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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council February 2020 Special Meeting of County Council Meeting held on Monday 24 February 2020

**PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bailey, C. |  | Kinsella-Colman, L. |
| Carey, W. |  | Lawlor, B. |
| Casserly, V. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Collins, Y. |  | McManus, D. |
| Costello, T. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Duff, M. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Edge, A. |  | O’Byrne, C. |
| Egan, K. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Hayes, A. |  | O’Hara, S. |
| Johansson, M. |  | Priestley, W. |
| Kavanagh, P. |  | Seery-Kearney, M. |
| King, C. |  | Sinclair, L. |
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### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function | L. Maxwell, F. Nevin, T. Walsh, |
| Senior Executive Officers | C. Hurson. |
| Administrative Officers | M. Reilly, N. Noonan. |
| Staff Officer  Clerical Officer  IT. Support  Sord | L. Abbey.  D. Murphy.  R. Murray  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor V. Casserly, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors L. Dunne, S. Fay, P. Holohan, P. Kearns, S. Moynihan, E Ó Broin, L. O’Toole, B. Pereppadan, D. Richardson, F. Timmons, J. Tuffy.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a minute’s silence was observed as a mark of respect on the recent loss of Councillor B. Pereppadan’s mother.

### **H1/0220 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO DÁIL ÉIREANN OF DEPUTY F.N. DUFFY**

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

As a result of the election of Deputy Francis Noel Duffy to Dáil Eireann on Saturday 8th February 2020, a casual vacancy has occurred on South Dublin County Council (Firhouse-Bohernabreena Electoral Area).

[**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0019.html) provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the Local Authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

Ms. Clare O'Byrne has been duly nominated by the Green Party, being the registered political party who nominated Deputy Duffy for election, and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Ms. O'Byrne's written consent to her proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-option of Ms. O'Byrne at today’s meeting.

[H1 (b) Green Party Nomination - Clare O'Byrne](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65976)  
[H1 (c) Green Party Nomination - Clare O'Byrne acceptance](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65977)

Outgoing Councillor Deputy F. N. Duffy addressed the chamber and thanked, staff, management and his colleagues for their help in his time as a Councillor and wished new Councillor C. O’Byrne best wishes in her new role.

Councillors E. Murphy, C. King, M. Duff, B. Lawlor, K. Mahon, R. McMahon, C. Bailey and V. Casserly all offered their congratulations to Deputy F. N. Duffy in the recent election and welcomed new Councillor C. O’Byrne to the chamber.

### The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh seconded by Councillor W. Priestley and **AGREED**

“That Ms. Clare O’Byrne be co-opted to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the election of Councillor F. N. Duffy to Dáil Éireann on Saturday 8th March 2020.”

Councillor C. O’Byrne gave a speech accepting her new position as a Councillor.

### **H2/0220 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO DÁIL ÉIREANN OF DEPUTY E. HIGGINS**

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

As a result of the election of Deputy Emer Higgins to Dáil Eireann on Saturday 8th February 2020, a casual vacancy has occurred on South Dublin County Council (Clondalkin Electoral Area).

[**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0019.html) provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the Local Authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

Ms. Shirley O’Hara has been duly nominated by Fine Gael, being the registered political party who nominated Deputy Higgins for election, and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Ms. Shirley O’Hara written consent to her proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-option of Ms. Shirley O’Hara at today’s meeting.

[H2 (b) Fine Gael Nomination - Shirley O'Hara](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/65981)  
[H2 (c) Fine Gael Nomination - Shirley O'Hara acceptance](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/65982)

Outgoing Councillor Deputy E. Higgins addressed the chamber and thanked, staff, management and his colleagues for their help in his time as a Councillor and wished new Councillor S. O’Hara best wishes in her new role.

Councillors E. O’Brien, P. Kavanagh, G. O’Connell, C. King, C. Bailey, R. McMahon and V. Casserly all offered their congratulations to Deputy E. Higgins in the recent election and welcomed new Councillor C. O’Byrne to the chamber.

### The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor K. Egan seconded by Councillor M. Seery-Kearney and **AGREED.**

“That Ms. Shirley O’Hara be co-opted to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the election of Councillor E. Higgins to Dáil Éireann on Saturday 8th March 2020.”

Councillor S. O’Hara gave a speech accepting her new position as a Councillor.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, congratulated Deputies F. N. Duffy and E. Higgins on their success in the recent election and welcomed new Councillors C. O’Byrne and S. O’Hara to the chamber.

### **H3/0220 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - CHAIR VACANCIES**

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

A vacancy exists on the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC following the election of Deputy F.N. Duffy to Dáil Éireann, who was subsequently disqualified from membership of this committee.

It is now a matter for this Council to fill the vacancy of Chair of the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC.

A vacancy exists on the Social, Community & Equality SPC following the election of Deputy E. Higgins to Dáil Éireann, who was subsequently disqualified from membership of this committee.

It is now a matter for this Council to fill the vacancy of Chair of the Social, Community & Equality SPC.

**Chair Vacancy on Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC (Deputy F.N. Duffy)**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and **AGREED** that Councillor W. Priestley be appointed to the Chair of the Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC in place of Deputy F.N. Duffy who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

**Chair Vacancy on Social, Community & Equality SPC (Deputy E. Higgins)**

It was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor and **AGREED** that Councillor T. Gilligan be appointed to the Chair of the Social, Community & Equality SPC in place of Deputy E. Higgins who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

### **H4/0220 FILLING OF VACANCIES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES / STATUTORY BODIES (DEPUTY F.N. DUFFY)**

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

A vacancy exists on the following committee/statutory body previously held by Deputy F.N. Duffy who has recently been elected to Dáil Éireann and subsequently disqualified from membership of this committee.

* **Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly**

It is a matter for the Council to appoint a replacement(s) to the above position and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon and **AGREED** that Councillor C. O’Byrne be appointed to **Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly** in place of Deputy F.N. Duffy who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

### **H5/0220 FILLING OF VACANCIES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES / STATUTORY BODIES (DEPUTY E. HIGGINS)**

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

A number of vacancies exist on the following committees/statutory bodies previously held by Deputy E. Higgins who has recently been elected to Dáil Éireann and subsequently disqualified from membership of these committees.

* **Audit Committee**
* **Plenary body of AILG**
* **Joint Policing Committee**

It is a matter for the Council to appoint a replacement(s) to the above position and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor V. Casserly and **AGREED** that Councillor D. McManus be appointed to the **Audit Committee** in place of Deputy E. Higgins who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor V. Casserly and **AGREED** that Councillor B. Pereppadan be appointed to the **Plenary Body of AILG** in place of Deputy E. Higgins who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor M. Seery-Kearney and **AGREED** that Councillor V. Casserly be appointed to the **Joint Policing Committee** in place of Deputy E. Higgins who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

### **H6/0220 FILLING OF VACANCIES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES / STATUTORY BODIES (DEPUTY M. WARD)**

A number of vacancies existed on the following committees/statutory bodies previously held by Deputy M. Ward who was elected to Dáil Éireann at the Dublin Mid-West by-election on 29th November 2019 and subsequently disqualified from membership of these committees.

Councillor Lisa Kinsella Colman was co-opted to Council on 13th January 2020 and to replace Deputy M. Ward on the following bodies:

* **Clondalkin Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force**
* **Joint Policing Committee**
* **Regional Health Forum - Dublin - Mid Leinster**

It is now before this Council to approve the appointment of Councillor L. Kinsella-Colman to the above committees/statutory bodies.

It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **AGREED** that Councillor L. Kinsella-Colman be appointed to the **Clondalkin Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force** in place of Deputy M. Ward who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **AGREED** that Councillor L. Kinsella-Colman be appointed to the **Joint Policing Committee** in place of Deputy M. Ward who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **AGREED** that Councillor L. Kinsella-Colman be appointed to the **Regional Health Forum - Dublin - Mid Leinster** in place of Deputy M. Ward who was elected to Dáil Éireann.

Meeting Finished @ 17:44

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

Mayor

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