**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÃTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Social and Community Strategic Policy Committee**

**held at 6pm on**

**14th November 2018**

**in the 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.