

## March Council Management Report

### Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Mar

## Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

- Corporate Policy Group meeting held 4th March, Council Meeting held 11th, OP&F held 21st March.
- Calendar for May to June agreed at OP&F with alterations made due to the local elections including no Area Committee meetings between May-August.
- Standing Orders reviewed and amendments agreed
- Members Reps report for Jan – Feb shows 65% increase in Members reps submitted and a commensurate 65% improvement in performance of responses and a decrease in the average number of days from 34 to 24 days.
- Election preparations ongoing re staffing, printing of ballot paper, liaison with County Sherriff, briefing to Councillors given at OP&F, IT requirements agreed.
- New Area Committee structures agreed. Required due to changes in the local electoral areas.
- Preparations ongoing for new council including Induction and Training programme and provision of IT and office facilities.
- Mayor's Initiative Conference on Housing & Homelessness on 24th April in the Green Isle Hotel

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

- Procurement Plan Review of Implementation in 2018 completed
- Procurement Compliance Checks report completed
- Audit Committee Chair reported to the March Council Meeting on the Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2018.
- The Annual Financial Statement for 2018 is being finalised with a view to have it submitted on Friday the 29th March 2019, to the Department of Housing Planning & Local Government as is required.
- We have received a copy of the Statutory Instrument providing for the global valuation of Irish Water for Rates purposes.
- The Rate collection is being monitored closely and is showing favourable trends for 2019. Rate Collection is at 21.14% compared with 17.88% this time last year.
- The Council continues to liaise with the Valuation Office in relation to outstanding Tribunal appeals.

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

- Internal network replacement – work completed successfully. Project closure being pursued.
- Office 365 Pilot advanced within the ICT Department. General roll out has begun.
- Integrated Housing System – Local hosting being pursued. Continued support being given and dataload workshops being pursued.
- Work on the Council's ICT Security Audit continues.
- Disaster recovery and business continuity planning progressing.
- Latest 2018 Orthophotography deployed to Council mapping sites
- Vacant Sites system development – UAT continues.
- Regional voter.ie project advanced and support being provided as necessary.
- New property GIS deployed and in testing.
- eRecruitment – Go live expected during April 2019 with pilot project.
- Intranet revamp. Begin of hand over to communications unit.
- Internet redesign – Nearing completion. Expect delivery early Q2.

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

- 2018 Annual Report to April Council meeting for approval.
- Planning for the 25 years celebrations underway.
- Communication Manger presented MyDoorstep to the NOAC Good Practice Conference.
- Consultation Portal: 1. Proposed Development of 74 units at Griffeen Avenue, 2. #Councils4Climate Action-Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 3. Proposed Social Housing Developments at 37 Greenfort Gardens, Clondalkin 4. Proposed Material alteration to Variation No.3 Ballymount/Naas Road 5. Draft Road Traffic (Periodic Special Speed Limit) Amendment Bye Law 2019

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

• Staff Health Screening is underway • Quarter 1 Workforce Planning meetings held with each department, the senior management team and the trade unions • 3 Lean Six Sigma projects approved by the Steering Group and now in analysis stage • Recruitment ongoing

## Housing, Social & Community Development

### Objective 1 : Put in place a three year programme to supply social housing in the context of the Social Housing Strategy 2020

• Social Housing Construction programme progressing with: 112 homes to be delivered in 2019: Killinarden (9-complete); Owendoher (40) and St. Cuthberts (63). Tender documents being prepared for Riversdale (44 homes), Homeville 16, St. Catherine's (13) and Templeogue (11). Part 8 reports for housing developments at Balgaddy (74) and Greenfort "Coffee Shop" (2) to go to April Council meeting. (234 submissions received in respect of Balgaddy, none for Greenfort). Plans being prepared for Part 8 Public Consultation for Stocking Lane (52 homes), "Eircom" site/Nangor Road (92), Ballycullen (31) and St. Mark's Avenue (32) after proposals for each were being presented at ACMS. • Projected delivery of 332 homes in 2019 through Part V, AHBs, CAS, CALF, Leasing and acquisitions. • DHPLG Target of 1,705 homes for 2019 delivery through Build, Acquisition, Leasing and Rental delivery streams by SDCC. This is 42% above our projected delivery figure of 1,204 homes, 38% above our 2018 output and 33% above of 2018 targets from DHPLG: Build: 435 homes (25% above our 2019 projections); Acquisition: 76 homes (65% above 2019 projections); Leasing: 140 homes (180% above 2019 projections); RAS/HAP (\*excluding Homeless HAP): 1,053 homes (39% above 2019 projections). • Master-planning progressing for larger sites at Rathcoole, Killinarden, St. Maelruan's and Clonburris; Draft for Rathcoole nearing completion. Kilcarberry Integrated Housing Project: revisions to housing densities and design work ongoing to prepare submission to ABP – now scheduled for late April. • Contracts signed and works commencing for Corkagh Grange delivery of 109 social homes under the PPP bundle. • 7,215 (up 9) on Housing List and 620 (down 4) on Homeless Register at end February. • Reviewing options and proposals for supported homeless facilities in the County in conjunction with DRHE and DHPLG. • Discussions with RTB to examine data sharing around various HAP related tenancy issues. • 2,652 active Housing Assistance Payment tenancies as at end February including 70 new tenancies established this year. • Roll out of new online inspections survey application commenced January 2019 with all inspectors using the same online application linked to ARC GIS mapping and with real time data. 2019 target of 2,402 properties for inspection. 205 inspections carried up to end February by EHOs and CoWs. External contractor commencing imminently. • Tender being prepared for accelerated planned maintenance programme. • Project team work on delivery of Housing Integrated System ongoing: Project board meeting held last week to review progress; Data Protection Impact Assessment to be carried out; Housing staff briefings being held this week. • Traveller Accommodation: Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2023 being prepared to go to public consultation at start of April; Legal proceedings being prepared for illegal encampments at Balgaddy. • No 2019 allocation from DHPLG for Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme to date but 48 applications received in 2019 to end Feb. • Rent arrears at €8.034m (down 150k) at end February. • Affordable Housing Scheme of Priorities to be submitted to be prepared and submitted to DHPLG.

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

• Awareness campaign and leafleting ongoing for Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy. • Integration Strategy adopted at March Council meeting – document being designed for official launch. • Balgaddy estate management initiatives ongoing including: Meeting with residents to establish representative Residents' Association; Balgaddy Community Arts Project going on display in Rua Red; Ongoing priority for maintenance Issues; Community facility proposal being examined for Part 8; Area clean ups undertaken by Public Realm; Installation of additional CCTV Camera. • 2019 work plan for under Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme agreed by LCDC in December. • Most recent South Dublin Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) meeting covered the following: Healthy Ireland projects (to be completed by June 2019); Homeless Research Project (Many Hearts, No Homes, Voices from the Frontline of Homelessness' which was launch in County library on 29th March); Three-year Children's and Young Peoples Plan to be finalised at facilitated session on 12th April. • Football participation initiative at Clondalkin Leisure Centre continuing for residents in Clondalkin Direct Provision accommodation in partnership with St. Patrick's Athletic F.C. • Social Inclusion team hosted arts competition and awareness events in association with European Action Week

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

• Healthy County Committee meeting held on 20th Feb covering: LCD/CYPSC South Dublin Health Strategy; TCD Physical Activity research reports (community/workplace); Proposed initiatives for Health and Wellbeing Week (9th-16th Sept) on Physical Activity, Alcohol Misuse and Mental Health. SDCC inter-departmental planning group to be established; Next meeting scheduled for 24th April. • MeDex project won Best Community Health Initiative 2019 All Ireland Community and Council Awards. • Drug and Alcohol Task Forces: Tallaght: The Evaluation of the Community Action on Alcohol Programme (CAAP) took place on Tuesday February 26th at Tallaght Library; Pilot Social Prescribing Project ongoing at two GP practices in Tallaght area; Community Health Anti-Smoking We Can Quit 12 Week Programme began in Tallaght on February 12th with a further course beginning in Clondalkin in March. • Sports Partnership: Coach/Leader training ongoing covering: □ Safeguarding/ Child Protection-additional session on March 27th due to demand; □ First Aid – delivered on 8th March in Collinstown; □ Sports Leadership (TYs) – ongoing programme with TYs in 8 schools; □ Sports Seminars – in partnership with TU Dublin (Tallaght), Thurs 21 March – Concussion Awareness and Management; □ Disability - Autism Awareness training for Leisure Ctr staff (2 x 20 people) and Disability Awareness for TYs. Schools: □ Indoor Rowing programmes in 10 secondary schools with 1,000 children accessing the programme; □ Primary schools – multi sports programmes continuing in 10 DEIS schools in West Tallaght and North Clondalkin as well as targeted athletics and FMS programmes in Balgaddy and Quarryvale. Community: □ Operation Transformation programme now complete; □ Parkrun/ Parkwalk ongoing with over 700 weekly participants across 4 local parkruns; □ Free indoor walking programme with tutors offered in Rua Red, Fettercairn CC, Jobstown CC, Firhouse CC with more centres planned; □ Physical Activity programme with Psychiatric Unit in Tallaght Hospital is continuing and new programmes starting with Tallaght Rehab, Heads Up and Beacon of Light (all working with at-risk males). • Sportivate South Dublin 2018/19 programme ongoing. • 2019 children's cross-country programme ongoing, remaining dates as follows: Griffeen - 3rd April, Clondalkin - 4th April, Fettercairn - 10th April and Tymon - 11th April. Finals Day - Corkagh Park 16th May 2019. • Carbon Monoxide Alarms scheme fully subscribed for 2018 (580 households) with works for installations ongoing with 160 completed to date and due for completion in April. • Home Security (Locks) scheme 2018 installations ongoing with 902 locks completed to date and installation programme finishing imminently. • Re-run of main tender process for Lucan swimming pool complete and specialist associated tenders now commenced. • Assessment undertaken of works necessary to address issues at Tallaght and Clondalkin pools. • Council supported applications for Sports Capital Grants have been submitted to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport for: Lucan Athletics Club Phase 2, Greenhills Bowling clubhouse extension, Cricket Pitch Mower and Choláiste Chillian AWP Clondalkin

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

• Local Community Development Committee: Next meeting scheduled for 10th April; All Community Enhancement Funding now paid out; Healthy Ireland Funding extended until June 2019. • LEADER: Next LEADER LAG meeting scheduled for 10th April; LEADER promotional and pipeline animation programme approved by LAG Monitoring Group at its February meeting; LEADER 25 year celebration postponed until later this year. • Community Grants and Community Infrastructure Fund timetable discussed at February SPC. Grant information workshops ongoing with closing date of 4th April for receipt of applications. Community Grants to go to May Council meeting for approval with CIF to go July meeting. • Community centres: Deposit paid for purchase of St Mary's Old Primary School, Saggart for use as community centre; ETB, Foroige, SD County Partnership, Tallaght Travellers CDP, committed to supporting board to take responsibility for management of Brookfield Community Centre; Scoping of existing and future community facility needs in Balgaddy to inform input into housing Part 8 proposal; Agreement with EETD for Community Dept. to take responsibility for Whitechurch Library and arrangements with Web Project; Ongoing examination of potential community facility options in Newcastle. • Funding being provided to LCD/C for National Community Weekend in May with theme of reconnecting neighbours and communities – LCD/C and Social and Community SPC have agreed to incorporate this funding in events for Bealtaine festival.

## Environment, Water & Climate Change

### Objective 1: Improve the appearance of our county in the interest of economic development

Public Realm Maintenance: Improvement Works Programme for 2019 approved at the February meeting of the County

Council. Programme commenced. N81 Improvement Scheme: N81 Phase 1a) underway. Phase 1b) detailed design costed. To be sent for tender to the Framework. Tree Maintenance Programme: The tree crews are currently completing the planned programme of tree maintenance at Hillcrest estate, Lucan. Next location scheduled to commence this week is Glenfield Estate, Clondalkin. Dermot Casey Treecare is currently carrying out contract tree maintenance at Ballyroan Road. The tree crews are working in Forest Estate Kingswood. Scheduled Street Cleaning Programme: Procurement process concluded with commencement date for new contract with Oxigen. Litter Management: Environmental Awareness: Review of LMP has commenced with a view to having pre-consultation draft ready for next SPC. 143 community clean ups so far. Green schools-99primary & 37 secondary. Renewal visits booking in for flags. Environment poster competition. Tackle litter and dog fouling advert running in cinemas. Env comp winner presentation took place Tues 5th March. Eco-Week workshops went live Mon 4th March all workshops allocated. Master composter course starting 2nd April. Conscious cup campaign running again in county hall since 13th March 200 cups given out to staff. National spring clean photo call 20th March in Tallaght IT. Enforcement & Licencing: CCTVs - roving and decoy at 8 locations countywide (13 cameras). CCTV scheme for St Cuthbert's- Completed. New CCTV camera installed at Scoil Mochua, Clondalkin.

## Objective 2: Incorporate environmental sustainability in all policy-making and implementation programmes

Climate Change: Public Consultation on draft CCAP 2019-2024 closed on Monday 25th Mar 2019, 68 submissions have been received. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA: Commercial Food Waste Inspections took place week of 25/02 & 04/03 as part of national campaign (22 inspections completed so far). Household waste inspections ongoing, following complaints received. Surface Water Schemes: Upgrade to the remote monitoring of Poddle screens complete. Works in Glenmaroon, Peamount Road, SW culvert on Stocking Lane, Ballyowen Lane completed. Survey work in Templeogue Village complete, ongoing liaison with Roads in relation to scheme commencement. 2019 SW Minor works programme adopted by Council. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Poddle: Hydrology Report completed, Hydraulic Report completed. Environment work progressing EIA Scoping Report issued. Non-statutory public consultation event took place before Christmas. Whitechurch Stream: Revised Preliminary Design Options completed by the OPW Design Office and issued to RPS. RPS reviewing this and continuing with the Environmental constraints study. AA screening underway with Desktop, Otter and Archaeology Surveys completed. Structural Condition Survey also completed. Tenders for Topographical Survey placed on e-Tenders on 12/03/2019, closing date of 03/04/2019. Camac scheme gone to tender for consultants, returns deadline 01-03-19. River Basin Plans and Measures: Urban Rivers Life Project ongoing. The Water Pollution Section is currently selecting dwellings for septic tank inspections and farms for inspection in the Upper Griffeen catchment for 2019 as basic measures of the River Basin Management Plan. Target inspections for 2019 have been included in the RMCEI Plan 2019. Water Services: Repairs of leaks and bursts by Water Operations ongoing. Annual Service Plan and Budget agreed with Irish Water for 2019. Dublin Leakage Regional programme ongoing. Target for lead replacements in SDCC - 70 per week.

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

Waste Enforcement Action: Enforcement / surveillance services (Litter and Waste) continues. Continued monitoring of high level activity sites. Calendar of inspections for 2019 being prepared. The calendar will take into account trends identified in 2018. RMCEI 2018 Report and 2019 Plan submitted to the EPA. Control of Animals: Dublin Region Horse Welfare Working Group meeting held on 7th March at County Hall. 4 Horses seized. Under the Control of Dogs legislation there were 35 10 day notices issued. Air Quality: The Old Bawn permanent air monitoring station reveals very good air quality in the Tallaght area. 2019 will see the commencement of new air quality legislation which will ban the sale of high sulphur fuels anywhere in the Republic of Ireland. Environmental Health Officers will be visiting commercial premises in the area regarding the categories and volumes of fuel for sale in advance of this legislation. A nationwide advertising campaign will be put in place. Dublin Noise Action Plan: The public consultation period for South Dublin's Noise Maps and Action Plans concluded in mid-December. 19 submissions were received with the majority from the same area, Brownswood, close to the N7 near Kingswood. Submissions from Lucan and Glenview in Tallaght have also been received. Our key issues are to address any areas of noise hot spots and to also identify and public places such as parks, which would be deemed suitable to be declared quiet or relatively quiet areas in the county, by ministerial approval. Draft Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise Action Plan was presented to the Environment SPC group on 5th February and will go to the April Meeting of the Council.

#### Objective 4: Maintain and improve our parks and recreation areas to enhance our quality of life

Regional and Local Parks: Park maintenance arrangements will remain in place until Public Realm review can be implemented. Play-space Programme: Design and build construction tenders are underway for a number of sites throughout the county: Ballymount Park: Contractor appointed Bancroft Park: On site Glendown: Contractor appointed on site. Jobstown Park (large): Design complete - Tender date Mar 2019 Lucan Demesne: Contractor appointed Tymon Limekiln: Contractor appointed on site Whitechurch: On site approaching completion Willsbrook Park: On site approaching completion Perrystown: Tender stage assessment complete Greenhills: Tenders received assessment complete. Newcastle (Dept of ED site): Contractor appointed. Awaiting licence agreement from dept. Collinstown Park (large): Design complete - Tender date Feb 2019 Delaford: Delayed due to school development Old Bawn: Tender stage. Recreational and Sporting Facilities: Pavilions programme, Dept final approval received. Pre start meeting with contractor next week. Dodder Valley Mt Carmel: Phase 1: Ogham Tree trail tree completed. Phase 2: Athletics track and pitch detailed design and tender docs being completed, tender shortly. Phase 3: Playground part 8 2019. Feasibility underway. Delivery of LIHAF Funded: Airlie Park: Planning granted, tender for consultants returned and tender assessment completed. Tandy's Lane Park: Consultants engaged. Detailed design underway. Delivery of Sports Pitch Strategy: Sports Pitch Strategy tendered as a sub-set of the overall strategy. 4 global appointed. This project will allow the development of a strategy to guide the development, construction and management of sports pitches and pitch-based recreation county-wide. Stage B and C completed.

#### Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

##### Objective 1: Maintain a supportive business environment with job creation and retention at its heart

LEO 2019 training schedule continued in February, including additional training to be provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. To end February, 127 clients have attended LEO provided training, with further training to be provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. The next Evaluation & Approvals Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd April 2019. 8 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants, including food branding, were approved in 2019 to the end of February to the value €19,000. 3 Trading Online Voucher applications were approved in February 2019 with a total value of €7,500. The next TOV's seminar is due to take place on 11th April 2019 in the LEO training room. 97 clients availed of in-house clinics/ outreach clinics/mentor assignments to end February 2019. The following Business Supports are being promoted on the LEO Website, Council website, through social media, at various business events and through SD Chamber. • Microenterprise Development Fund: Number applications approved in January: 2 estimated total commitment €900,000 Spend to date: €142,448.31 • Individual Unit Support Scheme: number applications approved in January : 2 Estimated total commitment €97,500 Spend to date €11,702.72 • Microenterprise Start Up Support (Rates) Scheme: Number applications approved in January: 2 estimated total commitment €0 Spend to date: €14,629.69 • Industrial Area Improvement Scheme: number of applications received in December: 1 Estimated total commitment €8,750 Spend to date: €53,500

##### Objective 2: Work with enterprise support agencies to increase foreign direct investment in South Dublin County

Grange Castle • Camera and monitor replacement for Grange Castle and along the Grand Canal to comply with GDPR requirements are complete. Snags ongoing • The Small Work Framework Stage 2 and Contract No 1 was advertised on the 27/02/2019 and is due back on the 04/04/2019. Grange Castle South: • Eirgrid – Cable pulling through Grange Castle to the station commenced in November 2018, still ongoing • Archaeology – GC South: Archaeological works to Northern field due to commence subject to contractor securing a performance bond. • CyrusOne planning application for a 3 storey office block and a data centre, Planning permission was granted on the 24/09/2018 and appealed by a 3rd party on 22/10/2018. A decision was due by the 25th February 2019 (18 weeks guidelines by ABP). ABP have extended the date to April 2019. Lands to West. • The Part 8 for the proposed Grange Castle West Access Road was passed at the December 2018 Council meeting. Detailed design ongoing. Site investigation tender was published on etenders on the 13/03/2019 with a closing date of 23/04/2019. The Suitability Questionnaire for the Access Road construction contract is due to be advertised asap with the tender to be advertised in June 2019. • The Part 8 for the proposed Grand Canal Greenway from the 12th lock to Hazelhatch, with submissions received by 4th February, 2019. Project referred to An Bord Pleanála, by third party, for screening determination under Article 120 of Planning & Development Act 2001, as amended, in respect of the proposed

development. • Geophysical Survey of the lands to the West commenced in October 2018 and is complete with final report awaited.

### Objective 3: Manage the assets of South Dublin County Council in a way that supports economic development

• The Business Support Fund for 2018 continues to seek to identify projects whereby improvements to the Council infrastructure can have a wider beneficial impact. Some pre-application consultation work has been done with business representatives in various industrial areas with a view to bringing forward applications under the Area Improvement Scheme. • Grange Castle Business Park employment figures are now circa 5410 (incl construction). Microsoft and Grifols have both given updated emp figures. • Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events. Construction of South Stand commenced in February 2018, and was completed in November 2018. Seating capacity is now over 8,000 with completion of the South Stand. The South Stand was officially opened by Mayor on 24th March 2019. North Stand Options Report was delivered by Consultant Architects to CPG & December 2018, Council Meeting. Tender to be advertised for design Q2, with Project to proceed to Part 8 design in Q2 2019. • Housing Department continuing to look at developing housing on SDCC owned land through Part 8 process, including Riversdale (Part 8 approved), Kilmartin/Fettercairn, Killinarden, Old Lucan Rd, & Balgaddy (currently Part 8 advertised).

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

Full participation in 2019 projects from Creative Ireland, Arts Strategy 2016-20, Cruinniú na nÓg, Music Generation, the Arts Grants & Bursary Schemes. • There are six bursary strands currently open for submissions. An open call has also been issued for Cruinniú na nÓg events and activities, and a project call to the Culture Team to advance the Culture & Creativity Strategy in 2019. • Planning in place for 2019 for the Decade of Centenaries. Meeting took place on 13th March for a special Decade of Centenaries Local Authority forum, hosted by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. • Events to support Local Enterprise Week held in all branch libraries. • Exhibition on "Experiencing Homelessness in South Dublin" on display in the County Library. • Right to Read – Books for Babies pilot project extended until May 2019. Working in conjunction with Public Health Nurses, we are introducing books into homes where literacy levels are low. • The County Library Tallaght is currently hosting free maths grinds for leaving Cert students, once a week free of charge. • Staff from the mobiles library service deliver a Baby Club in Rowlagh Community Centre once a week. Research & Development The tender for 'A Social Audit of Tallaght's Cultural Organisations and the Neighbourhood' received no submissions. The need for this is being reviewed in light of other research initiatives under discussion. Creative Ireland Teams briefings ongoing. Music Generation Partnership meetings ongoing.

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

The Castle Stables & Courtyard at Rathfarnham – New Capital Project, the Council engaged a conservation architect to complete a conservation report on the Rathfarnham Castle Courtyard and Stables. The purpose of the report, which was presented to the members of the ACM on 10/10/17 is to highlight the necessary conservation issues and to identify potential future uses. Stabilisation works commenced at Rathfarnham. Pre-Qualification Questionnaire for the project issued on tenders on Wednesday 5th September 2018, the closing date for submission is Friday 5th October 2018. The project was advertised in the national newspapers on 5th & 6th September 2018. No submissions were received on foot of the PPQ advertised. Project will be brought back to the market Q2 2019. Dublin Marathon Race Series- Due to the success and extremely positive response to the 2018 race, SEE Airtricity Dublin Race Series in conjunction with South Dublin's County Promotion Unit will be hosting this event again in 2019. 2019 race is planned to take place on Sunday 21st July at Grange Castle. First meeting with race organisers, Gardaí etc took place on 15th February with preparations well under way. Dublin Mountains Project South Dublin County Council requested by An Bord Pleanála to conduct a bird survey in the area to be submitted by the 30th September 2018, this will extend the application period. ABP have advised that an Oral Hearing will take place on the application for the proposed development. The requested bird survey has been completed by the consultants and will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála before 30th September. The Oral Hearing concluded on Tuesday 27th November. A decision is not expected until April 2019. On 6th February 2019, An Bord Pleanála issued another further information request with a response date of no later than 7th February 2020. Liffey Valley Cluster – South Dublin County Tourism Strategy Presentation to Lucan Area Committee on the River Liffey Blue Feasibility Study and Dublin Canals Greenway Project

Shop Fronts Grants Scheme 2019 Leaflets advertising the scheme issued to all commercial rates customers. The 2019 Shopfront Grant Scheme officially launched on Thursday 21st February 2019. There have been 25 expressions of interest made and 5 applications received to date. South Dublin County Council – Events and Festival Funding 2019 The 2019 Events and Festival Funding officially launched on Thursday 21st March 2019. Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin • St Brigid's Day event took place on 1st February 2019 • 3 events planned for the month of March • 2nd year celebration plans at discussion stage Gaelforce 2019 The official launch of Gaelforce Dublin 2019 took place on 4th December 2018. This is the third year Gaelforce Dublin is hosting an action packed adventure race within South Dublin. The event will take on Saturday 23rd March 2019. Preparations for the event are under way. South Dublin Chamber Tourism Group • Tourism Meeting held with the South Dublin Chamber Marketing subgroup- 17th July 2018 Fáilte Ireland • Meeting held with the Fáilte Ireland Dublin Regional Team -29th June 2018

## Land Use Planning & Transportation

### Objective 1: Implement an Annual Road Works Programme of maintenance and improvements

Roadworks and Footpath Programme: The Programme was presented to ACM's and at the March 2019 Council Meeting. Procurement has commenced and tenders have been received for 7 road schemes and 46 footpath schemes. Winter Gritting 2018/19 season is coming to an end, call outs to date 32, 7 established gritting routes. Programme C LED Upgrade – projection to end Q2 2019 - 1,250 upgrades. Regional Road Upgrade (RRU) Programme 2018/2019, ten Regional Roads in the County. A total of 2,120 public lighting points to be upgraded over two phases commencing with R148 and R120. TII: Works to commence on N81 resurfacing in April. Traffic Light Refurbishment Programme 2019 programme ongoing. Traffic Calming Ramps Tender Documents for 2019-2020 being finalised and planned to go to tender in early April.

### Objective 2: Maintain a professional planning and development management structure and processes

Variation No. 3 of the County Development Plan was adopted subject to material alteration in February 2019. A public consultation was then held in March, and next Council will consider a Chief Executive report at the May Council meeting. The Ballycullen-Oldcourt Local Area Plan 2014 is proposed for a 5 year extension period, with the resolution due for consideration at the April 2019 Council meeting. Strategic Housing Development applications continue to be managed professionally. Pre-planning meetings on various sites ongoing under S247 of the Act. Two applications have been lodged with An Bord Pleanála since Christmas. A briefing took place with the Members on 14th March on the first of these at the Pymont site in Cookstown and Members will be briefed on the second application at the Bartra site, also in Cookstown.

### Objective 3: Promote all modes of transport including walking and cycling to improve the movement of people within and beyond the county

Construction of the R120 Adamstown Road Improvement Scheme including the link to the Nangor Road underway and nearing completion. Bridge now complete and open to traffic. There has been a slight delay due to some on-site technical issues that ESB are resolving. Practical completion is now expected in mid to late April 2019. The NTA has now allocated €4.01 Million to SDDC this year to progress work on 15 Sustainable Transport Measures across the County. Design work is now underway on a number of projects. Proposals for continuation of existing and new schemes submitted and allocations now in place. Construction works on the NTA funded Project Tallaght to Ballyboden (Scholarstown Road section) now complete, project review underway and ongoing monitoring of the junction being maintained. Works on the Bawnogue Permeability scheme to commence in April and be completed in June. Tender to be issued for the Monastery Road scheme in April. Fortunestown Junction upgrade complete, snagging underway. Belgard to Cookstown Link Part 8 adopted at Council Meeting February 2018, progressed to detailed design, anticipated to go to tender in April. Celbridge Link Road [LIHAF] Part 8 was adopted at the March 2018 Council Meeting. Final Design being prepared. Tender issued to consultants, construction to commence mid-year. Dodder Greenway progressing to final detailed design and tender stage with construction expected to commence on bridges this year.

### Objective 4 : Invest in Sustainable Communities and Quality of Life Initiatives

Tender Documents for the Village Enhancement Works in Saggart have been received and are being assessed with works programmed to start on site in the coming months. School Wardens service enhanced and fully operational at assigned schools across the county, recruitment of relief wardens will be commencing shortly as panels are running

out. There is an increased level of engagement with schools and participation in road safety campaigns to address safety concerns and promote the road safety message. The Axa Road Safety Show was delivered to over 600 TY and LCA Students in February 2019. We continue to improve school crossing locations where required. Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2019 – All qualifying grant applications submitted to the DCHG have all been successful in receiving provisional grant approval (announcement by Minister 28th March). King Johns Bridge (300k Project) – Schedule of works for site clearance and remedial repair currently being prepared. Ballymount Gate House (Architectural Conservation Forum Project) – Site and Vegetation Clearance completed. Condition assessment and structural survey currently being undertaken to determine the level of conservation works.