

June 2019 Council Management Report

Update On Annual Service Plan

This report includes the strategy updates for the month of Jun

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

• Roadworks and Footpath Programme: Tendering for the agreed projects is almost complete and work has now commenced on 80% of projects. • Tenders: Tenders have been run for JCB's, Removal and Disposal of Construction and Demolition Waste and Jetter services. • Programme C LED Upgrade – projection to end Q4 2019 – 2,000 upgrades. • Regional Road LED Upgrade (RRU) Programme 2019 - R148 and R120 LED Upgrade in progress. Due for completion at end of Q3. • TII: Works on N81 are complete • SIAC have been appointed to deliver a programme of 54 traffic calming projects across the County, these works are due to start on site shortly and will be complete by the end of the year

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

•The Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan is currently being prepared, with the intention of going on public display later in the summer. The Local Area Plan will be a 6 year planning framework, providing a clear vision and a series of objectives, which will shape the future development of Tallaght. •With the adoption of the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland region, a review of the County Development Plan is being undertaken in order to ensure full compliance with both National and Regional policy. •Strategic Housing Development, there are a total of 36 applications in the system. Active pre-planning meetings on 16 sites are ongoing with the Council under Section 247 of the Act. The Council is also engaging in tripartite meetings with developers and ABP, as required under the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016. On the 19th June ABP agreed with the opinion of the Council and refused an application for permission by Bartra for 150 build to rent and 222 shared living units in Cookstown. The reasons for refusal related to the application not being 'plan-led' and to the poor format of the shared accommodation, which, it was considered would not provide an acceptable living environment to future residents. A second application in Cookstown, the Pymont site for 196 build to rent apartments beside the Cookstown Luas stop is due for decision on the 8th August.

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

R120 new road. Following completion by ESB of their on-road works, a Certificate of Substantial Completion has issued to the Contractor which states that the works were substantially complete on 10th June 2019. The Contractor will complete minor outstanding works and carry out snagging during the Maintenance Defects Period which runs for 1 year from the date of Substantial Completion. The Contractor must submit his Final Account within 2 months of the date of Substantial Completion. The NTA has 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 several projects. The main schemes are as follows; • Tallaght to Ballyboden (Scholarstown Road section) now complete, all Road Safety Audits now complete, Comparative Safety Report now complete. Ongoing monitoring of the junction being maintained. • Works on Bawnogue Permeability scheme commenced in May and are expected to complete in July. Unforeseen drainage issues being resolved • DM Morris are the successful Tenderer on Monastery Road. Works will commence in July 2019. • Fortunestown Junction upgrade complete, snagging underway. Final Account agreed. Agreement to be reached with Citywest for works carried out at the junction for them. Currently attending to works identified in RSA3 • Belgard to Cookstown Link Part 8 adopted at Council Meeting February 2018, Detailed design completed, Tender documents issued to the Kerry Framework. Latest date for receipt of Tenders is 02 July 2019 • Celbridge Link Road [LIHAF] Part 8 was adopted at the March 2018 Council Meeting. Detailed Design ongoing, construction to commence in Autumn. • Dodder Greenway progressing to finalised detailed design and tender stage with construction expected to commence on bridges this year. Bridge extents agreed. Knotweed encountered at 1 no bridge site and also at one

location between bridges – removal proposals being examined. SAQ published on 11 June 2019. • Wellington Lane consultants appointed. Options Report completed., Finalising Preliminary Design, preparing for public consultation process. • N81 Walking and Cycling (Jobstown). Consultant appointed (DBFL). Co-ordination of project between Public Realm and Roads arranged. Preliminary Design commenced. Consultant's programme awaited to bring scheme to Tender award. Consultant to ensure design satisfies Roads, Public Realm and NTA • Grange Road. Awaiting clarification from ESB of their cost estimate for undergrounding their existing overhead services and NTA approval required for these costs.

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

Village Enhancement Works in Saggart have commenced on site with Formac as contractor. Due for completion in October 2019. Village Enhancement detailed design work is still underway for the delivery of a village renewal scheme in Templeogue • School Wardens service continuing at 94 crossings- recruitment scheduled to commence in July. • Continuing engagement with schools and participation in road safety campaigns - Cycle Right for Primary Schools (Preliminary): 448 pupils from 9 schools • Bike Week 22nd – 30th June 2019. Very successful week filled with diverse range of both education and fun events • Heritage grants have been allocated from the Heritage Council for two South Dublin County Heritage Plan projects - County Dublin GIS Archaeological Mapping Project and a research survey towards a Guide to the Architectural Heritage of County Dublin. Both are joint projects with adjoining Dublin Local Authorities. • The preparation of the County Biodiversity Plan is underway, and dates are being reviewed. • Liaison with local communities, Tidy Towns Groups, and Council's Public Realm is on-going regarding Pollinator Projects. • The 2019 Invasive Species Management Programme has commenced and repeat treatment of invasive species locations will continue. • Tenders have been received for a Water Quality and Biodiversity Assessment of the Griffen River.

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

o 402 homes Part 8/ Planning approved as follows: Killinarden (9 homes); Completed Q1 2019; Owendoher (40 homes); Completed - pumping station to be finished July 2019; St. Cuthberts (63 homes); Under construction for completion Q3 2019; Riversdale, Clondalkin (44 homes); Designs being prepared for tender -Q3 2019; Homeville (16 homes); Designs being prepared for tender –Q4 2019 ; St. Catherine's (13 homes); Designs being prepared for tender –Q3 2019; Templeogue Village (11 homes); Designs being prepared for tender –Q4 2019; Fernwood/Maplewood (40 homes); Clúid at tender stage; Whitestown Way (81 homes); Clúid Housing / to go to tender in August 2019; Nangor Road (10 homes); Dublin Simon /site start Q3 2019; Collinstown Grove (4 homes); Tuath / Commenced March 2019; Balgaddy (69 homes); Cost Effectiveness Analysis being prepared; Greenfort (2 homes); Designs being prepared for tender – target Q4 2019; o 209 homes at pre-Part 8/Design stage as follows: St. Mark Avenue (32 homes); Part 8 - July Council meeting; Knocklyon (27 homes); Part 8 - July Council meeting; Eircom Site/Nangor Road (92 homes); Stage 1 Capital Appraisal & CEA submitted to DHPLG; Stocking Lane (52 homes); Plans being prepared for Part 8.; Lucan Road, Palmerstown (4 homes); Tuath / Plans being prepared for Part 8; Rossfield (2 homes); Plans being designed; o Council-owned Large Sites: Master-plans to include social housing being finalised for Killinarden, Rathcoole and Clonburris. • Projected delivery of 332 homes in 2019 through Part V, Turnkey, AHBs, CAS, CALF, Leasing and acquisitions: Construction has commenced on 4 Tuath CAS funded homes at Collinstown; 10 homes to be delivered by Simon through CAS expected to commence on site Q3; S.183 proposals for Whitestown, Fernwood and Maplewood long-term lease to Cluid to go to Council next month (for a total of 121 older persons' homes); Examining availability of additional turnkey opportunities with the private market; • 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 (180% above 2019 projections); RAS/HAP (*excluding Homeless HAP) 1,053 (39% above 2019 projections). • DHPLG Housing Summit held on 20th June to review likely 2019 targets, out-turn and contingency plans/funding. Options to cover projected shortfall to be explored. • Master-planning & serviced sites fund applications submitted to DHPLG to support delivery of affordable housing at large Council owned sites at Rathcoole, Killinarden and Clonburris. • Kilcarbery Integrated Housing Project plans are being finalised for submission to ABP with final density of 42 dwellings per hectare delivering approx. 1,030 homes. • Work ongoing at Corkagh Grange for delivery of

109 social homes under the PPP bundle. Sod-turning was held on 30th April. • Leasing opportunities being examined but still proving very challenging. Significant engagement with various potential lessors has yielded some limited potential properties. • 4 leased property agreements achieved in Q1 with a further 16 properties provisionally agreed but 54 declined on various grounds (sub-lease, management companies, estate management grounds, property inspection/features). • 7,186 on Housing List and 638 on Homeless Register at end May with 193 Allocations made. • Revised Allocations Scheme approval by Council at May meeting. • Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA) 2019 currently being undertaken. • Reviewing options and proposals for supported homeless facilities in the County in conjunction with DRHE and DHPLG. • Agreement with RTB for data sharing around various HAP related tenancy issues. • 2,693 active Housing Assistance Payment tenancies as at end May including 152 new tenancies established this year. Agreement with DEASP on data sharing and process to communicate to Rent Supplement landlords to encourage HAP transfers. • 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. Revised 2019 target of 2,446 properties (or 15% of all private rented properties) for inspection. 802 inspections carried up to end May by EHOs, CoWs and external contractor. • Implementation plan to reach 25% annual inspections by 2021 submitted to DHPLG. • Evaluation of first phase of tender for accelerated planned maintenance programme being finalised. • Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2023 being reviewed following consultation – to go to July Council meeting. • Affordable Scheme of Priorities approved at May Council meeting and approved by DHPLG but formal approval from Minister not yet received. • Still no 2019 allocation from DHPLG for Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme but approval received to issue loans - 129 applications received in 2019 to end May. • Rent arrears at €8.104m at end May with 1,259 tenants on Debt Management Plans. • Project team work on delivery of Housing Integrated System ongoing, Project Milestones reviewed at project board meeting on 21st June and are on schedule.

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

• Flavours of South Dublin held on 23rd June in Rathfarnham Castle featuring 22 performers; 17 cultural stalls; 21 food traders (5 from LEO), 5 chefs including David Gillick (Irish international track and field athlete; Celebrity MasterChef Ireland winner 2013; ambassador to SDCC Marathonkids programme). • Ongoing investigation of complaints and implementation of measures under the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy. • Implementation programme for “A More Inclusive County” integration strategy being developed into work plans with appropriate monitoring. • Balgaddy estate management initiatives ongoing including: Supporting development of new Residents’ Association; Ongoing prioritising of maintenance Issues and planning for accelerated maintenance delivery; Community facility design to be finalised for tender; Area clean ups undertaken by Public Realm; Installation of additional CCTV Camera; Sports Partnership event day being planned for July. • Examining issues in MacUilliam estate to determine potential for enhanced estate management initiative. • Pilot preventative anti-scrambler works undertaken in St. Ronan’s estate in conjunction with Roads and Public Realm Departments. • 2019 work plan ongoing for Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme agreed by LCDC. • Carbon Monoxide Alarms scheme fully subscribed for 2018 (580 households) with works for installations ongoing and nearing completion. • Home Security (Locks) scheme 2019 now advertised. • South Dublin Children and Young People’s Services Committees (CYPSC) meeting on 31st May covered: Update on three-year Children’s & Young Peoples Plan that was finalised at facilitated session on 16th May; Healthy Ireland Funding Update; Presentation on Future Housing Developments in South Dublin; Connecting for Health launch. • 2018/19 Traveller Culture Schools Project completed with delivery of 16 workshops to 4 schools. • Ongoing support for delivery of Yellow Flag equality and diversity initiative for primary and secondary schools. • Joint Policing Committee: Last meeting of previous Council term held on 26th April with issues raised including Garda and LPF Updates; Rural Crime; Request for additional Local Police Fora; and sign-off on JPC Annual Report 2018; No meeting until September; Induction session being planned for new members. • Various events arranged by Social Inclusion Unit as part of Africa Day on 25th May. • Football participation initiative at Clondalkin Leisure Centre continuing for residents in Clondalkin Direct Provision accommodation in partnership with St. Patrick’s Athletic F.C ceased due to lack of involvement.

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

• “Connecting for Health”, a joint LCDC/CYPSC/Healthy County Committee Health Strategy for South Dublin launched on 26th June in Russell Centre, Tallaght by Minister Catherine Byrne, T.D.. • Healthy County Committee met on 13th June and covered the following: Update from steering group for proposed initiatives for Health & Wellbeing Week (9th-16th Sept) on a Physical Activity/Launch event, a Health Fair; Mental Health; Seminar and a Health & Wellbeing

Festival; Healthy South Dublin Communications Update; Local Community Health Projects Update. • MeDex project won Best Community Health Initiative 2019 All Ireland Community & Council Awards. • Healthy Ireland Fund 2018: June 30th is the final date for spend of the 2018 round of funding. The following projects/programmes were funded: □ Community Action on Alcohol Programme – Programme costs; □ Medex Programme; □ Sports Coaching for Schools; □ Social Prescribing Project- System Purchase; □ Promotional Material Healthy South Dublin; □ Community Mental Health Training; □ Clondalkin - Campaign to address link between alcohol misuse and ASB. • Healthy Ireland Fund 2019: South Dublin LCDC has been allocated €184,000 to implement a programme of work under HIF during the 2-year period; €107,000 in Year 1 and a further €77,000 in Year 2 subject to budget approval; Projects to be submitted between the 1st July and 20th September 2019. • Drug and Alcohol Task Forces: Additional funding of €1m announced of €1m – each D and ATF to submit applications: □ Tallaght to submit application to extend the two Pilot Cocaine projects; □ Clondalkin submission to be confirmed. • National Handbook for Operating Drug and Alcohol Task forces is being finalised which will result in governance review- impact in South Dublin to be assessed. • Social Prescribing Project ongoing at two GP practices in Tallaght area. • Community Health Anti-Smoking We Can Quit 12 Week Programmes delivered in both Tallaght and Clondalkin. • Sports Programmes: 2019 children's cross-country programme completed with 72 schools & 3,200 children participating culminating in finals in Corkagh Park on 16th May; 2019 FAI Late Night Leagues completed; Sports Grants budget of €70k allocated to 38 clubs in May; Swim Programme: 56 schools participating in this year's programme; Sport in the Community Development Officers arranging summer camps and supporting summer projects. • Marathon Kids: 2019 promotion has started with all the local primary schools in the county. Breakthrough Programme awards ceremony on 28th June in County Hall; Health & Wellbeing Week: schools being engaged to participate in launch event on 9th Sept. • Sports Partnership: Coach/Leader training ongoing covering: □ Safeguarding/ Child Protection / First Aid; □ Sports Leadership (TYs) – 248 participants completed the training this year with planning for 2019/20 programme commenced by inviting 12 schools to participate (50% increase); □ Disability - Autism Awareness session for coaches & teachers (21 attendees) on 10th June. Schools: □ Indoor Rowing programmes: 1,684 participants this year with 12 schools invited onto the programme for 2019/20 (20% increase); □ Primary schools – 2019/20 multi sports programmes for DEIS schools in West Tallaght & North Clondalkin being planned to include 14 different sports including Athletics, badminton, basketball, baton twirling, Frisbie, gymnastics, hockey, martial arts, Olympic handball, orienteering, pentathlon (laser run), tennis, tug of war, volleyball; Community: □ Parkrun/ Parkwalks & community centre walks programmes ongoing; □ Free indoor walking programme with tutors offered in Rua Red, Fettercairn CC, Jobstown CC, Firhouse CC with more centres planned; □ Come and Try Day for children aged 4-12 held in Firhouse CC on 19th June; □ Cycle in Corkagh Park for children with a disability held on 23rd June; □ 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); □ Sports Camp and family day being organised in Balgaddy in July. • DTTS have approved revised tenders for Lucan swimming pool with sod turning & contract signing arranged. • Assessment undertaken of works necessary to address issues at Tallaght and Clondalkin pools with works being undertaken at Clondalkin pool. • Council supported applications for Sports Capital Grants have been submitted to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport for: Lucan Athletics Club Phase 2; Greenhills Bowling clubhouse extension; Cricket Pitch Mower; Choláiste Chillian AWP Clondalkin.

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

• Local Community Development Committee: No quorum at last meeting - presentation from CDI; Meeting scheduled for 26th June; A strategy session will be held for committee in autumn to re-focus and to integrate new members; New Community Enhancement Programme announced by DRCD for 2019 with €169,399 allocated to South Dublin County with priority to disadvantaged areas. Applications were submitted to the LCDC by 30th May 2019 and will be considered at next meeting; Details awaited on 2019 DRCD Community Enhancement (Mens' Shed) Programme; Healthy Ireland Fund 2019 has allocated €184k to South Dublin for the period 2019-2021. • Pride of Place judging took place during w/c 17th June with judges visiting: Clondalkin Mens Shed, Lucan Village, Firhouse Community/Firhouse Hub, Fettercairn Community Health Project. • LEADER: LEADER LAG meeting on 15th May approved funding for 2 projects in the sum of €14,860 (no projects in South Dublin). Next LAG meeting on 26th June; LEADER promotional and pipeline animation programme work ongoing. • Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) outcomes to be presented to July Council meeting with 44 applications received totaling €951,856 for a budget of €350K; • Round 1 of Community grants totaling €175k presented to May Council meeting; Second round of funding to be advertised in Q3 and go to November Council meeting. • Funding for Mens' Sheds (€50k) agreed at Annual

Budget meeting: €15k used to support any community grant applications from Mens' Sheds allocated at May Council meeting; Additional funding to be used to complement CIF announcement in July; Balance of funding to go to Community Grants Round 2. • Round 1 Seed Funding for Tidy Towns 2019 has been processed and 9 grants of €2k have been allocated to the Tidy Towns Groups established in the County. • Tallaght Tidy Towns Group established and commencing work; • 30 applications approved for 2019 Summer Projects. • Funding contributions allocated for 13 local Community organised Easter Community Events with a range of local activities for youth and families utilising the local community facilities. • Tentative agreement with the PPN & the Volunteer Centre to develop their online grant management system for use to co-ordinate all community grants during Q4 2019. • Community centres: Awaiting completion of purchase of St Mary's Old Primary School, Saggart for use as community centre; ETB, Foroige, SD County Partnership, Tallaght Travellers CDP have all nominated board members to take responsibility for management of Brookfield Community Centre and Board is now examining proposed staff and management structures; Scoping of existing and future community facility needs undertaken for proposed community centre in Balgaddy approved in Part 8 planning process for housing development; Visit to Orchard Lane, Clondalkin being arranged for Clondalkin Le Cheile group; 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; Lease being finalised for Palmerstown Community Council facility at Kennelsfort; Work ongoing with Management Committee of Glenasmole Community Centre to prepare LEADER funding application to expand and modernise the existing centre; County Architect progressing repair works to St Aenghus Treatment Centre facility. • "Big Hello" events took place in Clondalkin and Tallaght Leisure Centres on 6th May as part of National Community Weekend & Bealtaine festival with funding from to LCDC. Bealtaine Festival "Be our Guest" saw 150 of events take place around the county while there were 1,924 participants in the "Big Hello". • Public Participation Network: New Secretariat is in place with two vacancies. New reps will be nominated to Council committees; Training requirements for new reps being examined and will be discussed with Corporate Services.

Environment, Water & Climate Change

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

Public Realm Maintenance: A detailed programme of Improvement Works is underway with a number of schemes at procurement and construction phases. N81 Improvement Scheme: Phase 1a) of N81 scheme underway. Phase 1b) tender documents being finalised for tender to the framework. Art tender drafted for approval. Tree Maintenance Programme: Tree crew concluding tree maintenance in Alpine Heights. The crew will then move to Ashwood. Tree crews south N7 are completing works in Belgard Heights and will be moving to Glendown Avenue. Stump grinding will commence when the modifications to the machine are completed. Dangerous trees surveyed by independent surveyor are being inspected Taobh na Coille. 8 large mature trees will be removed, and 11 trees pruned. Scheduled Street Cleaning Programme: Street cleaning contract is carried out on behalf of SDCC by Oxigen, the delivery of this service is monitored by SDCC. Litter Management: Environmental Awareness: Review of LMP has commenced with a view to having pre-consultation draft ready for next SPC. 187 community clean-ups so far. Green schools 99 primary & 37 secondary schools. 22 schools in SDCC to Green flags awarded out today in Helix 22/05/19. Tackle litter and dog fouling advert running in the cinema. LA21 Grant: waiting on release of grant from Department. Stop food waste week 12th-19th June. Food waste seminar 14th June. Garden of remembrance opened in Firhouse Community College, sponsored through the social credits scheme & minor landscaping project. Green dog walker campaign advertised out again also attended St. Thomas NS Jobstown 24th June for a garden fete to raise awareness and 93 sign ups from the children. 35 Hessian bags given out to allotments for composting. Enforcement & Licencing: CCTVs - roving and decoy at 8 locations countywide (13 cameras). Audio device installed at Killinarden Bottle Banks.

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

Climate Change: Draft CCAP is being reviewed for publication in mid-July. Climate Action Steering Group (CASG) meeting to take place on 27th June. The CASG is tasked with the governance of delivering the CCAP. A SDCC 3 minute video, and 5 x 10 seconds videos, highlighting the actions, Projects and Initiatives that South Dublin County Council has completed, ongoing and planned across the six action areas, referencing the key challenges facing the Council, while being meaningful to all citizens. One application for financial support from the CAT fund has been applied for under Action 21 of Resource Management by Public Realm, this application is for water fountains and has been approved. Eastern/Midlands Regional WMP & WERLA: Ongoing inspection of Household Waste Bye Laws.

Anti-Dumping Initiative Projects have been approved. Surface Water Schemes: 2019 SW Minor Works Programme adopted by the Council and currently being delivered. Flood Alleviation Schemes: Poddle: EIA nearing completion. ICW to be included in Tymon Park to improve water quality and Biodiversity. Whitechurch Stream: Section 177AE planning rather than a Part 8 planning procedure being examined. Topographic, CCTV and Utility Surveys expected to be completed by 27th June. Camac: Tender assessment board sat on 24/04/19 and preferred bidder identified. Tender Clarification letter has been issued to approved bidder, DCC are currently awaiting a response. River Basin Plans and Measures: Urban Rivers Life Project ongoing. The first EU Monitor occurred on 14th May. A report on the projects performance will be issued before the end of July 2019. 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 and complimentary to the DURL project. 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.

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

Waste Enforcement Action: Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018, #Councils4ClimateAction, Dublincanvas, stop food waste, trifocal food waste seminar dashboard dining campaign, Green dog walkers advertised out again through the newsletter/ social media. Extra poop bags distributed to all libraries with stands in them. Dublin Waste to Energy Facility: A note has issued from Dublin City Council informing the Dublin Local Authorities on the proposed increase in the annual throughput at the Dublin Waste to Energy facility. Dublin Waste to Energy Limited advised the City Council that it intends to seek a review of the licence granted by the EPA, with a view to increasing the permitted annual quantity of waste that can be accepted and treated at the facility from 600,000tpa to 690,000tpa. Control of Animals: 0 Horses seized Under the Control of Dogs legislation there were three 10 day notices issued. Air Quality: Discussions took place with the EPA in relation to a change in the monitoring of the Air Quality site at the Old Bawn - Site being upgraded to give on-line live monitoring results for PM10. It will also see a ramping up of the plan to get motorists to switch from diesel and petrol vehicle cars to hybrids and all electric. Dublin Noise Action Plan: The completed South Dublin Noise Action Plan is now fully completed and accepted by the full Council. The next stage is the creation of Quiet Area in the county and the formulation of action plans particularly in relation to construction of dwellings along major trafficked routes. Our key issues in South Dublin continue to address any areas of noise hot spots and also to assess if our public parks or parts of such parks could be deemed to be recommended as Quiet Areas or Relatively Quiet areas by Ministerial approval.

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: Bancroft Park, Willsbrook Park, Tymon Limekiln, Whitechurch and Glendown recently opened and very popular. Waterstown Park playground opened as part of PB2017 projects. €24,000 received as part of DCYA grant to augment this playground. Further play spaces are various stages of design, tendering and construction and will be coming on stream over the coming weeks. Lucan Demesne playspace is now open. Perrystown has been tendered and a contractor appointed and due to commence in July. Ballymount Park playspace commencing this Friday 21st June. Proposals for play spaces at Newcastle being progressed separately with Dept. of Education and a developer. Newcastle Part 8 underway Recreational and Sporting Facilities: Pavilions programme, Old Bawn Pavilion construction to commence July. 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 underway. Phase 3: Playground part 8 2019. Draft design underway. Tender for EIA AA underway. Delivery of LHAF Funded: Airlie Park: Planning granted, tender for consultants returned and tender assessment completed and is at design stage. Tandy's Lane Park: Consultants engaged. Detailed design underway. Delivery of Sports Pitch Strategy: Sports Pitch Strategy underway. 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.

Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

- Induction training for councillors held on June 10th, 19th & 21st and further session to be confirmed. Training on Charing meetings being scheduled for Mayor, ACM and SPC chairs. - Inaugural annual meeting and OP & F have taken place with all statutory nominations completed and will be notified to bodies following final ratification at the July Council meeting. - Marked Register data protection issue raised and being examined. - Polling scheme timeline including consultation has been finalised, for completion by year end. - New Area Cttee co-ordinators are being appointed this week and a meeting / briefing session will be scheduled. - Timelines for the preparation of the new SPC Scheme and Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 are being finalised this week for discussion at the July CPG following which the public consultation will commence. Councillor preferences and nominations from the pillars for the SPCs will take place in July so that meetings can be convened in September following the adoption of the new scheme at the September Council meeting.

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

- The Quarter 1 financial returns were prepared and submitted to the Department in accordance with their requirements. The Councils Revenue Account showed an excess income over expenditure of €4.5m for the quarter and the Councils Capital Account has improved by €5.3m. The Audit of the Councils Annual Financial Statement for 2018 commenced on the 9th April. - The membership of the new Audit Committee of elected and external members will be discussed at the July CPG meeting for nominating to the July Council meeting for approval. - Newly elected councillors have been notified of the requirement to complete an Ethics declaration and submit to the Council's Ethics Registrar by July 12th. - A new statutory Code of Conduct for Councillors has been issued to all Councillors by the Ethics Registrar, for which all councillors are required to return a signed declaration that they have read and understand the Code. - The Mid-year review of the Corporate Risk register is underway. - Preparation of payroll budget revised for 2019 and for 2020 is underway. - The corporate procurement pipeline has been updated and issued across all departments. - The Public Spending Code 2018 Quality Assurance report was submitted and has been published on website. - Article on Green Procurement in the South Circular newsletter.

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

- Significant upgrade to Government Networks completed. - Office 365 – Other than edge cases, O365 Pro Plus fully deployed. 250 Mailboxes approx. moved online. - Integrated Housing System – Dataload being worked through as scheduled. - Work on the Council's ICT Security Audit continues. - Disaster recovery and business continuity progressing - expected Q3 delivery. - New Council technology procured and is rolled out. - Vacant Sites system development – Regional group meeting facilitated prior to formal sign off. - eRecruitment – Live with pilot project. - Intranet revamp. Due to go live on June 26th - Content under review on new library website. - Grant management solution requirements under review.

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

- The South Circular Citizen Newsletter was published online in June and posted to every household and business in the county. It is also available in Council buildings, libraries, public spaces and post offices. This issue is a special publication featuring South Dublin County Council's 25 years of serving the county. - The very successful Flavours of South Dublin festival was held on Sunday 23rd June. - The Annual Report for 2018 has been published in English and Irish. - Preparations were underway throughout June on updating intranet content for the launch of a newly designed intranet on 26 June. - Full plans for 25 Years celebrations were discussed at the OP&F meeting and are being finalised. - Irish Language Scheme consultation is currently open, with the draft of the fourth scheme intended to be ready for approval at September Council's meeting. - Steering Group members for the €300K Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative have been agreed. The LEA for the 2019 iteration will be selected at the July Council meeting. Reports to Clondalkin and Lucan ACM on completion of previous projects are ongoing.

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

- A pilot on a new online recruitment system is underway which if successful will lead to all competitions being processed through the online system. - A new recruitment marketing toolkit is being developed by communications and HR staff working collaboratively to position South Dublin County Council as an employer of choice - Performance

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 May including additional training to be provided under the Business Support Fund, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber. 92 clients have attended LEO provided training in May, with a further 36 clients attending training to be provided by South Dublin Chamber, supported through the Business Support Fund. Next Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting to be held on 2nd July 2019 in the LEO offices. 2 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants, including food branding, were approved in May 2019 to the end of February to the value €5,000. 7 Trading Online Voucher applications were approved in May 2019 with a total value of €17,500. The next TOV's seminar TBC. 65 clients availed of in-house clinics/ outreach clinics/mentor assignments for May 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 April: 3 Spend to date in 2019: €100,712.97 • Individual Unit Support Scheme: number applications approved in April: 4 Spend to date in 2019 €3,602 • Microenterprise Start Up Support (Rates) Scheme: Number applications approved in April: 0 Spend to date in 2019: €0 • Industrial Area Improvement Scheme: number of applications received in April: 2 Spend to date in 2019: €0

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

Grange Castle • The Small Work Framework Stage 2 and Contract No 1 was advertised and 4 No tenders were returned on the 07/05/2019. Tender Assessment is complete and CE orders signed. Letters to successful and unsuccessful tenderers to be issued asap. Grange Castle South: • Eirgrid – Cable pulling through Grange Castle to the station commenced in November 2018, RCNE commence slit trenching on site in Grange Castle on 24/06/2019 for new joint bays for further cable pulling • Archaeology – GC South: Archaeological works commenced on Wednesday 18/06/2019. • CyrusOne planning application approved on the 18/04/2019, a pre commencement meeting has been held with CyrusOnes contractors. Further meeting taking place as CyrusOne want to commence on site on the 24/06/2019. 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 and closed on the 23/04/2019. 4 No tenders were received and letters to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers were issued on the 20/06/2019. • The Suitability Questionnaire for the Access Road construction contract was advertised on the 26/04/2019 with a closing date of the 04/06/2019 this will provide a short list of contractors (6Nos) to be invited to tender for the construction of the access road). The closing date was the 04/06/2019, 14No submissions were received and are currently under being assessed.

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 5328 (incl construction). • Tallaght Stadium is being promoted as a location of choice for business events. Architects Dept preparing tender documents for Design Architects for Part 8 process, with Project to proceed to Part 8 in Q3, 2019. • Tallaght Stadium was a host venue for the UEFA U/17 European Championship, during May, with 7 games being played in Tallaght, including the final on 19th May. Approx 20,000 spectators attended the matches in Tallaght Stadium. • 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.

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. • The Mobile Library service summer programme – Park Life - takes place during

the holidays and staff will visit Tymon Park, Corkagh Park and Griffeen Park with books, stories, games and arts and crafts. • Summer Stars – the national reading initiative to keep children reading during the holidays takes place from 15th June to 31st August. The launch took place in Clondalkin Library by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Trevor Gilligan on 12th June in Clondalkin Library. • Both the Cruinniú na nÓg and Ruaille Buaille Festivals 2019 were successfully supported with numerous events in the Libraries. • Red Line Book Festival – Author, Lisa Harding has been appointed as the inaugural writer-in-residence for the RLBF 2019. This is part funded by Creative Ireland. • TEDxBallyroanlibrary will take place on 6th September. Application to speak at TEDx 2019 is now closed. • Library Projects: New Castletymon Library: Work is progressing and on schedule. North Clondalkin Library: Work is progressing and on schedule.

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

The Castle Stables & Courtyard 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 to go back to the market Q3 2019. Dublin Marathon Race Series- 2019 race is planned to take place on Sunday 21st July at Grange Castle. Meetings held with race organisers, Gardaí etc 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. FI surveys under way following meetings with consultants. 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 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. 5 applications have been received to date. Round Tower Centre, Brú Chrónáin The centre will be hosting its first ever open-air theatre, showing Pride & Prejudice on 20th June 2019. The 2nd year birthday party/street party preparations are ongoing and is taking place on Sunday 30th June in conjunction with the Clondalkin Village Festival. South Dublin Chamber Tourism Group • Contact has been South Dublin Chamber to arrange a meeting for July. Fáilte Ireland • On 26th March 2019, Fáilte Ireland announced that South Dublin County Council's Round Tower Visitor Centre in Clondalkin has been chosen to receive funding of €51,000 as part of its 'Dublin's Surprising Stories Grants Scheme'. Supporting documentation submitted, awaiting final grant decision.