SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



**REPORT OF MEETING OF LAND USE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2020**

**PRESENT:**

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| **Members**  | **Council Officials**  |
| Cllr William Priestly (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. Paul Gogarty | William Purcell | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr. David McManus | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr William Carey  |  Hazel Cragie | Senior Planner |
|   |  Rosaleen Dwyer |  Heritage Officer |
|  Ally Menary Road Safety Officer |
| Andrew Bass Assistant Engineer |
|  **Non Elected Members:**  |
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**Apologies: Cllr. Shane Moynihan**

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor William Priestly presided.**

**In attendance: Hugh Cregan and John Fleming, NTA**

### **H-1/ (1) Item ID:64982- Minutes of SPC held 18th November, 2019**

Minutes of SPC 18th November 2019.docx

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC 18th November, 2019 were proposed by Cllr. David McManus and seconded by Councillor William Carey and **AGREED**

### **H-1 /(2) Item ID:64982 Presentation by NTA – Bus Connects**

[BusConnects Infrastructure Dublin Second Public Consultation CBC Route Amendments SDCC SPC Feb 2020](https://sdublincoco-my.sharepoint.com/personal/jasondoyle_sdublincoco_ie/Documents/Microsoft%20Teams%20Chat%20Files/BusConnects%20Infrastructure%20Dublin%20Second%20Public%20Consultation%20CBC%20Route%20Amendments%20SDCC%20SPC%20Feb%202020.pptx?web=1)

Mr. John Fleming, NTA delivered the presentation.

Mr Fleming advised that there are several key proposed changes in the SDCC area following the second round of public consultation, which focused on the 230km of bus corridor and 200km of cycle tracks

He advised of the proposed introduction of low emission bus fleets, cashless payments (i.e. Leap Card), Park and ride facilities, new bus stops

There will be 16 core bus corridors.

The key issues raised at consultation stage included :

* Traffic and environmental impacts i.e. trees
* Impact of displaced traffic
* Impact on properties – CPO
* Safety Concerns
* Community Impacts
* Parking and loading
* Route issues
* Bus lands and road widening
* Bus services and stops

Mr Fleming noted that there will be difficult decisions to be made, which will include reduction in on street parking and removal of trees. Some members of the public will suffer the loss of gardens and driveways. Solutions include – signal-controlled priorities, bus gates, one-way traffic systems and removal of through traffic – this will reduce the requirement on land take and minimise tree removal.

Mr. Fleming went through the various areas which included submissions received and the main proposals affecting the areas in SDCC :-

* Lucan Golf Club – two way cycletrack,
* Liffey Valley – bus stops and ped cycle bridge,
* Liffey Valley to City Centre Corridor,
* Liffey Valley interchange,
* Clondalkin to Drimnagh Core Bus Corridor,
* Long Mile Road/Naas Road – grade separated facility,
* Greenhills to City Centre Corridor, Tallaght – revised routing,
* Greenhills Road/M50 Bridge,
* Tallaght to Templeogue Core Bus Corridor,
* Tallaght to Terenure Corridor,
* Spawell Roundabout - this to be signalised
* Rathfarnham to City Centre Corridor,
* Rathfarnham Road – proposed alternative cycle route,
* Terenure Road East – proposed alternative cycle route

Mr. Hugh Creegan also responded to questions raised by Cllrs. William Carey, Cllr Paul Gogarty, Cllr. David McManus, Cllr Eoin Ó Bróin and Cllr. William Priestly. He addressed areas of concern particularly those in Lucan and Rathfarnham. He advised that meetings had been held with residents who would be affected by the loss of their gardens and driveways, and that most of the residents had been consulted with. He advised that a signal-controlled route was not a viable option for the Rathfarnham Road. Such a scenario would only work in short stretches of road such as the Grange Road Scheme.

He informed the meeting that the NTA would be preparing a comprehensive transport assessment and that further details would be available later in the year. A further consultation process commences on 4th March 2020 for 6 weeks, and that Public representatives will be receiving emails regarding a location in City Centre where they would be able to meet with officials from the NTA.

Members requested that the NTA return to SDCC to talk to all members and Mr. Creegan agreed to this request.

The Chair Cllr Priestly thanked Mr. Creegan and Mr. Fleming for their time to come in addressing the LUPT SPC.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) / Item ID:65329 – Cycle South Dublin – Emerging Ideas**

SPC briefing on Cycle South Dublin Feb 2020.docx

Mr. Mick Mulhern, Director of Services presented the report.

Mr. Mulhern outlined the background to the proposed initiative includes the delivery of a robust cycle network in the Council’s administrative area.

Mr Mulhern advised that a lot of investment has gone into the design and construction of the cycle infrastructure throughout the county in the last few years which has delivered an improved cycle network.

However, much more can be done to bolster the delivery and design of this infrastructure and the purpose of this briefing is to seek early views from the SPC to help shape the emerging proposals, vision, mission, objectives and process. This is to be a credible 5 year programme of works that is funded, prioritised and deliverable. Over the coming months discussions with Cllrs and key stakeholders including NTA and the Dublin Cycle Campaign will help to inform the preferred programme of works. There is an opportunity to have a more detailed workshop with Cllrs in the coming weeks as more detail is produced by the team.

The timescale is as follows but this will be subject to change depending on the discussions with key stakeholders:

Feb 2020 - SPC briefing

Q1 & Q2 2-2- - Agree programme and secure funding support

June 2020: - Launch Cycle South Dublin programme during Bike Week

Q3 + Plan for delivery - Procure and commence design of infrastructure

 Mr. Mulhern responded to queries raised by Cllrs. P. Gogarty, Cllr E. Ó Broin, Cllr Wm Priestly. Queries included how would SPC feed into the plan, segregating all cycle tracks, works on the N81 and availability of human resources.

Mr Mulhern agreed to revert to the SPC members with a paper on the N81 works, as well as an outline of the Cycle South Dublin programme of proposals at a meeting in c 6 weeks. It was further agreed that there may be scope for a subcommittee to engage in this project.

The report was **NOTED**

### **H-1 (4) Item ID:65330 Draft Biodiversity Action Plan**

Mr. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer presented an update on the Biodiversity Action Plan preparation process.

Ms. Dwyer outlined the policy context of the plan

* Corporate Plan LUPT Objective.2.v
* County Development Plan Policy: HCL 1:2
* County Heritage Plan Action 3:1.Viii

She advised of SDCC ‘s national and international obligations

Elements of Biodiversity are addressed by SDCC under:-

* County Development Plan
* County Heritage Plan
* Development Management – Planning Applications
* Public Realm – Parks and Open Spaces
* All Ireland Pollinator Plan
* Council’s Climate Action Plan

The Biodiversity Plan will be the central focus for the co-ordinated protection and management of the Country’s biodiversity resource – a one-stop-shop for diversity.

Ms Dwyer provided examples of natural habitats, protected and rare species, pollinating insects that can be found around the county, citing that our parks and open spaces have areas of meadow for insects and wildflowers to flourish. These create additional habitat creation.

The Councils Biodiversity Action Plan (2020 – 2025) will

* Map habitats and species
* Support the county’s green infrastructure network
* Engage through education to develop a communications strategy to promote the Council’s biodiversity, support both urban and rural communities to undertake local biodiversity projects and also support local participation in national objectives which include National Biodiversity Plan, All Ireland Pollinator Plan, Climate Change Plan, Tidy Towns, the Pure Mile etc.

It is envisaged that the Council will lead the way through policy and good governance, adapt to change

Timeframe

* SPCs in Feb
* Public Consultation 26th March to 24th April 2020
* Report on Consultation to SPC’s May 2020
* Report to ACM’s in June 2020
* Bring to Council in July 2020

Ms. Dwyer responded to queries raised by Cllrs. P. Gogarty, Cllr E. Ó Broin and Cllr Wm Priestly.

The report was **NOTED**

The Chair Cllr William Priestly thanked the staff and the meeting closed at 7.10p.m.