetry | Provide 4 no. outstations on: - Camac screen at Toyota, Jobstown stream screen before N81 culvert and 2 No. on the Poddle river. | The 2 no. sites on Poddle are complete and further unit to be fitted @ Toyota, Nangor rd. Screen on Camac before end of year. Permission to be sought from Toyota. |
| Rathfarnham Castle | Clean up and regrade inlet and outlet watercourse to lakes and clean lake. | Completed Aug 2018 |
| Rain Gauge Upgrade | 5 sites | In planning |
| Owendoher Stream | Clearing and regrading | In planning |

**END OF REPORT to SPC**

Mr. Galvin responded to query raised regarding Ballycullen, Poddle and Whitechurch Schemes.

**Item 8 RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR IRELAND 2018-2021**

The following report as circulated and [accompanying presentation](../September%202018/RBMP/2018_06_01%20RBMP%20briefing.pptx) –from Senior Engineer Chris Galvin was noted

The River Basin Management Plan outlines the new approach that Ireland will take to protect our waters over the period to 2021. It builds on lessons learned from the first planning cycle in a number of areas:

* Stronger and more effective delivery structures have been put in place to build the foundations and momentum for long-term improvements to water quality
* A new governance structure, which brings the policy, technical and implementation actors together with public and representative organisations. This will ensure the effective and coordinated delivery of measures. Progress on implementation will be tracked and information shared
* The Local Authority Waters and Community Office will help people to get involved in improving water quality at a local level and the Local Authority Support and Advice Office will drive improvements in prioritised areas and waterbodies.
* An Fóram Uisce, also newly established, is a forum for stakeholders, community groups and sectoral representatives. It will analyse and raise awareness of water issues.

The main area for action under this plan in the South Dublin area is the Dodder River.

The newly formed Local Authorities Support and Advice Office (LAWSAT) have now completed the recruitment of the team of Scientists, Fresh Water Ecoogists, and Hydrologists and SDCC staff have met with the regional team.

**Item 9 Draft Waste Presentation ByeLaws - report on public consultation process**

The following report as circulated and [accompanying presentation](../September%202018/Draft%20Bye-Laws%20for%20the%20Segregation,%20Storage%20and%20Presentation%20of%20Household%20and%20Commercial%20Waste/Waste%20Presentation%20Bye-Laws%20-Seot%202018%20SPC.pptx) from Senior Executive officer Mary Maguire was considered:

**Background:**

Waste Presentation Bye-Laws were last made by South Dublin County Council in 2007 for commercial waste and in 2012 for household waste.

A review of existing Waste Presentation Bye-Laws was initiated in 2017 by the 3 Regional Waste Offices to enable the development of a consistent set of Bye-Laws across the country which would assist Local Authorities in the enforcement of waste storage, presentation and collection.

A draft ByeLaws template was circulated by the Regional Authorities to all Local Authorities for input and South Dublin County Council considered the initial draft and provided input.  A final draft template was delivered by the Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Office in Q2/2018 which formed the basis of a new public consultation process recently undertaken locally by South Dublin County Council.

**Submitted:**

The public consultation process for the South Dublin County Council Draft Waste Presentation ByeLaws was initiated in June 2018.

The formal public consultation period was from **Thursday 28th June 2018 to Tuesday 28th August 2018**.

Notice of the Council’s proposal to make new waste presentation Bye-Laws in its administrative area was published week commencing 25th June 2018 in the Echo and Gazette newspapers.

The Draft Bye-Laws published on the Council’s website week commencing 25th June 2018 and copies made available for inspection during the said period at South Dublin County Council’s County Hall, Tallaght; Civic Offices, Clondalkin; Public Libraries at Ballyroan, Clondalkin, Lucan and Tallaght.

In accordance with the provisions of the **Local Government Act 2001 (Bye-Laws) Regulations 2006**, a copy of the draft ByeLaws has been circulated to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment; the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and Superintendents of Garda Districts with the county.

**No** submissions relative to the Draft ByeLaws were received on / before the closing date (Tuesday 28th August 2018).

**Legislative Background to the making of ByeLaws:**

Waste Presentation Bye-laws are made via the general statutory powers on byelaw making which are conferred on [**Local Authorities by Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2001/act/37/section/198/enacted/en/html#part19) These powers are themselves supplemented by [**Section 35 of the Waste Management Act 1996-2003,**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1996/act/10/section/35/enacted/en/html#sec35) with this Section being the basis of the content of most – if not all – existing waste presentation bye-laws.

The approval of a Byelaw is a Reserved Function of the Council, as is the consideration of submissions, should submissions have been received.

Once made, a copy of the ByeLaw must be published in the newspaper, in Iris Oifigiúil and a copy issued to the appropriate Minister and Superintendent of Garda Divisions.

The date when the Waste Presentation ByeLaw comes into force is the date set by the text of the actual bye-law must be no less than 30 days after the bye-law was made.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommendation to the members of the Environment Public Realm and Climate Change SPC, that the Draft Waste Presentation Bye-Laws 2018 as published, be referred to full Council for making. **End of report to SPC**

Ms Maguire summarised the main changes to the existing Bye-Laws primarily in relation to the repeal of the existing Bye-Laws once new Bye-Laws are made; introduction of Fixed Penalty Notices, Segregation of Household Waste and Contamination Prevention; additional provisions for Householders not availing of a Kerbside Collection Service and Collection Times and Container Removal.

The committee R**ecommended** that the draft Bye-Laws be referred to the full Council for making at the October Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.30pm

**H4 b) (ii) Report of Meeting 6th November 2018**

**Report of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 6th November 2018**

**Venue: IT Conference Room**

**In attendance**

**Elected Members**

Councillor Pamela Kearns (Chair)

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Danny O’Brien

Councillor Rob Russell

Councillor Brian Lawlor

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Derek Sargent, Senior Engineer

Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer

David Grant, Project Resident Engineer

Jennifer McGrath, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer

**Non Elected**

Donie Anderson

**Apologies**

Connie Kiernan

Cllr Ed O’Brien

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 4th September 2018**

The Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 4th September 2018**,** were proposed by Councillor Kearns, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

**Item 2: South Dublin County Council Draft Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plan**

The [South Dublin County Council Draft Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plan](http://intranet/cmas/documents/Environment-%20Public%20Realm%20and%20Climate%20Change%20SPC/2018/November/November2018Environment,PublicRealmandClimateChangeSPCMeeting/0f9413e4-147f-4ebe-9089-e118323443d3.pdf) was presented by A/Senior Executive Engineer, Jennifer McGrath who highlighted a number of main areas as set out in the Draft Report including:

* Collaborative response by DLAs
* Actions unique to each LA
* Benefits
* Targets
* Baseline
* CARO – regional offices
* Global Context
* Risk Matrix
* Flooding
* Air Pollution
* Emergency Response Planning
* Green House Gas emissions
* Thematic actions
  + Energy & Buildings
  + Transportation
  + Flood Resilience
  + Natured based solutions
  + Resource Management
* Tracking progress
* Submitting a SECAP
* Covenant of Mayors

The Draft Plan will come to the Council in December 2019. If the Council agrees, formal public engagement will commence in January 2019.

**Item 3: Living with Trees – Interim Review**

A comprehensive report on the midterm review of the tree policy was presented by Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Mary Keenan. She focused on issues that have presented since the strategy was developed.

In order to progress and complete the review of the Tree Management Policy, as a next step, a working group primarily comprising members of the Environment, Water & Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee and officials from the Council’s Tree Management Section will be set up. The Working Group will be tasked with agreeing and finalizing proposals for new policy statements and revisions to existing policy statements. -

The first meeting will include the members of the SPC and will be held before the end of the year, with the second meeting comprising members plus representation from relevant Council Departments. This second meeting will be held in the New Year.

**Item 4: Update on Flood Alleviation (Including CFRAMS) and Surface Water Schemes**

A report on the various Flood Alleviation Schemes and Surface Water Schemes was presented by A/ Project Resident Engineer, David Grant and A/ Senior Engineer, Derek Sargent.

**Item 5: Review of 2018 SPC Work Programme and consideration of Draft 2019 Work Programme**

The meeting considered the 2018 Work Programme against progress made on that programme and noted all items have been progressed as anticipated. The draft 2019 Work Programme was also agreed.

**Item 6: Item submitted from Clondalkin ACM – Election Postering**

A motion on election postering as agreed at the Clondalkin Area Committee at the October 2018 Area Committee Meeting was considered.

It was acknowledged that national legislation permits election posters and does not per se (subject to road safety) put restrictions on where they should be erected, but rather when they can be erected and when they should be removed.

It was also noted that the matter was further considered by the EPR&CC SPC in 2016 / 2017 when significant data from other countries was collated as part of the work of the subcommittee established to look at options.

While it was suggested that consideration could be given to designating a postering area in certain areas for general postering / advertisement, it was agreed on discussion that this would be hard to manage in terms of space/ time /appropriate content etc.

**Item 7: Update from Scrambler & Quads Regional Task Force**

A report on progress to date by the Regional Task Force was provided to the meeting.

The first meeting of the taskforce took place on Thursday 21st June 2018 in County Hall, Tallaght and was very well attended. Attendees included senior officials from

* SDCC - Roads and Public Realm
* FCC
* AGS
* Dept of Justice
* Motorcross Ireland

A number of meetings have taken place with an agreed focus on legislation / enforcement, and a particular emphasis on registration of vehicles.

### **H4c/1218 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES** **– ECONOMIC, ENTERPRIE & TOURISM**

1. **Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor C. O’Connor Chair of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

**H4 c) (i) Report of Meeting 6th September 2018**

**Draft Report of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

**Meeting on 6th September 2018**

**In Attendance:**

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| Cllr. C. O Connor (Chair) |
| Cllr. B Ferron |
| Cllr. P. Foley |
| Cllr. C. McMahon |
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**Apologies:**

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| Cllr. G. O’Connell |
| T. de Buitlear |
| S. Brennan |

**Officials present:**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services

Michael McAdam, A/Head of Enterprise

Stephen Deegan, Senior Executive Officer

**Also in attendance:**

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| **The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr C. O Connor. |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 9th May, 2018**  The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 9th May 2018 were **AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Innovation Space – Update and next steps**  **F. Nevin presented a report on the Innovation Centre.**  **Following questions and contributions from Cllr. P. Foley, Cllr R. McMahon, & Cllr. O’Connell which were responded to by F. Nevin, the report was NOTED, and the process agreed.** |
| **Headed Item 3 – Tourism Update**  **F. Nevin provided updates to the Committee on the implementation of the tourism strategy and related actions including:**   * **The position on the proposed Dublin Mountains Project with An Bord Pleanala;**   ***Discussions regarding potential for an oral hearing and timeframes.***   * **Report on Rathfarnham Castle and Outbuildings**   ***Discussion was mainly on development usage stipulations.***  **After questions and contributions from Cllrs. R. McMahon, P. Foley, C. McMahon, to which F. Nevin replied, the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 4 – Update on Grange Castle**  **S. Deegan presented an update of Grange Castle Business Park.**  **Following contributions by Cllr. P. Foley, R. McMahon, C. McMahon & C. O’Connor, the report was NOTED.** |
| **Headed Item 5 – Any Other Business:**  **Cllr O’Connor, Chair, requested an item to appear on the next SPC agenda :** Report on BID process”.  **The meeting ended at 7:15pm** |

**H4 c) (ii) Minutes of Meeting 14th November 2018**

**MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:**

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| Members | Council Officials | |
| Cllr. C. O Connor (Chair) | Frank Nevin | Director of Services |
| Cllr. B Ferron | Michael McAdam | A/Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. P. Foley |  |  |
| Cllr. C. McMahon |  |  |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |  |  |
| Cllr. F. N. Duffy |  |  |
| T. de Buitlear |  |  |
| S. Brennan |  |  |
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| Representatives: | | |
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| S. Brennan | | |
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| Apologies: | | |
| Cllr. G. O’Connell | | |
| Also in attendance: | | |

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| **The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr C. O Connor. |  |
| **Headed Item 1:** Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 6th September, 2018  The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 6th September 2018 were **AGREED.** |  |
| **Headed Item 2: Report on Business Improvement Districts (BID’s)**  **M. McAdam presented a report on Business Improvements Districts.**  **Following questions from** T. de Buitlear**,** S. Brennan and **Cllr C. McMahon which were responded to by F. Nevin and M. McAdam, the report was NOTED.** |  |
| **Headed Item 3 – Tourism Update**  **F. Nevin provided updates to the Committee on the implementation of the tourism strategy and related actions including:**   * **An update on the operation of the Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre.**   ***Discussions regarding the performance of the retail space and the level of visitors.***   * **The position on the proposed Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre Project with An Bord Pleanála;**   ***Discussions regarding the oral hearing which commences 20th November and the likely time scale for delivery of the project.***   * **Report on Rathfarnham Castle and Outbuildings**   ***Discussion was in relation to the procurement process and likely time scale for the Part 8 planning process.***   * **Canal Greenway projects**   ***Discussions regarding the Grand Canal Greenway and the Grand/Royal Canal loop***   * **The potential for a Cultural Quarter in Tallaght**   ***Discussions regarding the location and activities.***  **After questions and contributions from Cllrs. B. Ferron, P. Foley, R. McMahon, C. McMahon,** F. N. Duffy **and T. de Buitlear to which F. Nevin replied, the report was NOTED.** |  |
| **Headed Item 4 – Report on the Business Support Fund**  **M. McAdam presented a report on the Business Support Fund.**  **Following questions and contributions from,** Cllr. B Ferron, Cllr. Foley, **Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr C. McMahon and T. de Buitlear which were responded to by F. Nevin and M. McAdam, the report was NOTED.**  **It was suggested that an SPC workshop be arranged to discuss and re-examine investment delivered under the Business Support Fund if it is retained in the 2019 Budget. FN to discuss with Chair following Budget meeting(s).** |  |
| **Headed Item 5 – Any Other Business:**  T. de Buitlear**, requested an item to appear on the next SPC agenda:** Report on the Dodder Greenway.  **The meeting ended at 7:00pm** |  |

### **H4d/1218 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES** **– HOUSING**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor C. King Chair of the Housing SPC and were **CONSIDERED:**

**H4 d) (i) Report of Meeting 13th September 2018**

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**Minutes of Meeting of Housing SPC on 13th September 2018**

**Present:**

Cllr C. King (Chair), Cllr M. Ward, Cllr M. Duff, Cllr L. Dunne, Cllr M. Genockey, Cllr. T. Gilligan, Cllr K. Mahon, C. McClean & B. Tyrrell-Collard.

**Apologies:**

G. McWilliams & Cllr. E. Hendrick.

**Also in attendance:**

D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, C. Ward, Director of Services, M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer, N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer, E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer & G. Fitzgibbon, Administrative Officer.

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr. C. King.

**HI.1 – Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 10th May 2018.**

The minutes of the Housing and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 10th May 2018 were AGREED.

**HI.2 – Proposed Date for Meeting of Sub-Committee on Allocations**

It was AGREED that the sub-committee would meet on the 24th September at 1.30pm.

**HI.3 – Housing Supply Update**

1. M. Staunton presented a report on the Housing Construction programme and also made a presentation identifying a range of various sites that are under consideration for housing development.
2. D. McLoughlin outlined that these reports covered the full extent of land in the Council’s ownership for housing purposes and that these would be key to delivering significant numbers of homes by 2023. He also further outlined that future development would be dependent on acquiring additional land for housing.

There were contributions from Cllr. Ward, Cllr. Dunne, Cllr. King, Cllr. Duff, Cllr. Mahon and Cllr. Genockey discussing the proposals. The mixed tenure approach with some of the lands to be developed was welcomed but concerns were expressed regarding commitments previously made at Part 8 stage and the need for community facilities if the Balgaddy development was to proceed was also highlighted. The site at Fettercairn/Kilmartin was also raised and. M. Staunton agreed to examine this site as a possible site to be developed.

Following responses from D. McLoughlin and M. Staunton the reports were NOTED and it was AGREED that:

* the presentations be brought to a special meeting of the full Council on Housing Matters;
* the Housing Department proceed to develop proposals for housing development on the sites identified; and
* draft Part 8 proposals for these sites would be brought to the relevant Area Committees for discussion.

**HI.4 – Update on Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy**

E. Leech presented an update on the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and it was AGREED that:

* The draft strategy would be circulated to sub-Committee members for review;
* Input, comments and recommendations should be submitted by the first week in October; and,
* A meeting to discuss the draft would be held on Tuesday, 9th October at 5.30 p.m.

**HI.5 – A.O.B.**

Cllr. Mahon requested an update report on Homeless Hubs and it was agreed to provide same.

C. McLean queried the role of the proposed Land Management Development Agency and C. Ward advised that once the full detail was available on the role of the proposed agency it will be circulated to the Committee.

Cllr. Genockey requested a report detailing the numbers involved in Part Vs and any future private developments. C. Ward replied that this was being assessed and a report would be presented to SPC once the relevant data was available.

The meeting concluded at 6:45pm.

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**H4 d) (ii) Minutes of Meeting 19th November 2018**

**MEETING OF THE HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**At 5:30 p.m. on THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:**

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| **Members** |
| Cllr C. King (Chair) |
| Cllr M. Ward |
| Cllr. E. Hendrick |
| Cllr K. Mahon |
| Cllr M. Genockey |
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| **Representatives:** |
| Catriona McClean, PPN |
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| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr L. Dunne |
| Gillian McWilliams |
| Betty Tyrrell-Collard, ICTU |
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| **Council Officials** |
| C. Ward, Director of Services |
| M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer |
| N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer |
| E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer |
| J. Sweeney Senior Staff Officer |

The Meeting was Chaired by Cllr. C. King.

**H-1(1) – Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 13th September 2018.**

C. McClean raised an issue with the proposed minutes of the previous meeting and it was agreed to amend the minutes with the inclusion of the word “significant” to replace “sufficient” under Headed Item 3, following which the minutes as amended of the Housing and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 13th September 2018 were AGREED.

**H-1(2) – Matters Arising**

No Business

**H-1(3) – Allocations Update**

N. Hanly provided a report on the breakdown of the allocation of SDCC housing properties to-date, including a specific breakdown on the housing needs of people in the over 55 age bracket on the Housing Waiting List and on the Transfer List.

There were contributions from Cllr. King, Cllr. Hendrick, Cllr. Genockey, Cllr. Ward & Cllr. Mahon. Concerns were expressed that tenants in oversized accommodation would be left vulnerable if pressurized to downsize. Following responses from C. Ward and N. Hanly the report was NOTED.

**H-1(4) – ASB Strategy**

E. Leech presented an update on the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy following the review by the sub-Committee of the draft document and it was AGREED that:

* Any changes suggested by An Garda Siochána or other prescribed body to be communicated to members in advance;
* The draft strategy would be brought to the December Council Meeting;
* A summary document containing the key points of the strategy to be prepared for circulation and distribution to appropriate locations throughout the County (Community Centres, Estate Management meetings, ASB clinics etc.).

**H-1(5) – Traveller Accommodation Programme**

E. Leech presented details on the timeline for delivery of new Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024.

Members welcomed the timely draw-down of available funding by SDCC and positive level of engagement by staff in the TAU with travelling community and the report was NOTED.

**H-1(6) – Part V**

M. Staunton presented an overview and update on Part V including key legislation, objectives, process, delivery and reporting. The shift in focus by developers from delivering 3 bed units to more 2 bed and 1 bed units was highlighted. A discussion followed and it was AGREED that:

* future reporting to include breakdown by:

Name of Estate

Number of Units

Type of units

Management of units

Reports to be provided at Agreement and Delivery stages

**H-1(7) – Family Hubs**

N. Hanly provided a report on the location and function of family hubs. The report was NOTED and it was AGREED that:

* Details on length of time between moving from Hub to standard housing by Council/HAP to be provided
* Information on problems faced specifically by families versus single people in moving from Hub to HAP
* Information on where families end up after moving from Hub
* Representative from Respond to attend next SPC meeting to address members’ concerns regarding the operation of family Hubs.

**H-1(8) – AOB**

### No Business.

### **The meeting concluded at 7:20 pm.**

### **H4e/1218 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES SOCIAL & COMMUNITY**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor D. O’Donovan and were **CONSIDERED:**

**H4 e) (i) Report of Meeting 18th September 2018**

Minutes of Social and Community Strategic Policy Committee held at 6pm on 18th September 2018 in Community Services Conference Room.

**In Attendance:**

Cllr. D. O’Donovan (Chair), Latifat Olagoke, Cllr. E. Murphy, Cllr. V.Casserly, Cllr. J Graham,

**Apologies:**

Cllr. K. Egan, Cllr. S. Holland.

**Officials present:**

Colm Ward, Director of Services, Brian Leonard, Administrative Officer, Cathy Purdy, Administrative Officer, Paul McAlerney, Administrative Officer, Thomas McDermott, Local Sports Co-ordinator.

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr. D. O’Donovan.

**Headed Item 1: Minutes of Social & Community SPC Meeting of 22nd February 2018**

The Minutes of the Social & Community SPC Meeting of 22nd February 2018 were AGREED.

**Headed Item 2**– **Carbon Monoxide Alarm Scheme & Home Security Scheme**

C. Purdy presented a report on Carbon Monoxide Alarm Scheme & Home Security Scheme.

Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. D. O’Donovan, Murphy, Casserly & Graham, L. Olagoke which were responded to by C Purdy, the report was NOTED and it was AGREED that the budget provision for 2019 should be increased for the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Scheme with a corresponding reduction to the Security Scheme.

**Headed Item 3 – Community Endeavour Awards**

P. McAlerney presented a report on Community Endeavour Awards.

Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. D. O’Donovan, Murphy, Casserly & Graham, L. Olagoke which were responded to by P McAlerney, the report was NOTED and it was AGREED that**:**

·       The Heritage Officer will be contacted to encourage groups to apply for the Gradam Cultur agus Oidhreacht na hEireann category and that the inclusion of this category would be reviewed in 2019 if there were a shortage of nominations in 2018;

**·**A cut-off date to RSVP to Awards invitation is to be given to Councillors

**Headed Item 4 – Social Inclusion Week**

B. Leonard presented a report on Social Inclusion Week

Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. D. O’Donovan, Murphy, Casserly & Graham, L. Olagoke which were responded to by B. Leonard & C. Ward, the report was NOTED.

**Headed Item 5 – Flavours of South Dublin 2018**

B. Leonard presented a report on Flavours of South Dublin 2018

Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. D. O’Donovan, Murphy, Casserly & Graham, L. Olagoke which were responded to by B. Leonard & C. Ward, the report was NOTED.

**Headed Item 6 – Representation of elected members on Committees of events and festivals**

C. Ward presented a report on Representation of elected members on Committees of events and festivals

Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. D. O’Donovan, Murphy, Casserly & Graham, L. Olagoke which were responded to by P. McAlerney & C. Ward, the report was NOTED and it was AGREED that:

·       The following wording to be inserted in Community Grants document as guidance only:

*“While it is appropriate for groups to engage with and seek support from all their Locally Elected Members it is advisable, in the interests of fairness and transparency, that locally elected members do not hold officer posts with the community group/organisation and that the opportunity to engage with the community group/organisation be afforded to all locally elected members.”*

**Matters Arising (1) – Fully Accessible Toilet Facilities at festivals and community events.**

Cllr Casserly reported on her item for discussion and P. McAlerney presented a report.

Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. D. O’Donovan, Murphy, Casserly & Graham, L. Olagoke which were responded to by P. McAlerney & C. Ward , the report was NOTED and it was AGREED that the provision of a fully accessible toilet facilities would be examined initially for South Dublin County Council lead events.

**AOB:**

Cllr D O’Donovan informed the Committee that Gráinne Ni Mhuirí had resigned from the PPN and the SPC and the Committee members expressed appreciation for her contributions to the Committee.

Cllr E Murphy queried the policy on non-attendance of committee members at meetings. C. Ward informed the committee of the policy. It was AGREED that Committee members that did not send apologies for non-attendance would be sent the relevant Standing Order on attendance.

The meeting concluded at 7.15 pm

**H4 e) (ii) Minutes of Meeting 14th November 2018**

**Report of Social and Community Strategic Policy Committee held at 6pm on 14th November 2018 in Community Services Conference Room.**

**In Attendance:**

Cllr. D. O’Donovan (Chair), Latifat Olagoke, Cllr. E. Murphy, Cllr. S. Holland

**Apologies:**

Cllr. K. Egan, Cllr. V.Casserly, Cllr. J Graham

**Officials present:**

Colm Ward, Director of Services, Brian Leonard, Administrative Officer, Cathy Purdy, Administrative Officer, Paul McAlerney, Administrative Officer.

**Also Present:**

Joao Esteves, Social Prescribing Co-ordinator, South Dublin County Partnership

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr. D. O’Donovan.

**Headed Item 1: Minutes of Social & Community SPC Meeting of 18th September**

The Minutes of the Social & Community SPC Meeting of 18th September 2018 were AGREED.

**Headed Item 2 – Integration Strategy**

B. Leonard gave report to the meeting on the development of the draft Integration Strategy for the County. Queries from Cllr. D. O’Donovan, L. Olagoke and Cllr. S. Holland that were responded to by C. Ward and B. Leonard, the report was NOTED and it was AGREED that:

* Proposed actions for the draft Strategy will be circulated to the Members of the Social & Community SPC and to the Council's Senior Management Team for consideration;
* The draft Strategy will be finalised and circulated to the Members of the Social & Community SPC in advance of the next meeting of the Committee with a view to finalising and recommending the final draft Strategy at the next meeting of the SPC.
* It is then intended that the draft Strategy will be presented to full Council for adoption (March 2019).

**Headed Item 3 – Community Endeavour Awards**

P. McAlerney presented an update on applications received and details of the awards ceremony on Saturday 1st December for the Community Endeavour Awards which was NOTED.

It was AGREED that the proposed categories for 2019 awards would be reviewed by the SPC early in 2019 having regard for the level of entries in 2018.

**Headed Item 4 – Social Inclusion Week**

B. Leonard provided the Committee with an update on the schedule of events for Social Inclusion Week from 19th to 26th November which was NOTED.

Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. D. O’Donovan & S. Holland and L. Olagoke which were responded to by C. Ward & B. Leonard & C. Ward, the report was NOTED.

**Headed Item 5 – Social Prescribing Pilot Scheme**

Mr. Joao Esteves gave a presentation on the **Social Prescribing Pilot Scheme that is underway in two general practices in the Tallaght area. Following contributions and queries from** Cllrs. E. Murphy, D. O’Donovan and S. Holland which were responded to by C. Purdy and J. Esteves, the report was NOTED.

**A.O.B.**

* It was AGREED to send a copy of the approved minutes from the previous meeting (18th September 2018) of the SPC to Gráinne Ni Mhuirí, noting and thanking her for her contribution as a member of the Committee following her recent resignation.
* It was AGREED that Corporate Services would be requested to formally write to the PPN requesting nomination of a replacement to fill the vacancy on the SPC.
* It was NOTED that applications for the LAMA Awards were being submitted in respect of the Home Security Locks Scheme, and possibly the MEDEX programme.
* It was AGREED that meetings of the Committee should in so far as possible occur on the date included in the OP&F meetings calendar.

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

 The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H5/1218 REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED:**

MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, December 10, 2018

HEADED ITEM NO. 5

**REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

The Joint Policing Committee met on Friday 23rd November 2018 in County Hall, Tallaght (relevant documents presented at the meeting are available on the CMAS system).

**Attendance: Committee Members:**

Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan (Chair); Cllr Louise Dunne; Cllr Paul Foley; Cllr Paul Gogarty; Cllr Cathal King; Cllr Mark Ward; Cllr Liona O’Toole; Sean Crowe TD; Colm Ward; Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy; Colm Ward, SDCC; Ann Corrigan, PPN; Tara Deasy, PPN; Michael Noonan, PPN;

**Also in attendance:** Superintent Ian Lackey; Inspector Andy Tuite; Andy Lane, SDCC;

**Apologies:** Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton; Cllr Emma Hendrick; Cllr Mick Duff; Gemma Cartion (Garda Diversion); Enda Creegan PPN

The following is summary of business considered at the meeting:

**1. Minutes of the Last meeting**

Agreed.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Garda Siochana Reports**

Reports from An Garda Siochana in relation to the DMR South, DMR West Lucan & Rathcoole and DMR West Lucan & Ronanstown areas were provided and discussed in addition to a presentation from DMR South Presentation on the details of Operation Tombola 2018 and activity over Halloween.  These reports were discussed and noted by the Committee.

**4. Local Policing Fora Report**

Reports were provided from Clondalkin LPF, Dublin 12 LPF, North Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown LPF and West Tallaght LPF and were discussed and noted by the Committee.

**5. Other issues:**

The following issues were discussed:

* Ongoing issues related to the misuse of scramblers and quads;
* Issues regarding the housing development at St. Cuthbert's Park;
* A report on GDPR and operation of CCTV.

**6. JPC subgroups report**

The Drug Subcommittee report was noted.

**7. Any Other Business**

None.

**8. Schedule of 2019 meetings**

The proposed 2019 schedule of meetings was agreed and the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Friday 1st February 2019.

### **H6/1218 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES**

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor Timmons and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q16 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/1218 PARKING APP FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING**

### **QUESTIONS:** **Councillor V. Casserly**

Following on from Motion 59323 which called on the Chief Executive to explore, develop and provide an app suitable for Apple or Android devices, which illustrates and maps where Accessible Parking Bays in public spaces are available within our county.

Is the Chief Executive considering the possibility of replicating a [programme](http://www.fingal.ie/blog/?2704) recently launched by Fingal County Council.

**REPLY:**

The Head of IT is examining options in this regard and has been in contact with Fingal County Council. The app launched there applies to Swords and is informed in the first instance by a survey that is carried out to determine accessibility issues. Further examination of options will continue.

### **Q2/1218 HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

### **QUESTIONS:** **Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on all housing allocations made so far in 2018 including a break down between allocations for homeless, medical priority and CBL and a breakdown of area (North and South of Naas Rd)?

**REPLY:**

A total of 250 allocations have been made to those on the social housing waiting list up to 29/11/2018.  The breakdown of category for housing is as follows:-

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **HOUSING LIST ALLOCATIONS TO 29/11/2018** | | | |
| ***REASON*** | ***SOUTH OF THE NAAS ROAD*** | ***NORTH OF THE NAAS ROAD*** | ***TOTALS*** |
| **CBL** | 88 | 39 | 127 |
| **Homeless** | 44 | 28 | 72 |
| **Medical** | 31 | 16 | 47 |
| **OAP** | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| **Priority** | 2 |  | 2 |
| **TOTALS** | 166 | 84 | 250 |

### **Q3/1218 HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

### **QUESTIONS: Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the average time on list broken down for all categories of houses allocated to Council tenants, and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The table below shows the average time on the social housing waiting list for all applicants housed through Choice Based Letting, Homeless and Medical in 2018:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Average of Time on List for 2018 Housing Allocations** | | |
| **Letting Type** | **No. Lettings in 2018** | **Average Time on List (Years)** |
| CBL-1 Bed | 7 | 10.84 |
| CBL-2 Bed | 29 | 10.46 |
| CBL-3 Bed | 86 | 11.33 |
| CBL-4 Bed | 5 | 12.43 |
| **CBL Sub-Total** | **127** | **11.14** |
| Homeless-1 Bed | 8 | 6.12 |
| Homeless-2 Bed | 21 | 5.87 |
| Homeless-3 Bed | 44 | 7.79 |
| Homeless-4 Bed | 1 | 4.66 |
| **Homeless Sub-Total** | **74** | **7.02** |
| Medical-1 Bed | 8 | 6.54 |
| Medical-2 Bed | 20 | 6.25 |
| Medical-3 Bed | 18 | 7.83 |
| **Medical Sub-Total** | **46** | **6.92** |
| **Overall Total** | **247** | **9.12** |

The above table shows that the average waiting time of the 247 applicants housed in 2018 is just over 9 years.  A number of exceptionally long-term housing applicants have been accommodated this year in new developments through the Choice Based Letting system and it is apparent that some applicants are willing to remain on the housing list waiting for very specific areas/properties to become available through CBL which is increasing the average waiting time on the list.

### **Q4/1218 BIKE RENTAL SCHEMES**

### **QUESTIONS:** **Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the rollout of all bike rental schemes in the SDCC area, including the extension of Dublin Bikes to SDCC as has been requested on many occasions.

**REPLY:**

A feasibility study was carried out on the extension of Dublin Bikes to South Dublin some time ago. This determined that the Dublin Bikes model would not be viable in the County. Since then in association with Bleeper Bikes, the Council has launched a bike rental scheme across the main towns and villages. This is operated through a phone app and offers very competitive prices and options.

### **Q5/1218 SIGNAGE**

### **QUESTIONS:** **Councillor D. Looney**

To ask the Chief Executive why a signage scheme for suburban areas of the County (similar to the "Welcome to" bespoke signs in Dublin City) has not been introduced despite broad agreements to do so in the past; to state what his plans are for such a scheme to be delivered in 2019; and to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

Members will be aware that the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism SPC has examined the issue of signage. A pilot directional, information and interpretation scheme was installed in Tallght similar to signage referred to in the question in Dublin City. The SPC agreed the Tallaght pilot and a matrix agreed for the rollout of similar schemes around the County. In the interim Failte had commenced a process to appoint consultants to advise generally on tourism signage in Dublin. Consultants were appointed and have been reporting to a Failte working group including the Dublin Authorities. It is envisaged that a tourism signage "toolkit" will shortly be completed for Dublin which will enable the renewal of the rollout of tourism signage, including welcome signage, on a common "Dublin" template and colour palette but capable of individualisation to particular areas and locations.

### **Q6/1218 2018 HOUSING SUPPLY**

### **QUESTIONS: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to present an end of year report in respect of his efforts to deal with the housing crisis and  if he has had any contact with the Department of Housing Planning and local Government regarding additional funding to deal with the housing crisis in our County.

**REPLY:**

The current position in terms of the Council's estimated final 2018 housing supply out-turn in the County under the Build, Acquisition and Leasing categories is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2018 Housing Supply** | **Build** | **Acquisition** | **Leasing** | **Total** |
| Estimated Outturn | 443 | 76 | 26 | 545 |

The categories include the following delivery channels (as determined by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG)):

**Build:** delivery of new homes through the Council's social housing construction programme or by an Approved Housing Body (AHB) including under Part V;

**Acquisition:** purchase of second-hand homes by the Council or by an AHB;

**Leasing:** entering into agreement for long-term leasing of homes under the various DHPLG leasing schemes.

The total 2018 target supply figure set for the Council by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government across these channels was 539 homes.

As can be seen from the figures outlined above, the Council is working closely with both AHBs and the DHPLG to deliver as many housing units as possible this year and any additional funding required from DHPLG has been made available where requested.

### **Q7/1218 ADVERSE WEATHER EVENTS**

### **QUESTIONS:** Councillor C. O'Connor

To ask the Chief Executive to present an update on plans in place to deal with Winter weather events; will he provide details and will he make a statement.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council under the Major Emergency Management Framework is in the process of finalising the following plans:

* Flood Emergency Plan,
* Severe Weather Plan, and
* Rest Centre Plan

They will be made available to the council members once completed in the coming weeks.

The protocols for Severe Weather are contained in the draft plans, and being actioned upon receipt of weather warnings from Met Éireann, are as follows:

Status Yellow: Be Aware - A general notification email is sent to relevant staff across the organisation- inspections of key infrastructure and equipment carried out by relevant departments.

Status Orange: Be Prepared - Triggers a meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) comprised of senior management across all departments, who discuss the issues particular to that weather event and agree the appropriate response/ action from each department.

Status Red: Take Action - this should be a comparatively rare event and implies that recipients take action to protect themselves and/or their properties. The SWAT team is now a Crisis Management Team and meets as often as necessary - hourly, twice daily, etc., depending on dynamics of the weather event, possibly over the conference call facilities. National and Regional Emergency offices are likely also being updated via teleconference at this stage to facilitate inter agency cooperation between the LA, HSE and AGS.

The 2018-2019 Winter Maintenance Plan was presented to all the ACM’s by the Road Maintenance Department. The Winter Maintenance Plan includes information the 7 gritting routes and also on salt barns, salt bins etc.

The 7 gritting routes and the associated gritting truck can also have a snow plough attached if this is required, information on the routes are available at the link below, the link to the national winter ready web site is also below.<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/transport/winter-weather-info/>

South Dublin County Council will continue to provide information to citizens through weather events on all available social media including our website ([www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) ), facebook and twitter.

There is also some information that may be useful on <https://www.winterready.ie/en>

### **Q8/1218** [**VOLUNTEERISM**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=61876)

### **QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm plans to further encourage volunteerism in the county throughout 2019; will he detail his proposals in that regard and will he make a statement.

**REPLY:**

The Council's Community Services department is dedicated to supporting community development, social inclusion and sports and recreation development throughout the County to provide an environment where all residents of the county have the opportunity to belong, be included and participate.

The South Dublin Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 (LECP) includes several volunteerism related actions and many services provided in the County are provided by volunteer led groups and organisations, supported by the Council. The Council actively support and fund South Dublin County Volunteer Bureau, South Dublin County Volunteer Centre, the South Dublin Volunteer Corps and the Public Participation Network in their respective roles promoting, encouraging and supporting volunteerism in the County.

Community grants and other supports have been provided to community and voluntary groups across the County in 2018 (and will continue to be made available in 2019) to support community organisations working with older persons, environmental groups, youth groups, sports clubs, festival committees, tidy town groups along with many other volunteer activities.

There are also many programmes and events held annually to support and assist volunteerism through community wellbeing and by bringing a number of statutory agencies and community groups together including through the Healthy County Interagency Steering Group, Social Inclusion Week, Health and Wellbeing Week, Bealtaine, Play Day and our Sports Disability programme. The Council will continue to work with various organisations and agencies active in the County on the many projects, initiatives, campaigns and workshops in this regard.

Recognising and rewarding volunteer and community activity is also very important and the Council’s Community Endeavour Awards successfully do this on an annual basis. The 2018 awards held on Saturday, 1st December were a fantastic showcase of the great work undertaken by communities and volunteers across the County highlighted in particular with the nominations and award for the County’s “Volunteer of the Year”.

This ongoing support and encouragement for active volunteerism throughout the County underpins the work programmes of the Council’s Community Development team in their engagement with the wide range of voluntary community committees and groups.

### **Q9/1218 HOMELESS WINTER INITIATIVE**

### **QUESTIONS:** Councillor C. O'Connor

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has a Winter Homeless Plan to deal with the ongoing crisis which is of widespread concern; will he confirm details of his proposals and will he make a statement.

**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."

### **Q10/1218 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **QUESTIONS**: Councillor C. O'Connor

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what arrangements are in place to deal with emergency calls through the Christmas Season period; will he give advice as to how calls may be made; will he give assurances in respect of the services available through the period and will he make a statement.

**REPLY:**

During the Christmas period South Dublin County Council Civic Offices will be closed from 12 noon on the 24th Dec 2018 and will re -open to the public at 9am on the 2nd Jan 2019. The emergency Out of Hours telephone service for the Council is provided by CallPageboy Call Centre Services.  Anyone wishing to report such an urgent matter can ring the Council's number 01-4149000 which will divert to the out of hours service when the offices are closed. All calls to this number will be logged and recorded. Pageboy received a total of 312 phone calls during this period last year.

Any emergency requests during this period will in the first instance be directed through the pageboy service to the relevant SDCC staff on call for investigation/ decision on response and works required.

**Public Realm** will maintain a skeleton staff on duty on the 3 normal working days between Christmas and New Year dealing primarily with town/village cleaning and litter bin emptying. Public Realm on-call crews will be available to deal with emergency situations at all times over the holiday period.

**Roads:** The normal emergency response will be available over the Christmas period. One team north and south of the county will be on call 24/7. Calls should be made to the out of hours Emergency Number.

**Water &** **Drainage** on-call crews will be available to deal with emergency situations at all times over the holiday period.

**Housing Department:** The Housing Maintenance Depot will close on the 24/12/18 and reopen on 02/01/19, please be advised that there is an on call rota in place for Housing Maintenance staff over this period. Housing Maintenance Emergency requests for this period will in the first instance be directed through the Emergency Out of Hours Number and in turn to the relevant Foreman of Works on call for investigation/ decision on works required. One team north and south of the county will be on call 24/7.

The 2018-2019 Winter Maintenance Plan was presented to all the ACM’s by the Road Maintenance Department. The Winter Maintenance Plan includes information the 7 gritting routes and also on salt barns, salt bins etc.

The 7 gritting routes and the associated gritting truck can also have a snow plough attached if this is required, information on the routes are available at the link below, the link to the national winter ready web site is also below.<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/transport/winter-weather-info/>

South Dublin County Council will continue to provide information to citizens through weather events on all available social media including our website ([www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) ), facebook and twitter.

There is also some information that may be useful on <https://www.winterready.ie/en>

### **Q11/1218 PHONEBOXES**

### **QUESTIONS: Councillor Rob Russell**

To ask the Chief Executive how many public phone booths there are across the SDCC area and to give a report on how many meet their minimum usage terms?

**REPLY:**

The Council does not have this information, which should be available from Com Reg. The removal of obsolete phoneboxes has been a matter that we have dealt with in the past.

### **Q12/1218 HOMELESS**

### **QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the Homeless numbers in SDCC and how they are being accommodated

**REPLY:**

There were 620 households registered as homeless as at 31st October 2018 comprising 255 single males, 55 single females, 305 families and 5 couples. These applicants were accommodated as follows at that time: 109 in family hubs, 196 in self-accommodate options and 315 in supported emergency/temporary accommodation.

The Council's Homeless Unit provides assistance to those who find themselves homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This Unit operates an advice clinic in County Hall and provides outreach and place-finding services across the County as well as detailing emergency accommodation options including central placement, self-accommodate, family hubs and other supported accommodation.

The outreach service for rough sleepers across the County works with other agencies including the HSE in identifying rough sleepers and sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services.

The place-finding role assists families and individuals either in temporary emergency accommodation or at risk of homelessness to find private rented accommodation using the both Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and the enhanced Homeless HAP as well as engaging with property agents to encourage use of HAP/Homeless HAP to provide the quickest exits from homelessness.

### **Q13/1218 HOUSING ALLOCATION**

### **QUESTIONS:** Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the amount of people housed from January to November 2018 and a breakdown of how they were housed?

**REPLY:**

A total of 250 allocation have been made to those on the social housing waiting list up to 29/11/2018.  The breakdown of category for housing is as follows:-

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **HOUSING LIST ALLOCATIONS TO 29/11/2018** | | | |
| ***REASON*** | ***SOUTH OF THE NAAS ROAD*** | ***NORTH OF THE NAAS ROAD*** | ***TOTALS*** |
| **CBL** | 88 | 39 | 127 |
| **Homeless** | 44 | 28 | 72 |
| **Medical** | 31 | 16 | 47 |
| **OAP** | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| **Priority** | 2 |  | 2 |
| **TOTALS** | 166 | 84 | 250 |

### **Q14/1218 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**

### **QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into Part 8 housing for SDCC. How many houses were built in 2018? How many are planned for 2019? How many houses have been built each year in the lifetime of the council?

**REPLY:**

The Council’s current social housing construction programme includes 434 new homes being built within the developments that have Part 8 approval as listed below (showing the number of new homes and construction status for each):

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Development** | **No.Homes** | **Construction Status** |
| Mayfield | 17 | Completed 2018 |
| St. Marks Green | 11 | Completed 2018 |
| Sheehy Skeffington | 90 | Completed 2018 |
| Dromcarra | 14 | Completed 2018 |
| McUilliam | 28 | Due for Completion 2018 |
| Kilininny | 24 | Due for Completion 2018 |
| Letts Field | 37 | Due for Completion 2018 |
| Killinarden | 26 | Phased Completion Dec ‘18/Jan ‘19 |
| Ballyboden | 40 | Due for Completion 2019 |
| St. Cuthberts | 63 | Due for Completion 2019 |
| St. Catherines | 16 | Due to commence 2019 |
| Homeville | 13 | Due to commence 2019 |
| Templeogue Village | 11 | Due to commence 2019 |
| Riversdale | 44 | Due to commence 2019 |

This will deliver a total of 238 homes newly built by the Council in 2018 with another 112 currently scheduled for completion in 2019.

In addition to the developments listed above, a further 12 homes were delivered in 2016.

A number of additional proposed developments across the County as outlined at the recent Special Council meeting on Housing will be brought to Part 8 consultation over the coming months.

### **Q15/1218 TREE PLANTING**

### **QUESTIONS: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the Tree Planting programme and how many tree are planned to be planted in 2019 and how many have been planted so far since 2014? Can Tidy Towns or residents groups suggest locations?

**REPLY:**

Provision has been made in the 2019 budget for the planting of 1,000 trees in various locations around the County.  Records show that since the introduction of a specific tree total of 426 trees were planted in 2016, 606 trees were planted in 2017 and 1,469 trees were planted to date in 2018.  While a substantial part of the tree planting programme is focussed on replacement planting in locations where trees have been removed in the past, the Council's public realm section is happy to consider locations suggested for tree planting by tidy towns and residents groups.

### **Q16/1218 HALLOWEEN 2018**

### **QUESTIONS: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the cost of clean-up for Halloween 2018 to SDCC? Also ask for a report into Bulbs not Bonfires?

**REPLY:**

A total of 280 Halloween bonfire sites were recorded in the County for 2018.

The Council collected and removed bonfire materials as a priority task through the month of October and for part of September also.

Over the weekend and days immediately prior to Halloween, from Saturday October 27th to Wednesday October 31st, 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.

Complete information on waste tonnages is not available as yet however the data that is available indicates that 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.

Bulbs not Bonfires is a Halloween reward through the Council’s Social Credits Scheme. This scheme rewards community groups for undertaking local sustainable / pro environmental / anti bonfire projects. The Bulbs not Bonfires scheme aims to provide communities with flowers in the Spring instead of a scarred open space throughout the year. This year 180 bags of bulbs were supplied as part of the initiative which was promoted through www.sdcc.ie, social media and email (SCS members, Councillors , PPN, Tidy Towns)

### **H7/1218 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS**

### It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

### **H8/1218 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development were **CONSIDERED:**

1. - Proposed disposal of substation site in North Clondalkin Library, Rowlagh, Dublin 22 to ESB

**LD 1487 Proposed disposal of substation site in North Clondalkin**

**Library, Rowlagh, Dublin 22 to the ESB**

The Council is developing a new library facility in Rowlagh, North Clondalkin, Dublin 22 on lands in its registered ownership.

The Electricity Supply Board (ESB) have made an application to acquire the freehold interest in an area of the library facility for the erection of an indoor substation which will provide essential service to serve the library development. The application also includes (i) a request for a Right-of-Way over Council owned land to provide service and emergency access to the substation and (ii) a request for a wayleave over Council owned land for the laying and maintenance of electrical cabling servicing the substation.

I recommend that the Council dispose of its freehold interest in the plot of land outlined in red, grant a Right-of Way for area of land shaded yellow and grant a Wayleave for an area of land identified along dark green dashed line on Indicative Drawing No. 3261-09, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. That the Council dispose of its interest in the plot of land outlined in red on Indicative Drawing No. 3261-09 comprising 0.002217 hectares (22 square metres) or thereabouts for the consideration of €10 (ten euro).
2. That the Council grant a Right-of-Way over land shaded yellow on Indicative Drawing No. 3261-09.
3. That the Council grant a 5 m width wayleave over land identified along dark green dashed line on Indicative Drawing No. 3261-09.
4. That the ESB shall pay a contribution in respect of the Council’s legal fees.
5. That in the event of any name change to applicant prior to formal completion of the legal transfer, the applicant must provide documentary evidence to the Council proving that the new named party is one and the same as the named applicant heretofore to enable the transfer to complete.
6. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
7. That the Law Agent shall draft the necessary documents and shall include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
8. That no contract enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
9. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands being disposed of form part of the lands acquired from Dublin City Council (formerly Dublin Corporation) in 1997 under the Scheme of Transfer of Lands pursuant to the Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1993.

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**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED:**

“That the proposed disposal of substation site in North Clondalkin Library, Rowlagh, Dublin 22 to ESB, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **H9/1218 MANAGERS REPORT**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

### Finance Report

**Billing and Collection Statement**





**Use of overdraft facility**

Department approved overdraft facility = €25,000,000

### No of days in Overdraft from 1st January to 23rd November 2018 = 0

### Strategy Report

### [H9 b) Strategy Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61963)

### Statistics

### [H9 c) Statistics](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61964)

The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H10/1218 3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME (2019 - 2021)**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED:**

[H10 3 Year Capital Programme 2019 - 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61952)

The 3 Year Capital Programme 2019-2021 was presented and noted by the Council. The Chief Executive clarified that the reference to “Hospital Link Road” is intended to incorporate two projects:

1. The Link Road from Belgard North to Cookstown Industrial Estate which already has Part 8 approval.
2. The Airton Road Extension to the Hospital lands which will proceed to planning in Q1 2019.

It was further noted that given the need to accelerate delivery of these projects to facilitate the development of adjacent lands and to improve hospital access, the funding provision would be increased from €1.5m to €4m.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Higgins, R. McMahon and M. Murphy.

### Councillor M. Murphy raised a query in relation to the total all-in cost of providing an average social house in South Dublin. Following discussions Mr. D. McLoughlin Chief Executive agreed that as part of the next housing report he would give the updated figures based on tender prices.

### Mr. D. McLoughlin Chief Executive responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

### **H11/1218 ANTI-SOCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development and were **CONSIDERED:**

**Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy Review**

The enactment of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 provided the legislative framework and guidelines for all local authorities to adopt, by reserved function, an anti-social behaviour strategy for the prevention and reduction of anti-social behaviour in its housing stock.  The first such Strategy was adopted by this Council on 8th November, 2010.

The Council’s Strategy has now been reviewed by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee to incorporate the necessary amendments to bring the policy into line with the new legislative requirements in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2014 and other relevant legislation.

It is now recommended that this Council hereby resolves to adopt the South Dublin County Council ‘Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2018 – 2022’ in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor P. Gogarty.

### Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED:**

“That the South Dublin County Council ‘Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2018 – 2022’ in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

[H11 - Draft ASB Strategy 2018-2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=61906)

Councillor G. O’Connell stated that it was his opinion that the development was located within the park and that the site map was misleading. Councillor P. Gogarty spoke in favour of Councillor. G. O’Connell’s position while Councillor L. Dunne stated that all the information is contained in the comprehensive report submitted by the Chief Executive.

### **H12/1218 PART 8 HOUSING – WHITESTOWN WAY**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development and were **CONSIDERED:**

Part 8 of the Local Government Planning and [Development Regulations 2001](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=fca2537f-bded-4b06-8526-a94b00fde0c5) (as Amended), outlines the requirements with respect to certain classes of developments for, on behalf of, or in partnership with Local Authorities. These regulations apply to proposed development of housing.

It is proposed to construct a social housing development consisting of a range of 2 storey to 4 storey apartment buildings comprising 81 homes in total with associated car parking, on land situated between Seán Walsh Park, Tallaght Stadium and Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

The proposed development shall consist of:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Unit Type** | **No of Units** | **Comment** |
| 1 Bed/2 Person | 63 | 2 Person Apartment |
| 2 Bed/3 Person | 18 | 3 Person Apartment |
| **Total** | **81** |  |

The works involved in this development include: an access road off Whitestown Way, communal facilities, including an office, communal living room, WCs, laundry and mobility store; renewable energy design measures for each dwelling; communal open space with perimeter fencing to southern boundary; ESB substation; temporary construction signage; estate signage; site perimeter boundary treatment; and all other associated site works.

[Site Location Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=952cdd1a-6330-4abd-9c3b-a97600df6fde)

[Existing Site Plans](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=4ecf9542-5a25-4fb8-9726-a97600dfa82d)

[Proposed Site Plan-Landscaping](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=6ca1b43d-008d-46b6-a93a-a97600dfe4a0)

[Proposed Contiguous Elevations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=ef6a55f2-76a6-4d15-b2cc-a97600e1f931)

[Level 0 & 1 Plans](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=fe8d0f52-721c-487d-8011-a97600e01101)

[Level 2 & 3 Roof Plans](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=dc4cea98-4bee-446f-ac05-a97600e03d7a)

[Proposed Sections Elevations 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=f7d9dcab-67a4-456e-82b8-a97600e0677d)

[Proposed Sections Elevations 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=df8b3550-89e8-48e4-96da-a97600e0844d)

[3D View](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=5c811e97-1579-4adb-9792-a97600e0c2ac)

[Design Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=3da75cd5-4d93-4bf3-a471-a97600e23718)

[Civil Engineering Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=e7719ae6-ae81-41ee-a4c0-a97600e25937)

[Ecological Impact Assessment](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=a1d91df2-dd91-4d6e-9401-a97600e28351)

[Screening for Appropriate Assessment](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=2c76bd43-fa0f-4c08-9c8c-a97600e2b11e)

**Statutory Consultation Process:**

A [notice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=699890b9-5ed6-4b5c-bedc-a97600e5e374) in accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and [Development Regulations 2001](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=fca2537f-bded-4b06-8526-a94b00fde0c5) (as Amended), Public Consultation Procedure under Part 8 of the Local Government Planning and [Development Regulations 2001](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=fca2537f-bded-4b06-8526-a94b00fde0c5) (as Amended), was published in the Tallaght Echo on 13th September 2018. Site Notices were erected on the same day, all of which were placed at prominent locations facing the site.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available to view at the Council offices from 13th September 2018 for a six week period, with a further two week period up to and including 9th November 2018 for submissions and observations to be made to the Council in relation to the proposed development.

A consultation meeting was also arranged on 11th October 2018 in which Councillors from the Tallaght Area Committee and the Principal of Old Bawn Community School attended with officials from the Housing and Architects’ Departments to discuss the proposed development.

**Submissions:**

A total of [576 submissions were received (link to names here)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=16a53f19-5306-41a9-8210-a9af00bd4dab) during the consultation period which are categorised as follows:;

* 47 submissions received on the Council’s [Consultation Portal](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=a4ac57a0-5db7-4fc2-b51e-a9ac00f266fc);
* 22 individual [written submissions](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=96ce4e76-4aae-4635-a19c-a9af00af2989);
* 168 submissions of a petition-type [four-page template letter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=a016aa51-329a-48b3-91c1-a9ac00f32ae3) with different individual signatures;
* 8 submissions of a petition-type [three-page template letter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=9ca05baa-4483-49e8-b1a4-a9ac00f75279) with different individual signatures;
* 205 submissions of a petition-type two-page template letter with different individual signatures:
  + - * 108 two page template [Type A](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=451bacb5-4bbd-4ffd-b0ce-a9ac00f90433);
      * 10 two page template [Type B](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=2132d806-f361-4f5c-aa95-a9ac00fde004);
      * 28 two page template [Type C](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=242a36ab-892c-4c2e-ab24-a9ac00feec5d);
      * 17 two page template [Type D](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=fde8229c-75c3-4f40-a0ca-a9ac01005141);
      * 42 two page template [Type E](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=07506a02-4e41-4078-9230-a9ac01012d1f);
* 126 submissions of a petition-type one-page template letter with different individual signatures:
  + - * 30 one page template [Type F](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=9a531a29-85b4-4cde-830b-a9ac0102e009);
      * 24 one page template [Type G](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=45a7b096-82ba-48fa-aa62-a9ac010b1a1a);
      * 6 one page template [Type H](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=c1f0dd90-f830-40c1-9960-a9ac01104344);
      * 19 one page template [Type I](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=c0f6a583-d8fc-4a48-846b-a9ac0110897c);
      * 24 one page template [Type J](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=42f5360f-6b13-48a4-813e-a9ac01130d41);
      * 7 one page template [Type K](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=58148855-efc9-4fdb-b671-a9ac01142cc7);
      * 16 one page template [Type L](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=2d42a769-441e-4e75-b921-a9ac01164456);

The issues relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated raised in the submissions received under the Part 8 consultation are addressed below with comments, clarifications and responses from the Council’s Housing and Architects’ Departments for consideration by the Elected Members:

(A separate supplementary report on issues not relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated in the submissions received under the Part 8 consultation together with comments, clarifications and responses is provided as an Appendix to this report.)

**Use of Designated Open Space for Housing Development:**

**Concerns expressed that this proposal may set precedent for encroachment on parklands. Fears expressed that this will lead to substantial reduction in space available to the community for social/recreational use.**

**Response**:

The site of the proposed development is open space is designated with Zoning Objective “OS” (to preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities) in the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 – the development of housing is open for consideration under this zoning. In addition, it is a stated objective of the County Development Plan in relation to the supply of housing to support community led housing developments for older people in established areas on lands where the quality and quantum of remaining public open space is deemed to be adequate and the amenities of the area are preserved (H3 Objective 3).

**Suitability of Site for Housing Development/Older Persons’ Accommodation:**

**Concerns regarding the suitability of the proposed site for the housing of older persons were raised in relation to:**

* **close proximity to Tallaght Stadium and associated noise levels, lights and public order during events;**
* **site is situated away from other residential areas;**
* **anti-social behaviour.**

**Response**:

This site was identified as suitable to meet the housing objectives as set out in section 2.1.2 of the County Development Plan 2016-2022 whereby the stated policy of the Council is to support the provision of accommodation for older people particularly at locations that are proximate to services and amenities including pedestrian paths, local shops, parks and public transport. This includes addressing the housing needs of older people within communities, providing a range of attractive accommodation choices for people wishing to downsize and in turn to address the underutilisation of larger houses, particularly within more established areas. According to Census 2016, 21% of the population of the County is over 55. Additionally, the current lack of specific Older Persons accommodation in the County coupled with increasing demand for such accommodation provides a strong rationale for the proposed development.

The proposed housing will be designated as Older Persons’ accommodation – tenancies will only be allocated to persons aged 55 and over (with priority given to persons aged 65 and over). The site is ideally suited for older persons given its proximity to community, shopping, medical and social facilities including excellent transport links. There is existing Older Persons’ accommodation in successful operation in close proximity to the proposed site which does not experience any significant impact from the issues raised in relation to the stadium.

Events at Tallaght Stadium are strictly controlled and managed in accordance with health and safety, event management and planning legislation and requirements. There is significant existing residential and hotel accommodation adjacent to the Stadium. In addition, the inclusion of housing facing onto this western area of the park will introduce strong passive surveillance and an element of overlooking that will be to the benefit and safety of users of the park.

**Traffic/Parking Management/Volumes:**

**Issues raised in relation to traffic in the area include:**

* **the assertion that the existing distributor road (Whitestown Way) cannot take additional traffic or pedestrians;**
* **car parking spaces currently in use for park users will be lost to spaces for the new development;**
* **allowing service trucks to have use of the pedestrian route in front of the Old Bawn Community School to access the proposed housing development (via Dún An Óir, Old Bawn) is not safe for pedestrians.**

**Response:**

The existing vehicular entrance to the site currently discharges traffic from the park car park and the active Council Depot onto Whitestown Way. The intention of the proposed development is to replace the Council Depot with an older person’s housing development. The depot currently generates service-vehicle traffic across the park entrance area throughout the day which the housing proposal will eliminate. Traffic & parking requirements resulting from older persons housing are significantly less than those required from a standard housing development. Therefore it is considered that Whitestown Way will not be subject to any significant additional traffic as a result of this development.

The existing entry/ exit to the park from Whitestown Way is the sole access and egress point for all vehicular traffic (residents, maintenance and services) associated with the proposed housing development. The proposed development will not be accessible from Dún An Óir, Old Bawn and therefore cannot add any vehicular traffic to the pedestrian route in front of Old Bawn Community School.

All car-parking for the housing development will be contained within the site boundary – there will be no proposed car-parking facilities for the housing development provided within the car-parking area that is currently available to park users.

**Loss of Amenity:**

**Submissions raised concerns regarding the possible loss of amenity resulting from proposed development on park land.**

**Response:**

The proposed development does not result in any loss of amenity because there is currently no amenity provided on the site – the site currently comprises a works depot location which is not publicly accessible, a Council owned dwelling and “community garden” area that is accessed under licence by the Council and which will be fully re-located.

**Impact on Local Habitat/Wildlife:**

**Submissions refer to concerns that the development will have negative impact on the environment and on the habitat of existing wildlife in the area such as nesting birds and bats.**

**Response:**

As part of the Part 8 submission, an Ecological Impact Assessment was undertaken. The purpose of the assessment was to identify, quantify and evaluate the impacts of the proposed development on ecosystems and their components, including designated sites, habitats, flora and fauna. The ecologist undertook day and night time site surveys to record bird and bat activity at the site. The assessment provides recommendations including mitigation measures for the disturbance of birds and bats. These measures will be incorporated into the development’s design and construction. The ecologist has concluded that with these measures, the proposed development will not cause any significant impacts on designated sites, habitats, legally protected species, or any other features of ecological importance.

**Spread of Knotweed:**

**There are concerns that due care is taken when removing knotweed to ensure it does not spread further.**

**Response:**

As part of the Part 8 submission, an Ecological Impact Assessment was undertaken. This assessment included a survey to identify invasive plant species. Knotweed was observed in a small area of site in a linear strip approximately 25m x 3m. An ecologist and specialist contractor will be engaged prior to construction to prepare a site-specific management plan for the knotweed. This management plan will include bio-security measures to prevent the accidental spread of knotweed in advance of mitigation works, procedures for the excavation of the knotweed and its associated rhizomes, proposals for the management of excavated material and a monitoring strategy to identify and spot-treat any regrowth.

Prior to construction an ecologist and specialist contractor will be engaged to develop and implement an Invasive Species Management Plan for the site, which will seek to treat Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS) from the site prior to works, and ensure the control of any species during construction and operational stages.

The IAPS Management Plan shall follow the guidance outlined in the following documents:

* Guidelines on management of noxious weeds and non-native invasive plant species on national roads. Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Dublin;
* The Knotweed Code of Practice: Managing Japanese Knotweed on Development Sites (Version 3). Environment Agency, London.

In addition contractors will be required to refer to the following documents, and implement recommendations for the control of invasive species and noxious weeds during the course of construction works:

* Chapter 6 and Appendix 3 of the TII Publication The Management of Noxious Weeds and Non-Native Invasive Plant Species on National Roads (TII, 2008a)
* Invasive Species Ireland Best Practice Management Guidelines for Japanese Knotweed [Available online at <http://invasivespeciesireland.com/toolkit/invasiveplant-management>
* The Knotweed Code of Practice: Managing Japanese Knotweed on development Sites (UK Environment Agency ,2006)

These documents include measures to aid the identification of relevant species, with details for the timing, chemicals and methodology for chemical control, and for measures to avoid environmental damage during the use of herbicides. The relevant contractors shall prepare a specific plan for IAPS control prior to entering the site in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

**Historical Structure on Site:**

**Submissions highlight concerns over what will happen to a bridge and waterway contained on the site and that no reference is made to this in the proposal**.

**Response:**

A short section of stone wall and arch is all that remains on site. There is no historical watercourse remaining nor evidence of its original route. The remaining structure is not recorded in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage or in the National Monuments Service Sites and Monument Record. It is also not listed in the SDCC Record of Protected Structures. Notwithstanding this, the structure will be incorporated into site works in the proposed housing development.

**Risk of Flooding/Risk to Adjacent Waterways:**

**Submissions state that, as Whitestown stream is located close to the boundary of the proposed development, the proposed development will create an obstacle in the natural corridor along the banks of the Whitestown stream which is tributary of the Dodder River. Concerns regarding possible pollution/damage to waterways as a result of construction waste.**

**Response:**

As part of the Part 8 submission, a Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment was undertaken. The proposed site is at low risk and in line with OPW CFRAMS study only likely to be affected by a 1 in 1,000 year event. The construction of the housing will have no negative impact on existing flood risk to the park. The housing will be designed to attenuate its surface water run-off and in line with Sustainable Urban Drainage Strategy (SUDS).

Contract and construction planning and management will ensure that all construction waste will be properly disposed of off-site with no risk to any waterways in the area.

**Character of the Development:**

**Concerns have been raised that the proposed development, especially the height of the proposed apartments, is out of character with the existing parkland environs.**

**Response:**

The scale and massing of the building has been carefully considered in the design response, given its unique location. The main blocks in the north south direction are 3-4 storeys in height with the northern dual aspect blocks ranging from 2-3 stories. (These roofs are 1.0 metre lower than the new Third Stand.) Articulation of form is achieved through shallow pitched roofs on the former and simple flat roofs on the latter that establishes a repeating pattern that varies in height and length to respond to its immediate park context.

The proposed heights mediate between high-density developments to the northwest that extend to 6-8 stories at the junction of Whitestown Way and the N81, and traditional 2-storey residential developments to the south and east of Seán Walsh Park. This is illustrated in Architect’s drawing 341CT-P-013 (Proposed contiguous elevations.). The blocks form courtyard gardens which will soften their impact and create a coherent green edge to the northern end of the park as well as offering increased security through passive surveillance.

**Recommendation:**

Having regard to the issues raised above and the responses as outlined it is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and therefore it is recommended that the Council adopt the following Motion:

***Proposed Motion*:**

“*As the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the Council approves the development of 81 apartment homes at land situated between Seán Walsh Park, Tallaght Stadium and Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24 as proposed in this report.”*

**Appendix**

**Supplementary Report on Non-Planning Issues Raised during Submissions**

**Relocation of Seán Depot:**

**Concerns raised relating to the maintenance of Seán Walsh Park should the depot be relocated, as well as the potential loss of green flag status and Park Ranger for the Park.**

**Response:**

The Council will continue to enhance and maintain the park to its current high standards as evidenced by its Green Flag status. The management of staff, work locations and accommodation arrangements are a matter for the Council’s executive.

**Part 8 Process:**

**It has been requested that, in the interest of transparency, all submissions in relation to the Part 8 Proposals be published.**

**Response:**

Under the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), a list of names under which submissions/observations have been made and a summary of the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations is required together with a report responding to such issues.

In addition to these requirements, links are provided in the report to the content in respect of submissions received.

**Proposed Tenancy by Older Persons:**

**Submissions raised questions regarding the definition of ‘older persons’, the actual demand for older persons housing and the suitability of apartment buildings for older persons. The Council has been asked to guarantee that any older peoples housing that is approved by them will be used for that purpose only.**

**Response:**

Older Persons are categorised as persons over the age of 55 (with specific priority for persons aged 65 years and older). All nominations for the allocation of the proposed housing development will come from the Council’s housing list which currently identifies 553 applicants where the main applicants is aged 55 or over. The breakdown of their identified housing need is as follows:

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| **Over 55 Housing Need** | **1-Bed** | **2-Bed** | **3-Bed+** | **Totals** |
| Housing List | 249 | 75 | 23 | 347 |
| HAP Transfer List | 92 | 32 | 22 | 146 |
| Transfer List – Downsizing Only | 40 | 20 | - | 60 |
| **Totals** | **381** | **127** | **45** | **553** |

The accommodation design and management will be specifically suited to and for living in by Older Persons.

**Site Acquisition/Ownership:**

**Questions raised regarding ownership of the site and what existed on this site prior to Seán Walsh Depot.**

**Response:**

The area of the proposed development is in Council ownership and was purchased to consolidate Council land ownership in the area. Save for the existing dwelling there was no development on the site prior to its acquisition by the Council.

The proposed development will be managed by an Approved Housing Body to provide specialised Older Persons support –this will require a formal agreement on the nature of the relationship between the Council and the AHB in respect of the development.

**Alternative Sites for Development:**

**Submissions have suggested a number of alternative sites in the Tallaght area and request that the Council confirm whether any other locations were considered and, if so, to name them.**

**Response:**

This site was one of twenty seven sites considered for suitability for the provision of housing in the Council’s current social housing building programme. Other sites will continue to be identified and pursued for housing both in Tallaght and across the County where possible and practicable. All such sites will be subject to the Part 8 consultation process.

**Alleged Misleading Description of Location of Proposed Development on art 8 Public Notices:**

**The stated location of the proposed development on “…land situated between Seán Walsh Park, Tallaght Stadium and Whitestown Way” is suggested in submissions to imply that the site is not located in Seán Walsh Park. Clarification sought as to whether the proposed development site incorporates any existing parkland that is currently accessible by the public.**

**Response:**

The description is an accurate, written identification of the site location for the proposed development. The site for the proposed development will be located predominantly on the site of current depot and adjacent Council owned dwelling house with garden, both of which are not accessible to the general public, and is clearly **not** parkland by virtue of its design and function.

The remaining section of the proposed site affects the “community garden” area which is not available to the general public as parkland and is accessed by community groups operating on the site under license by the Council. This “community garden area” will be relocated in full on an alternative site.

**Greenway/Dublin Mountains Way/Tourism:**

**Concerns that the proposed development would:**

* **Prevent potential creation of a greenway along the route of the Whitestown stream which could link up with proposed greenway/cycleway along the Dodder**
* **Impact on the Dublin Mountains Way**
* **Impact negatively on tourism in the area**

**Response:**

The existing route from Whitestown Way to Seán Walsh Park and the Dublin Mountains Way route will not be affected by the proposed development.

**Management of Proposed Development:**

**Submissions expressed concerns over Clúid’s experience in managing such a large scale development (81 units).**

**Response:**

Clúid is the largest housing association in Ireland with over 6,500 properties across the country in many local authority areas. They are also the largest provider of older persons housing, managing over 700 such homes. They have a dedicated housing management team that deal with all aspects of tenancy management comprising over 50 staff. There will be an on-site scheme manager working from Whitestown Way and they will act as the main point of contact for all tenants, neighbouring residents etc. There will be a formal agreement on the nature of the relationship between the Council and Clúid in respect of the development.

Clúid’s research study entitles “A Home for Life” noted that 92% of sheltered housing tenants said that they were satisfied with their decision to move into sheltered housing. Independence coupled with safety and security featured prominently in their reasons for this.

**Impact on Local School:**

**Submission from Old Bawn Community school in respect of a number of issues including the need for safe access for students through the proposed site during construction, and the creation of a drop off point for parents at the existing access area (named locally as the ‘bottle bank’).**

**Response:**

Health and Safety, Traffic Management and Pedestrian Management requirements will be addressed in line with all statutory requirements and best practice with appropriate plans in place before construction begins. This will include control measures for site traffic to ensure safe passage for all pedestrian access both through the walkway in the existing car-parking facility and along the site boundary.

The proposed development provides an opportunity to improve both the existing entrance to Seán Walsh Park on Whitestown Way and the boundary between it and the site of the proposed development which could potentially include upgrade of the entrance to the park at this location, an upgrade of the existing car park area as well as the existing walking and cycling routes into the park from the western boundary. These upgrades will considered in conjunction with the Public Realm section at the detailed design stage to ensure that vehicular movements and cycle and pedestrian permeability are facilitated and enhanced upon completion of the development.

**Loss of Amenity:**

**Further comments with regard to loss of amenity cited concerns over the potential loss of the “community garden” area and a collection of privately owned animals maintained at the site.**

**Response:**

There will be no loss of amenity in this regard. The “community garden” area which is not available to the general public as parkland and is accessed by community groups operating on the site under license by the Council. This “community garden” area will be relocated in full on an alternative site.

The animals on the site are in private ownership and have been maintained on the site without the Council’s permission. There is no authorised or permitted public access to where they are located.

The proposed development also provides three new garden courtyards which will overlook and add to the amenity of the park and in providing a green and landscaped edge will deliver quality improvements to the existing interface with the park.

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors B. Ferron, P. Kearns, E. Hendrick, G. O’Connell, M. Genockey, P. Gogarty, D. O’Donovan, M. Murphy, K. Mahon, R, McMahon, D. Looney, R. Nolan, L. Dunne, C. McCann, C. King, C. O’Connor, B. Bonner, B. Leech, E. Higgins, M. Duff, L. O’Toole, F. Timmons, D. Richardson, M. Ward and V. Casserly.

### Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries.

**A roll call vote on the item was called and the result was as follows:**

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

### **FOR: 25**

### **Councillors B. Bonner, M. Duff, F. Duffy, L. Dunne, B. Ferron, P. Foley, M. Genockey, E. Hendrick, S. Holland, P. Kearns, C. King, B. Leech, D. Looney, C. McCann, K. Mahon, E. Murphy, M. Murphy, R. Nolan, D. O’Brien, E. O’Brien, C. O’Connor, D. Richardson, R. Russell, F. Timmons, M. Ward.**

### **AGAISNT: 13**

### **Councillors V. Casserly, P. Donovan, K. Egan, T. Gilligan, P. Gogarty, E. Higgins, W. Lavelle, B. Lawlor, C. McMahon, R. McMahon,G. O’Connell, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole.**

### **ABSTAIN: 0**

The Report was **NOTED** and following on from the Roll Call Vote it was **RESOLVED:**

“As the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the Council approves the development of 81 apartment homes at land situated between Seán Walsh Park, Tallaght Stadium and Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24 as proposed in this report be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”

### Due to time constraints the Mayor Councillor M. Ward agreed, with the Members approval, to vary the sequence of business and the following item was considered:

**H16/1218 TALLAGHT STADIUM NORTH STAND – OPTIONS REPORT**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development were **CONSIDERED:**

Members will be aware that, following a procurement process, Frank Cooney Architects were appointed to carry out a feasibility study and options report for a fourth (North) stand at Tallaght Stadium.

There will be full presentation from Frank Cooney Architects at the December Council meeting on their report in relation to development options for the proposed fourth stand at Tallaght Stadium.

Mr. Frank Nevin Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development introduced Frank Cooney and Anna Kerrana from Frank Conney Architects and Frank Cooney presented the report.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Looney, C. O’Connor, G. O’Connell, D. Richardson, K. Mahon, M. Duff, R. McMahon, P. Donovan, M. Murphy, E. Murphy and M. Ward.

Mr D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive and Mr. Frank Cooney of Cooney archit3ets responded to the Members queries.

### The reports were **NOTED** and the Members **AGREED** to proceed to part 8 planning stage.

### **H13/1218 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME INDEXATION**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Leonard, A/Director of Land Use Planning & Transportation and was **CONSIDERED:**

**INDEXATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME**

**Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme**

The Councilâ€™s Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2020 adopted by the Council at its meeting on 14th December 2015 included the following provision:-

Indexation in accordance with the Tender Price Index may be applied to be effective from 1st January 2018 for permissions granted after this date, having regard to the prevailing economic circumstances, subject to the approval of the Council. The Scheme provides thereafter for the application of annual indexation increases.

The current levy rates are:-

Residential Development                                 â‚¬ 90.42 per sq metre

Industrial/Commercial Development                 â‚¬ 79.73 per sq metre

Levies collected under the Section 48 Scheme fund the following classes of infrastructure and facilities

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| **Class of Public Infrastructural Development** |
| Class 1: Roads infrastructure & facilities |
| Class 2: Surface Water & Environment infrastructure & facilities |
| Class 3: Community facilities & amenities |
| Class 4: Parks and open spaces facilities & amenities |
| Class 5: Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development including Libraries |
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The basis for applying an increase effective from 1st January 2019 is that construction tender prices have continued to rise since their lowest point in 2010, the annual rate of increase was 5.6% in 2016 with an increase of 6.3% for 2017 and 7.2% for 2018. These increases will bring construction prices back to the level they were at in 2004 and relate to the increased level of activity in the industry.

**Recommendation**

With the approval of the Elected Members, it is proposed that an indexation rate of 7.2% will be applied only to Industrial/Commercial Development and will become effective on permissions granted after 1st January 2019. This will increase the levy as follows:-

Industrial/Commercial Development                 85.47 per sq metre

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED:**

“That the proposed indexation rate of 7.2% will be applied only to Industrial/Commercial Development and will become effective on permissions granted after 1st January 2019. This will increase the levy on Industrial/Commercial Development to 85.47 per sq metre be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED”**

**H14/1218 2 YEAR REVIEW OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Leonard, A/Director of Land Use Planning & Transportation and was **CONSIDERED:**

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor E. Higgins.

### The Report was **NOTED**.

### **H15/1218 PART 8 ENERGY CENTRE**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. E. Conroy, County Architect and were **CONSIDERED:**

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| **Architectural Services Department** | |
| **COUNTY ARCHITECT’S REPORT FOR PART VIII DISPLAY October 2018** | |
| **Project Title** | **Energy Centre and Distribution Network for the South Dublin District heating Pilot Project** |
| **County Architect:** | Eddie Conroy FRIAI |
| **Part VIII Process** | |
| **Brief**  **explanation of**  **Part 8 Process**  **carried out**  **under Part 8 of**  **the Planning**  **and**  **Development**  **Regulations**  **2001** | **Part 8 (Public Consultation Schemes)**  Developments by a Local Authority are subject to a public consultation process as set out in the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2015. This procedure requires that notice of the proposed development be given in the public press and that a site notice be erected. On completion of the display period and if any submissions or observations are received, a report is presented to the members of the Council. This report contains a list of the submissions along with a summary of the points made by them and the Local Authority's response.  Arising from consideration of the representations, the report sets out whether or not it is proposed to proceed as originally planned or to proceed with a modified proposal.  Development by a Local Authority: 'Part VIII Process'  From time to time the Local Authority may carry out development within its  Administrative area, such as the construction of houses, roads, swimming pools, public toilets etc.  Development carried out by a Local Authority is often referred to as a 'Part 8’: - this is reference to Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 which sets out the procedure for carrying out such developments.  Public consultation is an intrinsic part of the 'Part 8' process. This is achieved by public notices, public display of the proposal, observations by members of the public, reportage on observations received and a recommendation that considers all internal and public observations. The consultation may extend to advisory consultation meetings with local community and interest groups dependant on the particular circumstances and impact of the proposal, though such meetings are not proscribed under the legislation. The primary purpose of the process is to notify the public of the proposal and incorporate any observations validly submitted into a report to inform the Council on its decision to recommend the proposal.  Comments and observations on Proposed Developments by a Local Authority can only be received in writing between certain dates. The public notices should be referred to in this regard to ascertain the final date of receipt for observations.  Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act 2000 refers to requirements in respect of specified development by, on behalf of, or in partnership with Local Authorities. Part 8 applications are generally lodged by the proposing department within the Council. Article 80 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 sets out a list of the types of development prescribed for the purposes of the act.  The process is as follows:  Public Notices of the proposed development must be placed in an approved newspaper. A site notice (or notices) must be erected on the land on which the proposed development is situated – Article 81(1)(a)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 provides guidance on the requirements.  The application, which must be submitted on the same date as the Newspaper notice, must include a cover letter / report, a copy of the newspaper and site notice and public display of the proposal in a designated public area accessible to the public during normal office hours – normally County Hall. Drawings can be made available to the public on request.  There is no fee payable on a Part 8 application.  The application is referred to internal works Departments in the County Council – (Roads, Water, Drainage).  In the case of protected structures, the application is referred to the Conservation Section, An Taisce, DEHLG and the Heritage Council.  The timeframe for third party Observations/Submissions on the Part 8 application is eight weeks from the date of lodgement. This date is specified in the public notices.  There is no fee charged for observations/submissions on a Part 8.  The proposing Department completes a report for the attention of the Executive Manager of the Planning Department. The Executive Manager will make a recommendation to the proposing department on foot of this report.  A report will then be compiled for a meeting of the Council. Following consideration of this report by the Council, the proposed development may be recommended, unless the local authority, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the development, otherwise than as recommended in the report, or decides not to proceed with the development’ – as per Section 179(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.  For a Part 8 application the period for observations/submissions is 8 weeks.  There are 5 weeks allowed for a planning application submitted by private Individuals / companies under the standard planning process.  The making of a decision on a Part 8 application is a reserved function of Council, while a standard planning application is determined by the Planning Department as an executive function.  *The above is a summary of the Part 8 requirement for consultation. It is intended for guidance only. The Planning Acts set out the requirements in full.* |

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| **Wording of Site Notice/Public Notice** | **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**  **SITE NOTICE/PUBLIC NOTICE**  **Notice Under Planning and Development Act 2000 to 2016**  **Public Consultation Procedure & under Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2016**  Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Notice is hereby given of the proposal to construct the following scheme **by South Dublin County Council**:  A new Energy Centre on a site at the junction of Airton Road and Belgard Road to provide for a future district heating distribution network for the South Dublin District Heating scheme Tallaght, Dublin 24.  The development will consist of:  A new two storey Energy Centre building containing plant-rooms, office and welfare facilities, comprising an internal floor area of c.491sq2 incorporating an ESB substation. The site will be accessed using the existing vehicular entrance off Airton Road. The works also include 2No cylinder water tanks located to the west of the main centre both of which extend to c.5m diameter, and c.8m above FFL and 2No parking spaces for service vehicles along with general landscaping and site works. The preferred routes for Phase 1 of the underground distribution network of the South Dublin District Heating scheme is also set out in this proposal.  Plans and particulars of the proposed scheme will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during the period from 19th October to 30th Novemberat: **South Dublin County Council,** **County Hall, Tallaght**, Dublin 24 (between the hours of 9:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am - 4.30pm on Friday) The plans and particulars can be viewed on South Dublin County Council’s website – [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) and the Public Consultation Portal <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>*.* Written submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the developments would be situated, may be made in writing to arrive no later than 4.30pm on 30th November 2018 to:  Senior Executive Officer of Land use Planning and Transportation,  South Dublin County Council  County Hall  Tallaght  Dublin 24  *Or*  Online at <https://consult.sdublincoco.ie> up to midnight on November 30th, 2018  It should be noted that the Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by South Dublin County Council.  *All advertised information, maps and drawings in relation to South Dublin County Council is available on our website 24 hours a day seven day a week.*  *Visit www.southdublin.ie for all your information needs* |

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| **Context and Project Description** | Ireland has legal obligations and binding targets in terms of limiting Greenhouse Gas emissions and expanding the development of renewable energy as part of the EU’s energy and climate package to 2020 and 2030. South Dublin County Council is fully committed to meeting its target of 30% reduction by 2020. The Council has a Sustainable Energy Action Plan, and Energy masterplans in position for Clonburris and Grange Castle Business Park. The County Development Plan has clear policies on renewable energy and use of waste heat.  Growing penetration of Wind-powered energy has meant that the majority of problematic emissions now arise from agriculture, transport and buildings. For large urban authorities like South Dublin, decarbonising transport and buildings has become the focus. For buildings, the vast majority of energy consumption and associated emissions comes from the provision of space heating and hot water.  District-heating is an important potential response to integrating renewable sources, lowering carbon and reducing heat costs. New-generation district-heating systems allow the integration of different sources of heat- co-generation, renewable and waste-heat into flexible smart-energy systems which link energy production and consumption creating resilience and value while reducing emissions. This enables urban areas to make better use of low-cost, low-carbon resources, increases security of supply, lowers heating costs transitions to a sustainable energy system.  In pursuing these objectives SDCC is a partner in the Inter-Reg NWE “Heatnet” project as one of 5 municipalities funded to develop a pilot 4G (fourth generation) district-heating network. A large scale source of waste-heat may be available from a new data-centre to be developed on Belgard Road (subject to Planning and all other statutory approvals).  The viability of the project is dependent on the waste-heat component being made available at no charge by the Data-company, a critical mass of end users being signed up and sufficient grant aid being made available to mitigate the start-up costs.  The location of the proposed Energy Centre is on the junction of Belgard Road and Airton Road, on the site of the old Jacobs Social Centre. As part of the agreement with the Data Centre, the site for the Energy Centre will be leased to SDCC.  Heat-mapping already carried out by SDCC under the South Dublin Spatial Energy Demand Analysis has identified Tallaght as having heat-demand densities that will support the viable development of District-heating.  Although the proposed project is an energy supply project, the benefits go far beyond the energy sector. Most of the benefits are direct and quantitative, like energy and GHG reductions, reduced energy costs and increased local employment, but many are in-direct and qualitative like increased comfort and knowledge.   * It will be the first 4G district heating network in Ireland contracting low-cost, low-carbon heat based on a renewable energy source. * It will enable the first data-centre in Ireland to collect its waste-heat, improve its environmental efficiency and footprint and input to a DH network. * It will be an important tool in helping SDCC achieve its 2020 and 2030 international targets. ( 55% reduction in carbon created in County Hall complex) * It will consolidate the growing brand of South Dublin and Tallaght as centres of innovation in Smart-energy and sustainable community development attracting more business investment and job-creation.   The proposed Energy centre will in due course result in the provision of heating to a wide range of public and private buildings and facilities in the surrounding area. The preferred routes for Phase 01 of these works are indicated on the attached Part 8 Sheets. Set out below is potential future connections to the proposed Heating System. |

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| **History** | The site was greenfield up to the 1930s when development began. See historical map attached. With the development of the adjoining site as a Jacobs Biscuit facory, the subject site accomodated the Jacobs social club. In more recent times, the site has formed part of the ADSIL site, and currently the out of use social club sits on the subject site. A recently permited Planning Application for the ADSIL site, included the subject site, and established permission to remove the social club building, and relocate the existing culvert Tymon Poddle stream with traverses the site.    Extract from 4th Edition six inch maps (1938) |
| **Development Plan** | The SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022 in its Energy chapter promotes the use of waste industrial heat, local energy partnerships and prioritises the development of low-carbon District-heating.  **ENERGY (E) Policy 5 Waste Heat Recovery & Utilisation**  It is the policy of the Council to promote the development of waste heat technologies and the utilisation and sharing of waste heat in new or extended industrial and commercial developments, where the processes associated with the primary operation on site generates waste heat.  E5 Objective 1:  To promote the development of waste heat technologies and the utilisation and sharing of waste heat, in new or extended industrial and commercial developments, where the processes associated with the primary operation on site generates waste heat.  E5 Objective 2:  To promote the development of local energy partnerships among businesses in the County.  E5 Objective 3:  To promote increased energy self-sufficiency across business sectors.  **ENERGY (E) Policy 6 Low Carbon District Heating Networks**  (a) It is the policy of the Council to support the development of low carbon district heating networks across the County based on technologies such as combined heat and power (CHP), large scale heat pumps, and renewable energy opportunities including geothermal energy, energy from waste, biomass and bio-gas.  (b) It is the policy of the Council to support the development of both deep and shallow geothermal energy sources throughout the County. Deep geothermal projects are particularly suited to areas demonstrating high heat densities.  E6 Objective 1:  To prioritise the development of low carbon district heating networks in Low Carbon District Heating Areas of Potential.  E6 Objective 2:  To future proof the built environment in Low Carbon District Heating Areas of Potential to aid the future realisation of local energy networks and a move towards de-centralised energy systems.  E6 Objective 3:  To ensure that all development proposals in Low Carbon District Heating Areas of Potential carry out an Energy Analysis and explore the potential for the development of low carbon district heating networks.  E6 Objective 4:  To support deep and shallow geothermal projects at appropriate locations across South Dublin County and in accordance with the South Dublin Spatial Energy Demand Analysis (SEDA).        Extract from theDevelopment Plan2016-2022  Shows the land zoned as: REGEN  To facilitate enterprise and/or residential led regeneration |
| **Adjoining uses** | The site next door is used as a Data Centre for Amazon. It is proposed that the waste heat from this data centre will provide the energy for the district heating network. There is a large vacant site across the Belgard Road, which is identified in the SDCC for large scale new residential use. |
| **Site Conditions** | The site is a brownfield site, containing the old Jacobs factory social centre. This is a single story building which is a state of poor repair. It is proposed to demolish the building to make room for the new energy centre.    Aerial view showing brownfield site |
| **Constraints and Utilities** | There are a large number of services in the Belgard Road and Airton Road, including Water, Mains Drainage ESB, Fibre Optic data and Gas.  A substantial 1050mm pipe which culverts the Tymon Poddle stream traverses the site. Permitted development for a new data centre, and associated works on lands to the north, includes for the relocation of the culvert pipe through the subject site.  The permitted culverted route is set out on Sheet 01 of the Part 8. |
| **Access and Parking** | Access to the site will be by means of the existing vehicular entrance off the Airton Road. |
| **Proposed Design** | The proposed Energy Centre is primarily a Plant facility, which will house the equipment to consolidate, store and distribute heating and cooling to the neighbouring areas. The centre also includes support facilities such as a small meeting room/ office and staff toilets.  The building has been designed to ensure future expansion of the heating scheme can be facilitated from this new energy centre. The architectural design comprises a coloured sheet metal box, which sits on a concrete plinth. The use of green metal shingles (or similar) will provide a distinctive quality to the building. The nature of the facility as a public amenity, has created the opportunity to create a feature building on this high profile corner- at the Belgard Road/ Airton Road junction. The centre extends to 491m2. The robust concrete finish to the plinth block, with more delicate sheet metal above, will provide durable and suitable finishes for the maintenance and upkeep of this facility. The overall height of the facility will vary between 6m and 9m.  This first phase of the District Heating Scheme will also include an underground pipe connection between the Energy-Centre and the County Hall. This will form a trunk- main with potential for connections to upcoming residential developments, the Institute of Technology Tallaght and other public/ commercial buildings over time. The pipe will comprise 225mm- 300mm diameter insulated pipework, and be located at a minimum depth of 600mm below ground level.    To the East of the site- 2No. Water tanks of c. 5m diameter x 10m height are proposed. These have been provided at plenum level (1.2m below Ground Floor FFL) resulting in a height of 8.8m above FFL. A steel frame is proposed around the tanks, which will act as a trellis, to provide screen planting to the 2No. Tanks.  The preferred route for the distribution pipes to Phase 01 are indicated below- along with a number of potential variations are also indicated. |
| **Materials** | The Proposed building will be a simple pallette of concrete plinth and sheet metal cladding. Trellis planters will be provided to the water tanks and high quality landscaping to be provided to tanks.    Dark grey steel grille/ frame to act as planted trellis.    Plinth to wrap around Steel doors and picture window to Belgard road.    Burmed landscaping to perimeter of Energy Centre- Boundary walls in keeping with new adjoining data centre  Shingle sheet metal, with punctured openings to Belgard road. |

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| **Environmental Screening** | The preliminary process of environmental screening has been completed and the reports are submitted with this document. The raising of the temperature of the waste-heat to levels suitable for distribution will be carried out using electric heat-pumps so no emissions will be involved. The use of the heat-pumps to raise the water-temperature defines the waste-heat as a renewable source for EU categorisation definitions. Industrial Waste-heat treated in this way is categorised as a renewable energy source.  Please refer to the Appropriate and Environmental Screening Assessments by Minogue Associates as well SDCC signed determinations, which are submitted with this Report. |
| **Part 8 Submissions**  **& Commentary** | **Council Departments**  All comments received from other Council Sections incorporated in design process prior to display- no comments received during consultation process.  **Public Submissions**  Only one public submission was made by Tallaght Community Council . They offered a general welcome to the project but recommended that it be subject to an international design competition . Due to timetable issues with EU Inter-reg, the data-centre programme, cost implications and the essential nature of this building as a plant room for heat-pumps this recommendation cannot be acceded to.  **Screening Reports**  Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and  EIAR Screenings carried out and results incorporated into design.  **Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening**  Following an examination, analysis and evaluation of the objective information provided in the “*Screening Statement in support of Appropriate Assessment of District Heating Centre and associated works*” prepared by Doherty Environmental, South Dublin County Council, as the Competent Authority determines that the proposed South Dublin District Heating Pilot Project, will not have a significant negative effect on European Sites and will not negatively affect their conservation objectives or integrity. The principal reasons supporting this determination include:   * During the Screening of the proposed project it was found that eleven European Sites occur within a 15km radius of the project site. The nearest European Site to the project site, Glenasmole Valley SAC, is located at a remote distance from the project site, approximately 3.4km to the south. * All of these European Sites (and their associated qualifying features of interest/special conservation interests) are not connected to the project area via impact pathways and are located outside the zone of influence of all activities associated with the proposed project. No impact pathways were identified linking the wider project area to these surrounding European Sites.   Therefore a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the project either alone or in combination with other plans & projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its conservation objectives.  **EIAR Screenings**;  On the basis of the objective information provided in the “*Environmental Impact Assessment Screening report for the proposed District Heating Centre and associated works*” (the Screening Report) prepared by Minogue and Associates, South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority determines that the proposed, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require an EIA.  It is considered that the Screening Report, has been carried out giving full consideration to the EIA Directive and in particular to Annex I, II and III of that Directive, which sets out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA.  It is further considered that the Screening Report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on the environment. Having regard to the foregoing and in particular the characteristics of the proposed development are considered potentially not significant due to the size, scale and location of the development, the characteristics and sensitivities of the receiving environmental and design and mitigation measures including:   * A detailed Best Practice Construction Approach; * Measures to avoid discharges to the River Poddle watercourse; and * A Demolition Waste Management Plan.   It is considered that the environmental effects arising from the project will generally be temporary, localised, and minor in nature.  That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the EIA Screening Report, prepared by Minogue and Associates, makes a determination that the proposed South Dublin District Heating Pilot Project would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment as recommended by the foregoing report by the County Architect.  **County Architect**  Recommend that in light of the above, Part 8 be approved as presented. |
| **Drawings.** | Sheet 01- Site Location Map and Site Plan showing Constraints ,  Sheet 02- Proposed GA Plans and Sections  Sheet 03- Proposed Elevations, materials and artists impression. |

**Eddie Conroy FRIAI, County Architect**

**Date:** 3rd December, 2018

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Murphy and R. McMahon.

### Mr. E. Conroy, County Architect responded to the Members queries.

The reports were **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien and **RESOLVED:**

“That the **Part 8** Energy Centre be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H17/1218 PART 8 SPINE ROAD GRANGE CASTLE WEST**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development were **CONSIDERED:**

### [HI 17 a) Part 8 Report Grange Castle West Access Road](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62029)

### [HI 17 b) Part 8 Overall Layout](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62030)

### [HI 17 c) Original Ad 5th October 2018](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=62031)

The reports were **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon and **RESOLVED:**

“That the **Part 8** Spine Road Grange Castle West be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H18/1218 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FROM PETER MC VERRY TRUST, FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION AND CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development and were **CONSIDERED:**

Pursuant to Circular Housing 30/2017, the Council has been given delegated sanction by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to approve the acquisition of properties under the Capital Assistance Scheme without the prior approval of the Department.

Proposals for acquisitions were received from Peter McVerry Trust, Focus Housing Association CLG and Circle Voluntary Housing Association to acquire three housing units under the Capital Assistance Scheme. These proposals for acquisitions are in line with unit ceiling costs and will address priority need housing in accordance with the Capital Assistance Scheme. These organisations are Approved Housing Bodies under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1992 and are signed up to the Voluntary Regulatory Code for Approved Housing Bodies in Ireland.  The Council has used the delegated sanction per Circular Housing 30/2017 to approve these acquisitions as listed below subject to compliance with the terms of that Circular with particular regard to verifying housing need, providing independent valuations, working within the acquisition ceilings and establishing deliverability.

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| **No of Units** | **Unit Type** | **CAS Grant** | **Location** |
| 1 | 2 Bed Apartment | 240,000 | Rosse Court, Lucan |
| 1 | 1 Bed Apartment | 202,000 | Westgate, Tallaght |
| 1 | 3 bed House | 260,000 | Maplewood, Tallaght |
|  |  | **€702,000** |  |

Under Section 6(8) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1992 the granting of assistance under the Capital Assistance Scheme is a reserved function of the Council and is subject to the approval of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Accordingly, the following motion is required:

“That this Council recommends that the application for a grant in the sum of €702,000 under the Capital Assistance Scheme to Peter McVerry Trust, Focus Housing Association CLG and Circle Voluntary Housing Association respectively for the acquisition of three properties in the Tallaght and Lucan areas or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992 be approved”.

The reports were **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor D. O’Brien and **RESOLVED:**

“That this Council recommends that the application for a grant in the sum of €702,000 under the Capital Assistance Scheme to Peter McVerry Trust, Focus Housing Association CLG and Circle Voluntary Housing Association respectively for the acquisition of three properties in the Tallaght and Lucan areas or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

**Correspondence - Noted**

### **C1/1218** CVSP 8 / 2018 – PPN’s and the Engagement in the Political Process

### **C2/1218** Circular pl11/2018 Elected Members Waived Fee

Planning & Development (fees) regulations 2018 (s.i 501 of 2018)

**Moved Without Debate**

### **M1/1218 MAYORS BUSINESS - PERIOD POVERTY**

### It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor S. Holland and **MOVED** without debate:

South Dublin Council recognises that period poverty is a very real issue for women in low income households and are committed to breaking down the stigma and tackling period poverty. This Council instructs the Chief Executive to have free sanitary products available in the toilets of County Hall as a pilot project and to engage with the students of the National College of Art and Design who are currently developing a sanitary product vending machine**.**

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed, existing pilot schemes will be examined and a proposal for Members to consider will be made.

### **M2/1218 MAYORS BUSINESS -** **Athletics**

### It was proposed by Councillor M. Ward, seconded by Councillor V. Casserly and **MOVED** without debate:

This Council calls on the Chief Executive to introduce a programme of runs similar to Dublin Cities 5 Alive Challenge.  This Challenge encourages people to take up regular exercise, or supports those who have taken up jogging and needs a push to keep going,

**REPORT:**

South Dublin County Council’s Sports Office and the South Dublin County Sports Partnership currently offer a wide variety of athletic opportunities in the County:

Four weekly Parkruns are delivered each Saturday morning averaging over 500 participants in total as follows:

* Waterstown Parkrun 80-100 participants weekly
* Tymon Parkrun 120 participants weekly
* Corkagh Parkrun has 150 participants weekly
* Griffeen Parkrun has 150 participants weekly

There is also a junior Parkrun in Griffeen Park on Saturday mornings that attracts between 120 and 150 junior runners each week.

Operation Transformation partnered with Parkrun last year to widen the opportunities for people to train and run within their local area.  Last year twenty-four groups signed up with the South Dublin County Sports Partnership to avail of funding to deliver walking / running groups locally to follow the "Couch to 5k" programme offered via the operation transformation programme. This initiative engaged more than 800 people in exercise at a local level and 332 people also registered locally to participate in the 5km walk which launches the operation transformation programme.  Expressions of interest have been requested from community groups for the January 2019 programme.

The Council’s Sports Office also delivers two very successful athletic programmes through the year.

* The “primary schools cross country programme” catered for 3,500 children participating each month from February through to May.
* "Marathon Kids" provides an eight-week athletics programme for primary school for children to complete the marathon distance within that period and 1,592 children completed the final stage of the 2018 in Santry stadium on 14th November

South Dublin County Sports Partnership also delivers the “Daily Mile Challenge” which has 2,500 children registered as running a mile every day.

2018 also saw the inaugural “South Dublin 10km” event taking place in the Clondalkin / Grange Castle area as part of the Dublin Race Series in addition to the second hosting of the Gaelforce event in Tallaght.

As outlined above there are a wide range of opportunities and supports for residents of the County to participate in running programmes at various levels but local athletic groups and organisations that are interested in facilitating a programme similar to the programme referred to in the Motion are welcome to apply for support and funding through the Council's Health & Wellbeing/Healthy County programmes during 2019.

### **M6/1218 BROADCAST WATERSHED**

### It was proposed by Councillor S. Holland, seconded by Councillor M. Ward and **MOVED** without debate**:**

That this Council calls on the BAI to extend the broadcast watershed from 6pm to 9pm for High Fat, Salt Sugar food & drink advertisements on television and radio to protect children from exposure to junk food marketing

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed, a letter will issue to the relevant Minister and when a reply is received, it will be issued to the Members.

### **M10/1218 MAGDALENE LAUNDRY SITE**

### **It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor M. Ward and moved without debate:**

That South Dublin County Council asks that Dublin City Council and the Taoiseach provide a state museum and Healing Garden for those who endured the State and Church run institutions at the last remaining state owned Magdalene Laundry in Sean McDermott Street and that both ensure that the site remains in State ownership.  It should, in an inclusive manner, mark and act as a place of healing for all those affected by institutional abuse.

We commit to writing to the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council and the Taoiseach echoing the sentiments of this motion.

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed, a letter will issue to the relevant Minister and when a reply is received, it will be issued to the Members.

### **M15/1218 STANDING4WOMEN CAMPAIGN**

### It was proposed by Councillor Emma Hendrick and seconded by Councillor M. Ward and **MOVED** without debate

That this Council noting the recent Cervical Check Scandal, calls upon the Minister for Health and An Taoiseach to acknowledge, support and respond in detail to the demands of the Standing4Women\* campaign. These include:  
Legislation and policy on mandatory open disclosure \*independent of the patient safety bill\*, Provision of a start and end date and full disclosure on the 1800 smears yet to be audited, and a breakdown of the new packages being negotiated with laboratories carrying out smear slide analysis including mandatory site audits.

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed, a letter will issue to the relevant Minister and when a reply is received, it will be issued to the Members.

**EM1/1218 EMERGENCY MOTION**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 15 (5) pf Standing Orders the Maor, Councillor M. Ward, proposed and the Members AGREED to deal with an Emergency Motion in the names of Councillors M. Murphy, K. Mahon and B. Leech and seconded by Councillor M. Ward.

This Council is aware that homeless service users in transitional housing, managed by Tuath Housing, at Tallaght Cross are being issued with Notices To Quit and are being pursued through the Residential Tenancy Board.

We call on SDCC to seek confirmation in writing from the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government Eoghan Murphy that people in transitional housing will not be pursued through the RTB, and that any existing actions involving the RTB and residents at Tuath Housing’s Tallaght Cross units will be withdrawn.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

Meeting Finished @ 7:00pm

**Business Not Reached**

### **(M3) SCHOOL PROPAGATION PROGRAMMES**

### **It was proposed by Councillor R. Nolan**

This Council calls on the Chief Executive to support schools and supply materials to schools who are prepared to organise a propagation programme for children.

### **(M4) LOCAL POLICING FORUMS**

### **It was proposed by Councillor P. Donovan**

That this Council recognizes the work of Local Policing Forums in serving our Communities and seeks to establish such policing forums across all remaining Area Committees in our County

### **(M5) PUBLIC DRINKING WATER FOUNTAINS**

### **It was proposed by Councillor M. Johansson**

That this Council, acknowledging the devastating effect of plastic bottles on the environment and the urgent need to tackle plastic pollution,  provide free public drinking water fountains in selected locations (to be discussed and agreed at local Area Committee Meetings) across the county for the public.

### **(M7) PET FARM**

### **It was proposed by** **Councillor P. Gogarty**

That the Chief Executive report on its formal plans for the management and upgrade of pet farms in the county on lands owned or maintained by this local authority and in particular outlines how the welfare of the animals under its care will be improved going into the future or whether the animals will be sent to animal shelters; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

### **(M8) PROVISION OF CHANGING PLACES FACILITIES**

### **It was proposed by Councillor K. Egan and V. Casserly**

<https://changingplaces.ie/build-changing-places/>

To call on the Chief Executive, following recent budget approval from the overseas training budget, to allocate funds and install Changing Places Facilities as per guidelines of Inclusion Ireland in Civic Offices Clondalkin, Clondalkin Leisure Centre, Tallaght Stadium and Ballyroan Library with the surplus funds being utilized by the Disability Consultative Forum to carry out an accessibility study on all council managed buildings to ensure we are compliant and functional for all in our community.

\*\*We acknowledge changing places is a step beyond current building regulations, however it is progressive, and offers our community dignity and freedom to participate fully in society.

### **(M9) SCRAMBLERS**

### **It was proposed by Councillor C. O'Connor**

That this South Dublin County Council calls on Charlie Flanagan TD Minister for Justice & Equality to confirm to the Council his plans, including new legislation,  to tackle the menace of Scramblers, asking the Minister to appreciate that this is now a serious issue of concern to many communities.

### **(M11) IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**

### **It was proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole**

That this Council requests the Chief Executive to look at ways in which this Council could hire an Irish Sign Language Interpreter. An interpreter could in turn teach volunteers within the community. Trained volunteers could then assist groups, organisations, sports clubs etc. in the many events we have within our community ‘too many to name’. We ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on this and to make comment on the proposal.

### **(M12) DOG POUND**

### **It was proposed by Councillor B. Leech**

That this Council calls on the government to fund and construct a publicly owned dedicated dog pound to service the four local authority areas.

2018 15 inspections have been carried out.

### **(M13) VARIATION TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

### **It was proposed by Councillors B. Lawlor, Councillor E. Higgins and Councillor T. Gilligan**

That members directs the Council to initiate a variation to the Development Plan to alter the zoning matrix for the RW (Retail Warehouse) zoning by making ‘Shop Neighbourhood’ open for consideration and by the insertion of ‘Specialist Forms of Retailing’ as open for consideration.

### **(M14) TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2014-2018**

### **It was proposed by Councillor G. O'Connell**

That this Council recognising the excellent track record of this Council in the provision of Traveller Accommodation, requests that the Chief Executive present a report on the operation of the TAP (Traveller Accommodation Programme) including progress to date and the new National Guidelines in relation to TAP and that a discussion take place on how effective and relevant the current approach is, given that work on the next TAP is about to commence so as to prepare a draft during the remaining lifetime of this Council to be signed off by the incoming Council in September 2019.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

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