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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2020 County Council Meeting held on Monday 9 March 2020

### **PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bailey, C. |  | Mahon, K. |
| Carey, W. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Casserly, V. |  | McManus, D. |
| Collins, Y. |  | Moynihan, S. |
| Costello, T. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Duff, M. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Dunne, L. |  | Ó Broin, E |
| Edge, A. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Egan, K. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Fay, S. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Hara, S. |
| Gogarty, P. |  | O’Toole, L. |
| Hayes, A. |  | Pereppadan, B. |
| Holohan, P. |  | Priestley, W. |
| Johansson, M. |  | Seery-Kearney, M. |
| Kavanagh, P. |  | Sinclair, L. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Timmons, F. |
| Kinsella-Colman. L. |  | Tuffy, J. |
| Lawlor, B. |  |  |
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### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function  Head of Finance  County Architect | L. Maxwell, F. Nevin, T. Walsh, M. Mulhern, C. Ward.  R. FitzGerald.  E. Conroy. |
| Senior Executive Officers  Senior Engineer | C. Hurson, B. Hora, M. McAdam, M. Staunton, M. Maguire  T. O’Grady. |
| Administrative Officers | M. Reilly, N. Noonan. B. Shannon |
| Staff Officer  IT. Support  Sord | L. Abbey.  J. Doyle  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor V. Casserly, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors C. King, C. O’Byrne, D. Richardson.

### **H1/0320 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### Minutes of Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan on 23rd January 2020 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### [Minutes of Special Council Meeting of 23rd February 2020 on Tallaght LAP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=65983)

### Minutes of the February County Council Meeting on 11th February 2020 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### [Minutes of the February County Council Meeting on 11th February 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66095)

### Minutes of the Special County Council Meeting on 24th February 2020 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor V. Casserly seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

[Minutes of the Special County Council Meeting on 24th February 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66096)

At the outset of the Meeting the Mayor, Councillor V. Casserly, proposed and the Members **AGREED** to vary the sequence of items on the agenda in order to take Headed Item no. 12 (**H12**) first.

### **H12/0320 LCDC ANNUAL REPORT**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Prof. Mary P Corcoran, Chairperson of the LCDC and were **CONSIDERED**.

[H12 Draft 2019 LCDC Annual Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66116)  
[H12 LCDC Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66125)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors W. Priestley and M. Duff.

Prof. Mary P Corcoran, Chairperson of the LCDC responded to the Members queries.

### **H2/0320 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES**

**a) Rathfarnham-Templeogue-Firhouse-Bohernabreena Committee - 12th February 2020**

*Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

(No Reports)

**b) Clondalkin Area Committee – 19th February 2020**

*Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

(No Reports)

**c) Tallaght Area Committee – 24th February 2020**

*Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts****,****Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

(No Reports)

**d)** **Lucan-Palmerstown-Fonthill Area Committee – 25th February 2020**

*Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management*

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

(No Reports)

### **H3/0320 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE**

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

(No Reports)

### **H4a/0320 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

**Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting - 19th February 2020

**Attended**

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| Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair) | Cllr. Guss O’Connell |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes | Ms. Freda Manweiler |
| Cllr. Peter Kavanagh | Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Teresa Costello

Cllr. Kenneth Egan

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Mr. Niall Noonan, Communications Officer

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes SPC 6th Nov 2019**  **Minutes from the meeting of 6th Nov 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Alan Hayes and seconded by Cllr. Gus O’Connell.**  **Matters arising: There were two matters arising from the previous meeting**   1. **The draft Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC Workplan was circulated for discussion and agreement by Members on 7th November 2019. This will be dealt with under headed item 3 at this SPC meeting.** 2. **At the previous Arts SPC meeting the nomination of three members of the Board of the South Dublin Arts Company (Rua Red) and it was agreed that:**  * **The previous protocol that the three members to be nominated would be: The SPC Chair (ex officio), one elected member and one non-elected member, would continue.** * **In line with this protocol it was agreed that Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair) and Ms. Freda Manweiler (PPN) would be nominated to the Board.** * **Following discussion after the SPC meeting it was agreed that Cllr. Peter Kavanagh would be the third nomination to the Board.**   **The above listed nominations were recommended to CPG and full Council and were agreed.** |
| **Headed Item 2: SDCC Irish Language Strategy**  **Mr. Niall Noonan, Communications Officer, gave an update on SDCC’s language strategy, which was also available in Irish.**  Following a contribution from Cllr. O’Connell the report was **noted.** |
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| **Headed Item 3:   SPC workplan**  **Frank Nevin, Director, outlined that matters for review and the discussion included:**   1. **Irish Language Scheme** 2. **Library Development Plan 2018-2022 (Open to You)** 3. **South Dublin Arts Development Strategy 2016 -2020**   **Further matters for discussion in 2020 include:**   1. **The opening of two new libraries in the County at North Clondalkin and Castletymon.** 2. **Cultural Quarter Development – The Civic, Rua Red and the County Library.** 3. **The new Arts Development Strategy 2021-2025.** 4. **The role of Community education in the Arts perhaps initially focusing on the Music Generation project.** 5. **The role of events and festivals, particularly the Red Line Book Festival.**   **Cllr. Hayes queried where the Heritage piece fitted in the Arts SPC. FN outlined the role of the SPC and agreed that Heritage and Tourism could be updated for the next SPC. It was also suggested that a joint sub-committee on heritage could be formed with the Planning SPC on an agreed agenda. (Subject to agreement with the Chair of the LUPT SPC.)**  **The report was noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Update on Library Capital Projects**  Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave a report and presentation on upcoming library projects at North Clondalkin, Castletymon, and Rathcoole.  Following contributions from Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr. Hayes, Cllr. Duff and Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara the reports were **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 5: Update on Creative Ireland and Cruinniú na nÓg 2020**  Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented a report on Cruinniú na nÓg which will take place on Saturday 13th June 2020. Two commissioned pieces will take place as part of Cruinniú in South Dublin:   1. Freshly Ground Theatre, Tallaght, will work with young people and children 2. Corkagh Park Community and Family Event will work with ReCreate Ireland   There is also an open call for proposals to be developed throughout the county.  Following some discussion with contributions from Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr Duff, and Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 6: Early Years Strategy – Arts Office**  Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave an update on SDCC’s Early Years Strategy 2020-2025. The strategy was prepared by Ms. Irma Grothuis on behalf of the Arts Office. It covers Programme Development, Support, Communication and Access for early years from 0-5 and 6-12.  Following some discussion with contributions from Cllr. Hayes, Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr. O’Connell, Cllr Duff, Ms. Freda Manweiler and Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara the report was noted. It was agreed that a budget and potential work programme should be brought to the next SPC. |
| **Headed Item 7: AOB**  Cllr Hayes raised a query about getting a small grant for the Dublin Fleadh Cheoil 2020 which is to be held in Lucan in May. Frank Nevin advised to send details to him, and he would see what funding might be available from Tourism/Arts grants.  **The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.** |

1. Minutes of Meeting - 6th November 2019

**Attended**

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| Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair) | Cllr. Guss O’Connell |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes | Ms. Freda Manweiler |
| Cllr. Peter Kavanagh | Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Teresa Costello

Cllr. Kenneth Egan

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms. Cristian Hurson, Senior Executive Officer

Ms. Maoilíosa Boyle, Director of Rua Red

Mr. Michael Barker-Craven, Director of Civic Theatre

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| **Headed Item 1: SPC introductions**  **Members and officials introduced themselves.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Lobbying Regulation Act**  **Cristina Hurson, Senior Executive Officer, provided information on the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 to the Strategic Policy Committee.**  The report was **noted.** |
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| **Headed Item 3:   SDCC Corporate Plan 2019-2024**  **Cristina Hurson, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation on SDCC Corporate Plan 2019-2024.**    **The report was noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Minutes of the SPC meeting of 6th Feb 2019.**  The minutes of the SPC meeting of 6th Feb 2019 were **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 5: Libraries Presentation**  Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave a presentation on South Dublin Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 ‘Open to You’.  Following some discussion with contributions from Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr O’Connell, Cllr. Hayes and Cllr. Duff the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 6: Arts Office Update**  Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave an update on Arts programmes including the Youth Arts Programme, InContext 4, Music Generation and the Creative Ireland Programme.  Following contributions from Cllr. O’Connell and Cllr. Kavanagh the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 7: Rua Red Presentation**  Ms. Maoilíosa Boyle, Director of Rua Red, gave a presentation on the work carried out by Rua Red and several programmes were discussed.  The report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 8: Civic Theatre Presentation**  Mr. Michael Barker-Craven, Director of the Civic Theatre, gave a presentation on the work and programmes carried out by the theatre.  Following a contribution by Cllr. Hayes the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 9: Appointments to the Board of SDCC Arts Company/Civic Theatre Board**  Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service, informed Members that the nominations to the board of the Civic Theatre were approved at the July County Council meeting:  Cllr. Kavanagh and Cllr Baby Pereppadan and the two executives from SDCC are Mr. Eddie Conroy and Ms. Bernadette Fennell.  The nomination of three (3) members to the Board of the South Dublin Arts Company, (Rua Red), was discussed by the members. It was agreed that:   * The previous protocol that the three members to be nominated would be : the SPC Chair (ex officio), one elected member and one non-elected member, would continue. * In line with this protocol it was agreed that Cllr Mick Duff, (Chair) and Ms Freda Manweiler, (PPN) would be nominated to the Board. * At the meeting Councillors Hayes and Kavanagh expressed interest in the third nomination but, as not all elected members of the SPC were present for the discussion, it was agreed that the nomination be deferred to the next SPC meeting. * The two Executives from SDCC appointed to the board are Mr. Frank Nevin and Ms. Anne Lynch. |
| **Headed Item 10: Draft SPC work plan**  There was also discussion in relation to the SPC workplan. Time was limited but it was agreed that a DRAFT plan be circulated for discussion and agreement reached at the next SPC meeting. |
| **AOB**  Cllr Kavanagh expressed his thanks to all and the **meeting concluded at 7.25pm.** |

 The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4b/0320 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

**Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting - 26th February 2020

**In attendance;**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) Donie Anderson

Councillor Francis Timmons Una Ruddock

Councillor Alan Edge Deirdre Mooney (Apologies)

Councillor Yvonne Collins

Councillor Liam Sinclair

Councillor Madeleine Johansson

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer

Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer

David Dodd, Regional Coordinator Dublin CARO

David Grant, Project Engineer

Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer

Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer

Anne O’Gorman, Administrative Officer

**Observers**

Councillor Eoin Ó Broin

Arlene Hughes, Senior Staff Officer

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 6th November 2019**

The Minutes of the SPC held on 6th November 2019 were proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

**Item 2: Presentation by the Climate Action Regional Office**

David Dodd, Head of the Dublin Climate Change Regional Office (CARO) delivered a presentation on the work of the CARO

**Item 3: Presentation on the Climate Change Action Plan. Theme: Flood Resilience**

David Grant, Project Engineer, presented an update on the Poddle, Whitechurch and Camac Flood Alleviation Schemes.

Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer, presented the 2020 programme and update on the Minor Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes.

**Item 4: Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2022**

A report on the Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2020 and the Public Consultation process was presented by Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer. Members were informed that there were 195 submissions as part of the public consultation, resulting in changes to the Draft Litter Management Plan which was presented to the SPC. The SPC agreed that the Draft Litter Management Plan should be submitted to the March Council meeting for adoption with the recommendation of the SPC.

**Item 5: Pitch Strategy, Action Plan arising from recommendations**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent provided an update to the SPC in relation to the development of the Action Plan arising from the adoption of the Sports Pitch Strategy for the County.

**Item 6: Pre-Consultation Draft Biodiversity Plan Update**

Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer presented a report to update the members on the Draft Biodiversity Plan in advance of the upcoming public consultation.

**Item 7: Any Other Business**

1. a. Eco Village Cloughjordan: Úna Ruddock (PPN) invited members of the SPC to visits to the Cloughjordan Ecovillage which are taking place on 9th May and 21st May.
2. b. Councillor Johansson enquired if a presentation from a group that promotes the elimination of single use plastics could be arranged for an SPC later in 2020. Cllr Johansson agreed to forward on full details to Michael McAdam A/SEO.
3. Minutes of Meeting - 6th November 2019

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Non-Elected**

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) Donie Anderson

Councillor Francis Timmons Una Ruddock

Councillor Alan Edge Deirdre Mooney

Councillor Yvonne Collins

Councillor Liam Sinclair

Councillor Madeleine Johansson

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer

Suzanne Furlong, Snr. Parks Superintendent

Michael McAdam, A/ Snr. Executive Officer

Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer

**Apologies**

Councillor Dermot Richardson

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 5th February 2019**

The Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 5th February 2019**,** were proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

**Item 2: Corporate Plan 2020-2024**

Lorna Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management presented a report to the Committee in respect of the consultation process underway for the preparation of the South Dublin County Council Corporate Plan 2020-2024.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Introduction to SPC and Lobbying requirements**

* 1. a. The South Dublin County Council Scheme for the Establishment of Strategic Policy Committees adopted at the Council meeting held on the 14th October 2019 as circulated was presented by Teresa Walsh, Director of Services who also outlines the role of the SPC as follows:
  2. • The Council is and remains the decision-making authority, and it is the task of the SPC as a committee of the Council, to advise the Council in its work.
  3. • Each SPC will assist the Council in the formulation, development and review of policy in relation to research functions of a strategic nature subject to the relevant statutory framework. They will participate in the policy making process from the preliminary stages, when certain policy options are being considered. Background work, discussion and recommendations will be completed at SPC level before final consideration and ratification by the Council. Each SPC will provide advice and reports to the Council on any policy matter within their range of responsibilities or on related issues either on their own initiative or at the request of the Council.
  4. • Each SPC’s work shall take account of the Council’s overall corporate policy and objectives, integrate with statutory plans where relevant, link realistically to financial resources and be responsive to external consultation.

A Draft programme for the SPC for 2020 was presented:

1. Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes – ongoing

2. Recycling Strategy Update

3. Regional Waste Management Plan / WERLA Priorities

4. Update on Scrambler & Quads Task Force

5. Climate Change Action Plan 2019/2024 – Implementation Plan

6. Draft Litter Management Plan 2019-2024

7. Sports Pitch Strategy

8. Green Infrastructure Strategy

9. Pollinator Plan

10. Policy on Surface Water and Attenuation Management, including SuDs Guidance

11. Initiate Review of Bye Laws (Parks Op Spaces / Horses)

12. Living with Trees Tree Management Strategy Review

A discussion ensued and the Director of Service responded to the Committee members’ queries. The Committee members were requested to submit suggestions for inclusion in the Draft SPC work programme for agreement.

It was agreed that the A/Senior Executive Officer would circulate a list of SPC members and their roles together with a list of staff in Environment, Water & Climate Change and their roles.

The Scheme and associated Reports were **NOTED**

b. An Information Notice in respect of Strategic Policy Committees, Advisory Groups and the Regulation of Lobbying as circulated was NOTED

**Item 4: Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2024**

A report on the Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2024 and the Public Consultation process as circulated was presented by Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer.

The A/Senior Executive Officer and the Director of Service responded to the members’ queries. The committee was informed that a report on the public consultation and a Final Draft Litter Management Plan will be presented to the SPC at their February Meeting with a view to submitting the Plan to the Council for approval at their next meeting.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Update on Flood Alleviation (including CFRAMS) and Surface Water Schemes**

The following report as circulated was presented by Derek Sargent, A/ Senior Engineer:

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| **SURFACE WATER MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME 2019 Location** | **Project Details** | **Projected Exp. For 2019** |
| Ballyowen Lane Surface Water | Surface Water pipeline complete. Road reinstatement programmed to be complete before year end – tenders received | €62,000 |
| Templeogue Village Surface Water | Surface Water pipeline connecting Templeogue Road to Riverside Cottages via route through carpark near Templeogue Inn – works complete | €58,000 |
| Mill Lane, Saggart, Surface Water | Surface Water pipeline completed before commencement of village renewal works | €66,340 |
| Dodder Bank Reinforcement | Gabions required to prevent collapse of bank on outfall of Oldcourt Stream to Dodder. Works can commence shortly but are awaiting lower flows | €23,500 |
| Garter Lane, Saggart | Works to Surface Water pipeline to remove restriction to alleviate flooding from Garter Lane on to the N7. Works complete | €12,585 |
| Owendoer Stream | Remove overhanging trees and clear channel to remove potential flow restrictions. Works commenced | €14,220 |
| Bancroft Stream | Remove debris and overgrowth to clear channel of potential restrictions – works complete | €41,500 |
| Sean Walsh Park Lake | Upper Lake cleared of debris and desilted – works complete | €56,850 |
| Peamount Road, Newcastle | Ditch cleared to remove debris and overgrowth – works complete | €4,274 |
| River Screens – telemetry cameras | Cameras to remotely monitor flows and screens conditions, at Camac River \*2 and on Jobstown Strean near N81 – on order | €80,000 |
| Newcastle Manor | Attenuation tank to be cleared and pipework realignment to be carried out to reduce potential for flooding – works in planning | €20,000 |
| Adamstown Surface Water realignment | Remove surface water pumping station and link drainage to gravity discharge to 750mm pipeline – works in progress | €69,200 |
| Camac River, Corkagh | Survey of bed levels through Corkagh Park – works planned | €5,000 |
| **Total** |  | **€513,500** |

**SURFACE WATER MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME 2020**

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| **Location** | **Project Details** | **Projected Exp. For 2020** |
| Rathcoole Park | Regrade River bank - to alleviate overspill during heavy rainfall migrating down to Rathcoole village | €50,000 |
| Tay Lane Rathcoole | Road Design required to Regrade road and allow installation of upsized Surface Water pipe | €80,000 |
| Templeogue Village Main Street | Initial assessment and feasibility for new surface water sewer – slit trenches to determine location of underground services | €25,000 |
| Old Lucan Road near village centre | New surface water pipeline required to facilitate road drainage | €160,000 |

**Surface Water Sewer Systems:**

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| Corkagh Park | Level Survey of existing flood alleviation works and desiltation of channels | | €20,000 |
| Butterfield Park | New surface water sewer required to allow separation of surface water and foul to alleviate foul sewer flooding – joint funding to be agreed with IW | | €25,000 |
| Woodville/Esker Lane | New surface water pipeline required to connect road gulleys to existing surface water network | | €30,000 |
| Palmerstown Woods | New surface water pipeline required to provide improved connection to surface water network | | €35,000 |
| **Total** | | **€425,000** | |
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Most of the above schemes are at preliminary design stage and are subject to detailed design and full budgetary estimates.

1. **Flood Alleviation Minor Capital Works – River & Stream 2020**

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| **Location** | **Project Details** | | **Projected Exp. For 2020** |
| Camac River | Clearing & regrading | | €50,000 |
| Poddle River | Clearing & regrading | | €60,000 |
| Jobstown Stream Tributary | Upgrade pipework from N81/DeSelby to discharge to 525mm . | | €80,000 |
| Owendoher Stream | Clearing & regrading | | €20,000 |
| Mill Ponds & Camac Screen at Toyota | Replace River Screens | | €15,000 |
| Ballycragh Lake | Clear out debris and silt from lake | | €25,000 |
| **Total** | | **€250,000** | |

The A/ Senior Engineer responded to the members’ queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

The following report as circulated was presented by Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer:

**River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Works are currently being completed under Stage 1 – Preliminary Design with the focus on completing the Preliminary Design Report, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Planning Drawings for Part X Planning submission to ABP.

Since Q1 2019 focus was placed on providing more nature-based solutions in the scheme so a number of changes were introduced, these include the introduction of an Integrated Constructed Wetlands in Tymon Park downstream from the Tymon Park Lakes, which has been included to assist in increasing water quality and biodiversity in the river alongside major layout changes to the proposed new storage areas located in the open space at the rear of Whitehall Park and in Ravensdale Park at the KCR. As more focus was placed on nature-based solutions, the extent of hard (concrete) flood defences required on the scheme has been dramatically reduced by 75% from the 3.5km recommended in the 2014 Poddle Options Report to approx. 800m.

Following these changes and to ensure that Landscape Mitigation is properly addressed in relation to tree removal/replacement, along with meeting the requirements of both the SDCC and DCC Public Realm Depts, a comprehensive Tree Survey took place in early Q3 2019 along the affected river route. Final discussions regarding the landscape mitigation are currently taking place with SDCC and DCC Public Realm Depts.

Other works that have been completed since Q1 2019 include a required independent Panel Engineer analysis of the proposed storage embankments to be constructed in Tymon Park, a comprehensive Threshold Survey of properties along the route, carried out to assist in determining the Cost Benefit Analysis of the scheme, the completion of the Hydraulic and Hydrological analysis and the updating of the Flood Mapping for the catchment. Other main reports required for Planning that have also been completed include the Construction Environment Management Plan and the Natura Impact Statement along with the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report which was issued to the relevant departments in SDCC and DCC for review in Q3 2019.

Following a competitive tender process held at the end of Q2 2019, Site Investigation works are currently being carried out in various locations from Tymon North Park to Mount Argus, with groundworks expected to be completed in mid-November.

In relation to communications, an updated presentation was provided to the SDCC May 2019 Co Co Meeting and to the DCC South East Area Committee Meeting in September 2019. There was non-statuatory public consultationin December 2018 and information is on the website [www.poddlesfas.ie](http://www.poddlesfas.ie)

Once the Preliminary Design Report and the EIAR are completed a Part X Planning Application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála with the submission currently estimated for Q4 2019 when detailed design for the scheme will also commence.

Following the submission to ABP, 6 weeks of public consultation will take place in various locations in SDCC and DCC. We will then await the decision of the Board, which generally takes between 6 and 8 months. Once we have planning approval from the Board, construction is currently estimated to commence in Q3/Q4 2020.

**Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme commenced with the appointment of RPS Group in October 2018 as Technical Consultants.

In Q2 2019, following the review by the consultant of by the draft Preliminary Design Report issued by the OPW in Q1 2019, significant changes have taken place in relation to the Planning route required for the scheme. Following environmental impact screening of the scheme and as a result of the Sweetman v Coillte judgement by the CJEU in June 2018, it was recommended by the consultant that planning would now have to be applied to An Bord Pleanala under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as opposed to the Part IIX process which was originally intended.

Following the recommendation, it was established that greater details of design and environmental reporting is required under Sec177AE which includes for Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment - Natura Impact statement.

Since the recommendation a Natura Impact Statement, an Ecological Assessment Report and a Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment Report have been compiled which have included comprehensive Bat Surveys, Habitat Surveys and Flora and Fauna Surveys. The Cost Benefit Analysis for the scheme has also been completed.

Also, since Q2 2019 thorough Topographic, Threshold, Utility and Invasive Species Surveys have been completed alongside a competitive tender process for a Site Investigation contract which is currently being carried out along the route of the scheme and is expected to be completed by the end of November.

A broad Tree Survey has also recently been completed along the route and when the result of this has been analysed several Public Information Days/Evenings will commence in mid-late November to inform the public and relevant stakeholders of the outcomes of the proposed scheme. These information dates will be held in SDCC Head Office and in local libraries and community centres.

Following these public information events, it is currently estimated that the planning submission to ABP will be in December 2019 where a decision om planning is expected to take 6 months.

**Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Following a competitive tender process under the Multi Party Framework Agreement for Consultant Engineering Design Services for future Flood Alleviation Projects in County Dublin, AECOM Ireland Ltd were appointed as technical consultants for the scheme in October 2019 and works will commence with a comprehensive site walkover and a full review of all available data.

Following the appointment of AECOM, a Steering Group has been formed consisting of representatives from the OPW, DCC and SDCC with DCC selected as the Lead Authority on the scheme.

The next Steering Group meeting is to be held on November 5th, 2019 and updates from these meetings will be provided at the next SPC Meeting.

**END OF REPORT**

The Senior Engineer responded to the members’ queries

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Update on Climate Action Plan 2019 -2024 & Implementation**

The following report as circulated was presented by Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer:

South Dublin County Council Climate Change Action Plan was presented to the Mayor and Elected Members in the September Meeting. The plan presents 130 actions to be progressed throughout its life, in order to fulfil our global obligations and commitments accepted under the Covenant of Mayors and the Paris Agreement.

The 4 key targets of the CCAP are;

• 33% improvement in the Council’s energy efficiency by the year 2020

• 40% reduction in the Council’s greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030

• Make Dublin a climate-resilient region by reducing the impact of future climate change-related events

• Actively engage and inform our citizens on climate change

The 6 key areas under which the action plan will be implemented are;

• Energy and Buildings

• Transport

• Flood Resilience

• Nature based Solutions

• Resource Management

• Citizen Engagement

The associated implementation plan outlines the action teams with oversight over each area and prescribes the frequency at which meetings are to be held. The implementation plan also defines the reporting mechanisms to the Climate Action Steering Group.

**Progress**

The first round of Action Team meetings are complete and the second round are in progress. Actions are currently being tracked on a spreadsheet

***Energy and Buildings***

Of the 27 actions detailed under Energy and Buildings, a number of key actions are critical to SDCC realising its efficiency improvement and emission reduction targets on schedule. CoDEMA, the energy management agency, has identified that public lighting in South Dublin accounts for 48% and 49% of energy use and emissions respectively. SDCC has recently committed an additional €500,000 to accelerate the upgrading of sodium public lighting to more efficient LED systems.

In additional to upgrading public lighting, SDCC has approved the upgrading of lighting in the municipal buildings to LEDs. Phase 1 of the programme has been completed with 10% of the 2,600 lights having been replaced.

The Tallaght District Heating Scheme is currently progressing as follows

• South Dublin Heating Company has been registered

• Tenders have been received from ESCO for DBOM of energy centre and pipe network and are currently under evaluation. Preferred tenderer to be announced next week

• SDCC have contract documents for the Data Centre and are currently reviewing them.

***Transport***

SDCC Climate Change Action Plan identifies 21 actions under transport aimed at reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable transport options to members of the public and to staff. Measures include the development of cycleways and greenways to encourage active travel modes in favour of car use.

The inclusion of 5 Electric Vehicles to the operational fleet has helped to raise the profile of South Dublin County Council.

Ongoing improvements to village centres and public realms aim to enhance the green infrastructure and provide sustainable transport linkages.

***Flood Resilience***

22 Actions have been identified for Flood Resilience in the CCAP. Key actions include

• Cross Boundary flood management with our neighbouring Las

• The implementation of SuDS on SDCC properties and in SDZ and LAPs;

• Implement flood risk management guidelines;

• Protection of floodplains and wetlands

Funding has been allocated to progress works on the following Flood Alleviation Schemes;

• Poddle FAS

• Whitechurch FAS

• Camac FAS

***Nature Based Solutions***

33 actions under Nature Based Solutions have been outlined in the CCAP. Funding has been made available to develop additional pollination areas within the County. Currently 90 Hectares of wildflower meadows are managed by SDCC.

SDCC have introduced several green roofs on buildings including Avonbeg Communty Centre and Round Tower Visitor Centre. Additional green roofs are planned.

A 5-year programme to deliver natural playspaces across the county is underway.

Tree planting and management plan is in place, to provide 1,500 additional trees per annum.

***Resource Management***

Several of the 27 actions detailed under Resource Management represent recurring items that should be detailed and monitored under the Climate Change Action Plan. Significant progress has already been made in terms of waste management in SDCC offices and public realm, however further efforts are required to ensure that SDCC is seen as a leader in the movement against waste and in particular, single use plastics.

SDCC is currently introducing and commissioning water fountains for public use in strategic locations as a measure to help eliminate single use plastic bottles. Funding has been made available to install 9 units across the County, with scope to provide additional units in 2020.

***Citizen Engagement***

SDCC has been engaging actively with members of the public on the issues relating to climate change. Our key actions taken to date include;

• Regular updates on Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, SDCC Website)

• Supporting Climate Action Week

• Engaging with schools to promote cycling and road safety

• Engagement with Community Liaison Officer & Tidy Towns groups

• Media interviews relating to Climate Change and Actions (Radio na Life, RTÉ)

• Climate Change presentation to Comhairle na nÓg

• Three Climate Action videos informing the public about the Climate Change Action Plan and the action being undertaken. These are available on Youtube and on http://www.sdcc.ie/climatechange

**END OF REPORT**

The Senior Engineer responded to the Members’ queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Issues around Election Posters**

It was AGREED that this item be deferred until the outcome of a debate on a related motion at the Council Meeting being held on the 11th of November is known.

**Item 8: Sports Pitch Strategy Update**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent provided an update to the members in relation to the development of a Sports Pitch Strategy for the County, which included the following:

• National and Local Policies and Objectives underpinning provision of sports pitches in the County.

• Description of Sports Pitch Strategy currently underway

• Description of the receiving environment; population etc.

• Outline of existing pitch provision

• Description of capital investment and maintenance works currently underway to maximise capacity

The report was **NOTED**

**Item 9: Any Other Business**

1. a. Dublin Canvas: Councillor Timmons put forward a suggestion that famous people from the South Dublin area be approached and asked to get involved in the Dublin Canvas project in the County. NOTED
2. b. Commercial Rates: The Chairman, Councillor Lawlor indicated that he will be proposing that a scheme be considered by the SPC whereby any future increase in Commercial Rates may be offset with rewards for small businesses for environmental activities. NOTED

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.20 p.m.

The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4c/0320 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

**Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting - 12th February 2020

**PRESENT:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr. Cathal King (Chair) | Frank Nevin | Director of Services |
| Cllr. Sandra Fay | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. Ronan. McMahon | James Naughton | Broadband Officer |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole |  |  |
| Cllr. Ed O’Brien |  |  |
| Cllr. Mary Seery Kearney |  |  |
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| **Representatives:** | | |
| Sherri Brennan, South Dublin Chamber | | |
| Jack McDonnell, Technological University Tallaght | | |
| Tara De Buitlear, Tallaght Community Council | | |
| Apologies: Cllr. Louise Dunne, Cllr. Sandra Fay | | |
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| Also in attendance: | | |

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| **The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr. Cathal King. |  |
| **Headed Item 1 – Minutes of EETD SPC 13th November 2019**  The Minutes of the Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 13th November, 2019 were **Noted**  Frank Nevin, Director of Services raised with the Committee and it was Agreed that a report would be presented to the CPG following each SPC by way of update and to replace previous Supporting Business & Enterprise Report. |  |
| **Headed Item 2: Digital Strategy - Presentation**  **James Naughton, Broadband Officer delivered a presentation on the Councils Digital Strategy, which seeks to build on National and Local plans - Creating opportunities for residents, visitors and businesses by addressing the challenges of the digital age.**  **Following the presentation, Cllrs. O’Brien, McMahon, Fay, O’Toole, Kearns, Seery-Kearney, King and committee members S. Brennan, J. McDonnell and T. De Buitlear raised questions.**  **Frank Nevin, Director of Services, James Naughton, Broadband Officer and Tom Rooney, Head of Enterprise responded. The SPC recommended that the Digital Strategy be brought to full Council.** |  |
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| **Headed Item 3 – Tourism Update**  **Tom Rooney provided a report to the Committee which set out updates on the following Tourism objectives and projects:-**  **Dublin: Surprising By Nature and Dublin’s Outdoors**  **Round Tower, Clondalkin**  **The Castle Stables & Courtyard at Rathfarnham**  **Dublin Mountains Project**  **Tallaght Stadium Branding**  **Clondalkin Self-Guided Trail**  **Liffey Valley Cluster, Lucan**  **Dodder Greenway**  **Dublin Mountains Way**  **Events and Festival Grant**  **Following questions and contributions from Cllrs Fay, O’Brien, Seery-Kearney, Kearns, King and committee member T. De Buitlear, Frank Nevin and Tom Rooney responded and the update report was NOTED.**  **Headed Item 4 – Tallaght Stadium Branding & Marketing Strategy Update**  **Frank Nevin, Director of Services delivered a presentation on the Tallaght Stadium Branding & Marketing Strategy, advising members on the next steps in the process.**  **Cllrs Fay, O’Brien, Kearns and committee members S. Brennan and T. De Buitlear raised questions on the presentations which were responded to by Frank Nevin who advised that the committee will be appraised of progress.**  **Headed Item 5 – Correspondence**  **No Business** |  |
| **Headed Item 6 – Any Other Business:**  No Business  **The meeting concluded at 7.55 pm** |  |

1. Minutes of Meeting - 13th November 2019

**PRESENT:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr. Cathal King (Chair) | Frank Nevin | Director of Services |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. Ronan. McMahon | Paddy Brennan | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole |  |  |
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| **Representatives:** | | |
| Sherie Brennan | | |
| Jack McDonnell | | |
| Cliodhna O’Byrne | | |
| **Apologies:** Cllr. Mary Seery-Kearney, Cllr. Ed O’Brien, Cllr. Sandra Fay,  Ms. Tara de Buitlear | | |
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| Also, in attendance: Cliodhna O’Byrne, South Dublin Chamber | | |

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| **The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr. Cathal King. |  |
| **Headed Item 1 - Introductions**  **As this was the first EETD Strategic Policy Committee meeting of the new Council, the Chairperson Cllr. King invited all present to introduce themselves and set out their role and expectations for the SPC.**  **Headed Item 2 – Minutes of EETD SPC 13th February 2019**  The Minutes of the Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 13th February 2019 were **Noted.** |  |
| **Headed Item 3: Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 Requirements**  **Frank Nevin, Director of Services advised the committee of the obligations and requirements of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015. The item and information contained therein were NOTED.** |  |
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| **Headed Item 4 – South Dublin County Council Corporate Plan 2019 -2024**  **Paddy Brennan presented a report on the Corporate Plan 2019-2024 which is at consultation stage. Members of the Committee were encouraged to engage in the consultation process.**  **Following questions and contributions from members which were responded to by Paddy Brennan, the report was NOTED.**  **Headed Item 5 – Presentations**  **Tom Rooney, Head of Enterprise delivered a presentation on the Business Support Fund.**  **Cliodhna O’Byrne, South Dublin Chamber delivered a presentation on South Dublin Chambers current projects.**  **Laura Leonard, Senior Executive Officer delivered a presentation on Grange Castle Business Park.**  **Tom Rooney gave a report on the tourism /innovation centre and following questions from Cllrs. Kearns, McMahon, O’Toole, Dunne, King and S. Brennan and J. McDonnell, the report was noted.**  **Cllrs Kearns, McMahon, O’Toole, Dunne, King and S. Brennan and J. McDonnell raised questions on the presentations which were responded to by Frank Nevin, Tom Rooney, Cliodhna O’Byrne and Laura Leonard.**  **Headed Item 6 – Proposed Work Programme for SPC**  **The proposed work programme for the SPC was presented, discussed and Noted.** |  |
| **Headed Item 7 – Any Other Business:**  No Business  **The meeting concluded at 7:15pm** |  |

 The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4d/0320 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

**Housing SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting - 20th February 2020

**Report of Meeting of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, 20th February 2020**

**Present:**

Cllr. W. Priestley; Cllr. L. Kinsella-Colman; Cllr. K. Mahon; Cllr. J. Tuffy; S. Harty (PPN) and B. Tyrrell-Collard (ICTU).

**Apologies:**

Cllr. C. O’Connor; Cllr. B. Pereppadan; J. Lawlor.

**Officials in attendance:**

C. Ward, Director of Services, N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer; E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer; M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer; A. O’Toole, T/Senior Business Transformation & Change Manager & J. Sweeney, Senior Staff Officer.

**Also present:**

Prof. S. Donnelly (Tallaght University Hospital & Trinity College Dublin) & E. O’Connor (Senior Architect, Clúid Housing Association)

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. W. Priestley.

**HI.1 Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 19th November 2019.**

The minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 19th November 2019 were agreed.

**HI.2 Matters Arising**

C. Ward provided a brief overview of the proposed 2020 work programme for the Committee and pointed out that the list is not exhaustive but can be adjusted as necessary during the year.

The report was noted.

**HI.3 Whitestown Way Older Persons Accommodation Development & Proposed Ageing Well Partnership**

A joint presentation was delivered by M. Staunton, E. O’Connor (Clúid) and Prof. S. Donnelly (Tallaght Hospital & TCD) on the development of a proposed ageing well partnership programme focused on the proposed development of 81 Older Persons’ Homes at Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

Following questions and contributions from Cllr. Priestley, Cllr. Tuffy and Cllr. L. Kinsella-Colman which were responded to by Prof. S. Donnelly and C. Ward, the Committee noted the report and agreed that the proposed programme should progress.

**HI.4 Integrated Housing System Update**

A. O’Toole presented an overview of the ongoing development and planned implementation of the new Integrated Housing System.

The Committee welcomed this initiative and following questions and contributions from Cllrs. Priestley, Kinsella-Colman, Mahon and Tuffy and S. Harty and B. Tyrrell-Collard which were responded to by A. O’Toole and C. Ward, the report was noted.

**HI.5 Housing Delivery Report 2019 Outturn & 2020 Pipeline/Large Sites Update**

M. Staunton provided an update on housing projects delivered in 2019 and projects in pipeline for 2020 followed by an overview by C. Ward of the proposed mixed tenure development on Council lands at Killinarden.

There were questions and contributions by Cllrs. Priestley, Kinsella-Colman, Mahon & Tuffy and S. Harty which were responded to by M. Staunton and C. Ward, following which the report was noted.

**H-I (5) – Allocations Update including Analysis of Homeless Applications & Exits**

N. Hanly delivered an update and analysis on the allocations and homeless list over the period from 2018 to date and highlighted a number of key policy areas for consideration by members.

There were questions and contributions by Cllrs. Priestley, Kinsella-Colman, Mahon and Tuffy and S. Harty which were responded to by N. Hanly and C. Ward and the report was noted.  Following a proposal by Cllr. Priestly, members agreed to schedule a working group meeting of the Committee to discuss issues, implications and responses to the ongoing homeless situation and to report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

**HI.6 Any Other Business**

**Incremental Purchase Scheme**

C. Ward briefly outlined issues regarding the Council's operation of the Incremental Purchase Scheme’s which the Committee had previously agreed would exclude cash buyers.  Cllr. Priestley noted that this issue required more detailed consideration by the Committee and it was agreed that a report be brought to the next Committee meeting on this matter.

Following a query by Cllr. Kinsella-Colman, it was agreed that a report on the Accelerated Maintenance Programme be provided to the next SPC meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

1. Minutes of Meeting - 18th November 2019

**Present:**

Cllr C. O’Connor (Chair); Cllr D. O’Donovan; Cllr. B. Pereppadan; Cllr W. Priestley; S. Harty (PPN).

**Apologies:**

B. Tyrrell-Collard; Cllr K. Mahon; Cllr M. Ward.

**Officials in attendance:**

C. Ward, Director of Services, N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer; E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer; M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer; N. Noonan, Communications Manager & Jacqueline Sweeney, Senior Staff Officer.

The Meeting was Chaired by Cllr. C. O’Connor.

**H-I (1) – Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 24th April 2019.**

The Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 24th April 2019 were **AGREED**.

**H-I (2) – Matters Arising**

None.

**H-I (3) – Role of SPC & Requirements under the Lobbying Regulation Act**

C. Ward provided a brief overview of the SPC Scheme that was adopted at the Council Meeting on 14th October 2019 and drew attention to the obligations under The Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015. Both documents are available for download for Committee members to review

**H-I (4) – Corporate Plan Consultation**

N. Noonan delivered a presentation on the key commitments and achievements of the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 and asked members to access the link on [**sdcc.ie**](http://www.sdcc.ie/) and encourage citizens to have their say in the development of the new Corporate Plan 2020-2024.

Following questions and contributions from Cllr. O’Connor, Cllr. O’Donovan, Cllr. Priestley, and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward and N. Noonan, the Committee noted the closing date for submissions on 22nd November.

**H-I (5) – Housing Supply & Mixed Tenure Developments Update**

C. Ward and M. Staunton presented a report on housing supply including an overview of the proposed mixed tenure sites, a focus on providing older persons' accommodation with an associated rightsizing policy, the anticipated final housing supply figures for 2019 and an overview of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility used by Approved Housing Bodies to increase social housing supply.  C. Ward asked that the committee consider the presentation in the context of their policy formulation role in the new Housing SPC and to continue to engage with their views on the mixed tenure sites.

There were contributions from Cllr. O’Donovan, Cllr. Priestley, Cllr. Pereppadan and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward and M. Staunton, following which the report was **NOTED**.

**H-I (6) – Housing Disability Supports**

N. Hanly & M. Staunton presented a joint report on housing supports for people with a disability for both Council tenants and private homeowners.

There were contributions from Cllr. O’Donovan, Cllr. Priestley and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward, M. Staunton and N. Hanly.  The report was noted with the Committee also requesting a future update on unsuccessful applications for grants for private home owners.

**H-I (7) – Differential Rent Scheme Update**

E. Leech provided an overview of changes which will be implemented in the South Dublin County Council differential rent scheme following the adoption of the 2020 budget at the annual budget meeting on 14th November 2019.

There were contributions by Cllr. O’Donovan and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward and E. Leech and the report was **NOTED**.

**H-I (8) – Allocations Update**

N. Hanly presented a breakdown and analysis of the South Dublin County Council housing waiting list, including information on total allocations of accommodation for 2019 to-date.

Following contributions from Cllr. Priestley, Cllr. O’Donovan and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward and N. Hanly, the report was **NOTED**

**H-I (9) – AOB**

Cllr. Priestley and Cllr. O’Donovan thanked staff for the presentations and level of information provided. C. Ward committed to continued provision of information and stats to assist the members in their policy formulation function.

The meeting concluded at 7pm

 The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4e/0320 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

**Social, Community & Equality SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting - 18th February 2020

**In Attendance:**

Cllr. V. Casserly (Chair), Cllr. E. Murphy, Cllr. C Bailey and Cllr. T. Gilligan.

**Apologies:**

Cllr P. Holohan and L. Olagoke (PPN).

**Officials present:**

C. Ward, Director of Services and B. Hora, Senior Executive Officer.

**HI.1 Minutes of Social, Community and Equality Strategic Policy Committee held on 4th December 2019**

The minutes of the meeting on 4th December 2019 were **AGREED**.

**HI.2 Matters Arising**

No maters arising.

**HI.3 SPC Work Progamme 2020**

C. Ward gave an overview of the SPC work programme for 2020. He advised that the plan was based on the objectives and actions of the Council’s Corporate Plan 2020-2024, the priorities and actions discussed at the inaugural meeting of the new Committee meeting as well as the objectives of the Management Team Plan for 2020.

Following contributions from Cllrs. Casserly, Murphy and Bailey it was agreed to include Accessibility Actions and Residents' Association Handbook Development to the proposed work programme.

**H-I (4) Age Friendly Strategy**

A report was circulated on progressing the development of an updated Age Friendly Strategy. The report highlighted the changing demographics in the County; achievements under the previous strategy; suggested values and themes to underpin the new strategy and proposed actions, background data and challenges under each theme.

C. Ward advised the members of the next steps in the development of the strategy. Following contributions from Cllrs. Casserly, Murphy and Bailey, the report was noted. It was agreed that the Age Friendly sub-committee of the SPC would take place on 3rd March to further consider and develop the strategy.

**HI.5 Saggart Community Centre**

A report was circulated on the proposed development of a new community centre in Saggart. Following contributions from Cllrs. Casserly, Gilligan and Bailey which were responded to by C. Ward and B. Hora, the report was **NOTED**.

**HI.6 Migrant Integration Strategy Update**

A report was circulated updating the Committee on the implementation of the Council’s Migrant Integration Strategy. B. Hora and C Ward responded to contributions from Cllrs. Murphy and Bailey in relation to including actions rgearding the Flavours of South Dublin festival, refocusing the Social Inclusion Festival, LGBTQ challenges for migrants and the need to reach out to migrant groups.

**HI.7 Community Grants 2020**

B. Hora gave an update on the delivery of an online grant system for 2020 community and sports grants. It was agreed that, as there will be only one round of grants in 2020, 5% (€15,000) of the community grants budget would be reserved to support groups established after the closing date for applications. C. Ward responded to contributions from Cllr E Murphy, Cllr. C. Bailey and T. Gilligan and the report was **NOTED**.

**HI.8 Any Other Business**

It was agreed to include an item on the next SPC meeting agenda on the 2020 Endeavour Awards.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.

1. Minutes of Meeting – 4th December 2019

**In Attendance:**

Cllr. E. Higgins (Chair), Cllr. E. Murphy, Cllr. C Bailey, Cllr. T. Gilligan and L. Olagoke (PPN).

**Apologies:** Cllr. V. Casserly

**Officials present:**

C. Ward, Director of Services and B. Hora, A./Senior Executive Officer.

**HI.1 Minutes of Social and Community Strategic Policy Committee held on 19th February 2019**

The minutes of the Social & Community SPC Meeting of 19th February 2019 were **AGREED**.

**H1.2 Matters Arising**

No maters arising.

**HI.3 Role of SPC & Requirements under the Lobbying Regulation Act**

C. Ward provided a brief overview of the SPC Scheme that was adopted at the Council Meeting on 14th October 2019 and drew attention to the obligations of committee members under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015. It was also noted that both documents are available for download for Committee members to review.

**HI.4 Overview of Community Development**

B. Hora presented an overview of the structure, key policies and activities of the Community Development Department for the Committee. In addition, C. Ward outlined some of the key objectives and items for the Committee during its tenure including:

* Preparation of an updated County Age Friendly Strategy with an associated programme of initiatives and actions;
* Develop and implement County Sports Plan to maximise promotion, development participation, inclusion and physical literacy in the County in conjunction with guidance from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport;
* Review of social inclusion festival impacts and re-define social inclusion programme to deliver more targeted interventions and events focusing on most challenged cohorts;
* Leading and co-ordinating the County Health and Wellbeing framework;
* Developing an online application process for community grants to improve administration and management of grants.

Following contributions from Cllrs Higgins, Murphy, Bailey and Gilligan which were responded to by C. Ward and B. Hora, the report was **NOTED**.

**HI.5 Social Inclusion Festival 2019**

A report was circulated on the 2019 Social Inclusion Festival.

Following discussion with contributions from Cllrs. Higgins, Gilligan, Bailey and Murphy, the committee agreed that it would establish a subcommittee in 2020 to advise and inform the Social Inclusion agenda in the County. This will ensure the activities of the Social Inclusion Festival are focused on the appropriate target groups and will inform the programme of work for 2020 and beyond.

**HI.6 Community Endeavour Awards**

B. Hora delivered a brief presentation on the Community Endeavour Awards (scheduled for Friday 6th December in the Red Cow Moran Hotel) which was noted by the Committee.

**HI.7 Age Friendly Initiatives**

A report was circulated on Age Friendly Initiatives in the County which noted the urgent need to review and replace the current County Age Friendly Strategy.

It was agreed that proposals would be brought to the next Social, Community & Equality SPC meeting in February 2020 regarding the development and implementation of a new County Age Friendly Strategy to enhance the range of Age Friendly initiatives to make tangible impacts on older persons lives.

It was further agreed to establish a sub-committee to consider proposals and options in this regard in the intervening period.

**HI.8 Any Other Business**

None.

The meeting concluded at 7.20pm

 The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4f/0320 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

**Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, and were **CONSIDERED:**

1. Report of Meeting - 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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/65563)

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/66017)

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/65999)

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.

1. Minutes of Meeting - 18th November 2019

**PRESENT:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
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| Cllr Noel Francis Duffy (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr. Paul Gogarty | Lorna Maxwell | Director of Services |
| Cllr. William Carey | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. David McManus | Jason Frehill | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Eoin O Broin | William Purcell | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Shane Moyniham | Anne Hyland | Senior Ex. Planner |
|  | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
|  | Sean O’Hara | Administrative Officer |
|  | Maeve Cantwell | Executive Engineer |
| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Noel Francis Duffy presided.**

### **H-1(1) Item ID:63723- Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 14th March, 2019**

[Mins of March 2019.docx](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/64690)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC 14th March, were **NOTED** as a true recollection of proceedings of the meeting.

### **H-1(2) Item ID:64121 Introduction and Role of SPC**

Ms Lorna Maxwell Director of Services, Mr Mick Mulhern, Director of Services and Ms Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer outlined the role of the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and responded to queries raised.

It was noted that it is the task of SPCs, as committees of the Council, to advise and assist the Council in the formulation, development and review of policy. As such SPCs are strategic in nature and they have no remit in relation to routine operational matters regarding the delivery of services.

The SPC is assisted in matters with input and expertise from external members who must be independent of any vested interests

Meetings are normally held at least four times yearly.

**H-1(3) Item ID 64161 Lobbying Act Requirements**

[Regulation of Lobbying.pdf](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/64689)

Ms/ Lorna Maxwell, Director of Services presented the report as previously circulated. Ms Maxwell outlined the “Three Step Test” – for a communication to be considered a “relevant communication” it must meet the following:

1. The communication is made by a person or organisation within the scope of the Act:
2. The communication concerns a “relevant matter”, and
3. The communication is directed at a person who is a Designated Public Official (DPO)

Ms. Maxwell also outlined provision of exception under the Transparency Code specific to SPCs, whereby communication between SPC members about the work of the committee would be exempt where the committee complies with the Transparency Code.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **H-1 (4) ID:64122 Consultation on Corporate Plan 2020 – 2025**

[Corporate Plan consultation.pptx](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/64733)

Lorna Maxwell, DOS presented a PowerPoint report on the review of the current Corporate Plan and the development of a new plan to comply with provisions of the Local Government Act. She outlined the achievements of the objectives of the last plan 2015-2019 including infrastructure delivered, and explained what has changed to inform the development of the 2020 plan including various pieces of legislation that have changed the way the Local Authority works, Governance requirements, financial oversight, procurement rules etc.

The Council uses the most recent Census (2016) for analysis. The population has increased by 5% and the Council needs to provide more services for our young citizens as well as to accommodate the needs of all our population.

Cyber security is a big issue facing companies now and a lot of work undertaken to protect our systems. The Council uses Social Media to get the message across to the public and is currently developing a strategy to develop this further.

Ms Maxwell outlined the statutory public consultation period within which submissions and observations may be made, closing date **Friday 22nd November, 2019**  and the availability of an online survey

The report was **NOTED.**

### **H-1 (5) Item ID:64123 Review of Parking Bye-Laws – Issues Paper**

[Parking ByeLaws Issues Paper.docx](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/64787)

Ms. Sheila Kelly, Administrative Officer, LUPT gave a quick outline of the review process. The Bye Laws are now 9 years old and require to be updated to consider new pay and display zones, pricing, tariffs, and permits.

The steps in the process would be as follows:

SPC meeting to discuss the issues paper: - 18th November 2019

Proposed Public Consultation Period: 6th January 2020 – 6th March 2020

Review of information from public consult – 9th March 2020 – 23rd March 2020

Report brought to Council meeting: - April Council Meeting

Ms. Maeve Cantwell, Executive Engineer presented the issues paper to the members.

She outlined the main areas where changes will require to be addressed including: -

1. Electric Vehicle Charging points
2. Car Clubs
3. Grace periods
4. Pricing
5. Tariffs
6. New Park and Ride Pilot Scheme
7. Streamlining the Hours of Application
8. Enforcement of the Road Traffic Acts

Officers discussed each of the key issues listed above (1 to 8). Further detail on each of the 8 issues are set out the Parking Bye Laws issue paper that is appended to these minutes. The following issues were those of particular note:

* it is proposed to include an additional permit to the list of existing permits i.e. Residents Carer’s permit.
* There is currently a ‘Pilot Grace Period’ in operation across the County, whereby people are gifted 30 minutes free parking. This has resulted in a significant income lose for the Council year on year. A key reason for this is that people are openly abusing the free 30 minute period. Options for amending this Grace Period were discussed including the preferred approach of having a 15 minutes grace period (as operated in neighbouring Local Authorities) before payment of parking and a further 15minute at the end of the hour of paid parking would be a better option. There is currently a range of car parking prices in operation across the Council area and the charging has now been reviewed in 9 years. It is proposed to standardise the pricing to a standard rate of €1.50 an hour in all parking zones.

Ms. Cantwell, Mr. O’Hara, Ms. Maguire and Mr. Mulhern, responded to queries raised by the Committee members.

The report was **NOTED** and it was agreed to advance to public consultation phase as outlined above.

**H-1(6) Item ID: 64124 Proposed Draft Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan – Outcome of Public Consultation**

[**Tallaght LAP.pptx**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/64778)

Mr Jason Frehill Senior Planner and Ms Anne Hyland Senior Executive delivered a presentation with the focus on the following:

* Statutory Plan Making Process, including timeframes and the role of the Elected Members
* Public Consultation process including communications mechanisms used
* Main category of issues raised in 49 submissions received including
  + Neighbourhoods, (The Centre/ Cookstown/ The Village)
  + Housing Mix including viability / deliverability / consistency with national guidelines / suitable tenure mix - family homes and level of BtR
  + Access and movement including transport interchange / N81
  + Community Facilities
  + Height and built form including capacity for taller buildings/ national guidelines
  + Implementation and sequencing
  + Public Realm and open spaces including feature attractions / flexibility in provision
  + Employment / relocations
  + Climate change
  + Other

Mr Frehill, Ms Hyland and Mr Mulhern responded to queries raised by the committee members in the above matters.

**H-1(7) Item ID: 64125 Programme of Works 2020 and future meeting dates**

[2020 Programme and dates.docx](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/64801)

Ms Mary Maguire Senior Executive Officer advised that traditionally the LUPT SPC meetings were held on the last Thursday of each relevant month i.e. February, May, September and November, and it was intended with the members’ agreement to revert to this scheduling.

Accordingly, it was agreed to recommend to the OP&F the following dates for 2020 SPC meetings:

* Thursday 27th February 2020
* Thursday 28th May 2020
* Thursday 24th September 2020
* Thursday 26th November 2020

It was agreed where / if necessary that additional meetings may be scheduled in order to adequately manage the work programme. It was also agreed to circulate issue papers / reports 5 working days in advance of meetings in order to expedite consideration of items at the SPC meetings.

Cllr Ó Broin, supported by Cllr Gogarty, queried if Dublin Cycling Campaign could be included in membership of a subcommittee of LUPT. It was agreed in the context of the LUPT 2020 Work Programme, that the need for subcommittees be examined before any specific subcommittee would be formed, or Terms of Reference agreed.

The meeting noted the following list of items for consideration at these meetings. (The list is not exhaustive). In the context of noting the work programme some associated queries were raised

* Review of Parking Bye Laws
* Review of Development Contribution Scheme
* Biodiversity Action Plan
  + need for strategic land use and to carefully balance of need to provide essential infrastructure e.g. housing versus protecting existing biodiversity
* Heritage Plan
* County Development Plan issues papers
* County Signage Strategy
* County Mobility / Sustainable Transport Plan
  + Cycle Officer – SDCC employs Road Safety Officer with associated responsibilities
  + Pedestrianisation
  + Possible NTA attendance at meetings on request from SPC
* Naas Road Planning Framework
* Taxi Rank Bye Laws

The meeting concluded at 7.45p.m.

 The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H5/0320 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES**

It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

(No Reports)

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q22 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive whether footage from live South Dublin County Council traffic cameras could be recorded and made available to An Garda Siochana in the event of a crime or suspected criminality?

**REPLY:**

CCTV data is classified as personal data, and processing of the SDCC CCTV footage for traffic management and traffic incident detection is primarily done in real time.

GDPR legislation and regulation requires that personal data can only be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes.  Similarly, personal data can only be retained in a form for no longer than is necessary to process this data.

As the SDCC traffic cameras are specifically for traffic management and traffic incident detection on the traffic network within the administrative area of the South Dublin County Council, it is therefore not possible to make such data available for any other purpose.

### **Q2/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Teresa Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how long from receipt of application does it take for a person to be added to the Mutual Housing Transfer List.

**REPLY:**

Before any tenant can be considered for a transfer the following criteria need to be ascertained:

* they must hold the tenancy in their present dwelling for a period of at least two years, unless it is a temporary tenancy;
* their rent account needs to be up to date and clear– any transfer will take account of rent arrears but allowances may be made where an agreement is in place and being adhered to by the tenant to address any such arrears over an agreed period of time;
* their dwelling must be in satisfactory condition, subject to inspection;
* they must have complied with the conditions of their Tenancy Agreement and have no record of anti-social behaviour.
* the household composition must be up to date.

In addition, mutual transfers will only be considered where the dwelling size suits the need of both applicants.

Currently there is a processing time of approximately seven weeks before new applicants are placed on the Mutual Housing Transfer List.

### **Q3/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Teresa Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how much the Council spends on HAP and Homeless HAP in 2018/2019 and anticipates spending in 2020

**REPLY:**

All payments to landlords in relation to Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Homeless HAP are managed by the national HAP Shared Services Centre in Limerick City and County Council on behalf of this Council and other housing authorities.

This Council's Annual Budget includes provision only for salaries and overheads relating to HAP for which approximately €175k is provided in 2020 compared with €173k and €174k respectively in 2018 and 2019.

### **Q4/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Teresa Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many people requiring a wheelchair accessible home are currently on the waiting list and how many suitable homes are available.

**REPLY:**

There are 83 households on the Council's Housing and Transfer Lists who need full wheelchair access.  Suitable properties that become available are allocated in line with the Allocations Scheme to applicants from the medical list in priority date order according to specific medical needs.

Where an existing specially adapted property becomes available, reports from occupational therapists and other medical supports are assessed to determine the property meets an applicant’s needs before an offer of housing is made.  In some cases, a site visit to the property is carried out with the applicants and their support team to assess the suitability of the property.

The Council is committed to providing additional specially adapted homes both through our social housing construction programme and in conjunction with Approved Housing Bodies.  Part M of the Building Regulations 1997 (as amended) require all new housing stock to be constructed ensuring adequate accessibility for disabled persons.  All homes  delivered since the introduction of the regulations meet this requirement.

Separately, the Disabled Persons' grant scheme specifically requires the Council to use existing housing stock to meet needs identified and each application is examined in that context and, where appropriate, a transfer to alternative accommodation may be offered following consultation with the tenant/applicant and their medical advisors including occupational therapists.  Under this scheme 762 homes in the Council's housing stock have been modified to varying degrees to meet the needs of tenants.

### **Q5/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive how many families and individuals in South Dublin are availing of homeless HAP and the average rent paid for those properties?

**REPLY:**

1,055 households are currently in receipt of the Housing Assistance Payment at a higher rate due to prior homelessness or risk of homelessness.  The amount paid depends on several variables including family composition, monthly rental cost of the property, shared tenancy etc.

Generally,  Homeless HAP can provide rent contributions of up to 50% over standard HAP rates along with the required deposit and up to two months’ rent in advance.

### **Q6/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report of the number of homeless families and individuals in South Dublin?

**REPLY:**

At the end of January, a total of 587 households were registered as homeless with the Council.  The breakdown of these households was: 279 single males; 55 single females; 13 couples; and 240 families.

### **Q7/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor K. Mahon**

Can the Chief Executive please detail the process by which utility boxes are installed around the County? What role does the council play in the process and what liaisons are there between utility providers and the Council in advance of installation?

**REPLY:**

Utility boxes hold valuable equipment that is required to maintain / monitor various essential utilities in the area, including but not limited to traffic-light control mechanisms, air quality monitoring, cable and phone connections, streetlight equipment, electric transformers etc. Some of these utility boxes are owned by the Council, others by external / third party utility providers**.**

South Dublin County Council's Traffic Section has an input into the installation of its own utility cabinets i.e. traffic controllers, automatic traffic counters, CCTV cabinets etc., the locations for which are chosen as part of the design process.  The criteria include availability of public realm, non-obstruction of footpaths, cycle track, purpose of installation, suitability for maintenance purposes (e.g. a traffic signal controller should be sited so that all of the junction is visible from the cabinet location).

The availability of power supplies and the existence of services will also have a major impact upon the location choice.

The Council's Public Lighting Section has responsibility for the installation of its own public lighting supply pillars.   The locations for these are also chosen as part of the design process.  The criteria include availability of public realm, proximity to the most local ESB supply point, non-obstruction of footpaths, cycle tracks etc. Suitability for maintenance purposes (e.g. ease of access) and possible overcrowding of existing underground utilities  will also have a major impact upon the location.

The Council liaises with external utility companies regarding the suitability of locations for utility boxes, following receipt of an application for road opening licence.   This licence is mandatory and when granted allows the holder to excavate a section of public road i.e. carriageway/footway and associated grass verge.

These locations are generally bound by the existing network eg cable location and site suitability.

### **Q8/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor K. Mahon**

To ask the Chief Executive the process for accruing tenancy rights in local authority housing. What is the process for transferring from being on the rent to tenancy?

**REPLY:**

A transfer of tenancy is the process whereby a tenant is either removed from, added to or changed on a tenancy. This can occur due to various scenarios including marriage, death, legal separation etc.

In the event of death of a joint tenant, succession of tenancy is generally granted to the surviving tenant or tenants, subject to the terms of the Council’s Allocations Scheme and the submission of relevant documents.

In cases where the sole or joint tenants have passed away, tenancy of the dwelling may be granted to the next surviving member of the family subject to that person having:

* a social housing need suitable to the property size;
* been resident in the property and assessed for rent purposes for a defined period of time.

A joint tenancy may be granted where there are two or more surviving members of the family who meet the required criteria.

All transfer of tenancy applications are subject to a tenancy review covering rent account, estate management and other checks.

Succession to the tenancy will not be considered where the property has been designated as an Older Persons' Dwelling unless the applicant is the partner of the deceased tenant and meets the criteria above (and where the person applying for succession is an older person in accordance with the Allocations Scheme).

### **Q9/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Shane Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update, in tabular form,  on the number of and individual locations of CCTV systems operated by the Council in the County, by electoral area, and the proportion of those which are still functioning and in use.

**REPLY:**

The table below sets out the numbers of CCTV systems located within each LEA. The majority of these systems are in use, but subject to ongoing reviews as regards to operational function.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Department | Clondalkin LEA | Firhouse-Bohernabreena LEA | Lucan LEA | Palmerstown-Fonthill LEA | Rathfarnham-Templeogue LEA | Tallaght Central LEA | Tallaght South LEA |
| CPCM | 20 |  |  |  |  | 66 |  |
| HSC | 0 | 6 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 37 |
| LUPT | 17 | 15 |  | 2 | 12 | 54 | 4 |
| EETD | 151 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| EWCC | 31 | 16 | 26 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 14 |
| Finance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Total | 219 | 37 | 40 | 18 | 30 | 144 | 55 |

### **Q10/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Shane Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in tabular form, on the number of applications made by residents in County to the Rebuilding Ireland loan scheme since the scheme was introduced, by year and by electoral area, the number of these that were successful and the categories of reasons for which applications were rejected.

**REPLY:**

There were 542 applications to this Council for Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans since the scheme commenced in February 2018 of which 63% were from applicants within the County.

The breakdown of applications by residents of South Dublin County by year is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aplication Status** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **Total** |
| Approved | 44 | 62 | 15 | 121 |
| Declined | 47 | 48 | 0 | 95 |
| Incomplete | 22 | 26 | 7 | 55 |
| Ineligible | 19 | 19 | 4 | 42 |
| To be considered | 0 | 24 | 7 | 31 |
| **Total** | 132 | 179 | 33 | 344 |

Reasons for rejections include the following:

* Credit rating /Irish Credit Bureau (ICB);
* Net income ratio outside of policy;
* Repayment capacity not demonstrated / not available to service loan;
* Unsatisfactory savings record / source of equity;
* Sufficiently committed;
* Income sustainability not evident;
* Unsatisfactory financial management

Data is not currently stored in a format that provides a detailed breakdown by electoral area - work to collate this information manually from the individual files can be undertaken in due course if further required.

### **Q11/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Shane Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the utilisation and financial performance, in tabular form, by year and by electoral area, of the community centres in the County for the past two years.

**REPLY:**

Community centres in the County are managed by independent local voluntary management companies and are legal companies in their own right. They are independent of the Council and are established as companies limited by guarantee and must comply with company law and make annual returns to the Company Registration Office.

While the Community Department does not maintain a record of the utilisation or financial performance each company managing a community centre in the manner requested, it does have oversight of each by way of signed management licence from the Council. This requires the company to provide services to meet the needs of the local community in a sustainable financial model.

In addition, community centres who apply to the Council for annual management and assistance funding are required to submit their most recent audited accounts as part of the process.   It is also intended to shortly establish a forum for community centre boards of management within the County to facilitate sharing best practice and information with particular reference to governance issues. The Council’s Community Development team support and advise community centre boards of management and will continue to be available to do so.

### **Q12/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Shane Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of legal claims taken against the Council from the past 5 years as a result of injury arising from footpaths in a state of disrepair, in tabular form, by year and electoral area and the cost to the Council of same.

**REPLY:**

Since 1st January 2014 the Council has been fully insured by Irish Public Bodies (IPB) who manage all claims on the Council’s behalf.

The table below provides details of the number of footpath/slip and trip related claims registered against the Council over the last 5 years. Reports compiled by IPB do not include a breakdown per electoral area.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** |
| 137 | 140 | 138 | 104 | 117 |

Since becoming fully insured by IPB the cost to the Council of all public liability claims, including footpath related claims, is included in the cost of the Council’s annual public liability insurance policy.

South Dublin County Council has been working constructively with IPB in order to reduce the number of claims made against the Council. Staff have attended training in relation to the importance of proper record keeping, early investigation and an efficient Affidavit/Discovery process. Identifying and mitigating areas of potential risk is also ongoing in order to ensure that the county is as safe as possible.

### **Q13/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor E. O'Brien**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular form a breakdown of the percentage of social tenants in this local authority area paying up to €100 per week, €200 per week, €300 per week and €400 per week and more than €400 per week

**REPLY:**

The percentage breakdown of tenants paying weekly rents within the specified bands is as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Weekly Rent Band** | **% of Accounts** |
| €0 to €100 | 92.75% |
| €101 to €200 | 7.09% |
| €201 to €300 | .15% |
| €301 to €400 | .01% |
| **Total** | 100% |

### **Q14/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor E. O'Brien**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of fines dispensed by traffic wardens in each electoral area within this local authority and the amount of those fines which were paid for each electoral area.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council currently contracts parking enforcement services to a service provider.

It is not possible to provide the data in the format requested (by Electoral Area), however the attached report provides a full listing of the locations in respect of which parking fines were dispensed by the Traffic Warden Service during 2019.

[Q14 Parking Fines Locations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66059)

### **Q15/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

Numerous Dictionary's define a customer as being someone who buys goods or services. To ask the chief executive what is the basis for referring to those who ring South Dublin County Council or call to its front desk as customers? Should those engaging with SDCC not be referred to as citizens rather than customers?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council's Customer Care Centres were established in 2005 and the organisation has over 15 years experience in delivering measurable quality customer service to our public. Putting People First, the local government reform programme set out in 2012, and Our Public Service 2020, which is the public sector reform programme, places improving customer service at the heart of the reform programme. The majority of our customers are paying for council services either through taxation, rents, rates or other charges. The reference to customers is used when members of the public come into direct contact with the council to avail of our services. The term citizens is used in reference to the residents of South Dublin County, particularly in relation to our citizen engagement efforts, but South Dublin County Council also interacts with and provides services to all residents of the county, whether citizens of the state or not.

### **Q16/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive if any public buildings are available in South Dublin County Council for civil ceremonies (marriages)?

**REPLY:**

There are many venues available in the County for civil ceremonies. If the question is specific to Council owned buildings, there are a small number of venues that may be suitable for this purpose such as the Round Tower in Clondalkin and Tallaght Stadium, but they actually need to be asked by a couple wishing to get married there before the HSE will inspect the venue as part of any licence application. To date one civil ceremony has taken place in Tallaght Stadium and none for the Round Tower.

### **Q17/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are there any public toilets accessible 24 hours in the county? Are there any plans to have any?

**REPLY:**

Public toilets are provided in many SDCC facilities during public opening hours, such as County Hall, Clondalkin Civic Offices, Public Libraries, Leisure & Community Centres and Corkagh and Tymon Parks.

There are no facilities provided by the council on a 24 hour basis and there are no current plans to do so.

### **Q18/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on his participation with the other Dublin Local Authorities in the Breath Life global campaign for clean air; will he confirm his plans to implement the proposals and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Mayor of South Dublin Cllr V. Cassidy along with the other Dublin Mayors signed up to the World Health Organisation (WHO) [BreathLife](https://breathelife2030.org/) campaign on 17th February. By signing up to the campaign, Dublin will be joining 76 cities, regions, and countries around the globe in demonstrating a commitment to bring air quality to safe levels by 2030 and collaborate on the clean air solutions that will help us get there faster. This pledges South Dublin to meeting the WHO standards of air quality and improving public health.

Many of the actions in the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 will help achieve these ambitious targets. These include transport actions such as providing infrastructure such as cycle routes and greenway to help people make the change from car use to more sustainable and lower air polluting transport such as public transport and zero pollution transport like walking and cycling. Decarbonising the council's own fleet and providing EV charging infrastructure will also help achieve this goal. This is a challenge for every citizen of Dublin, to walk, cycle and use public transport more and to use the private cars less.

Change in how we use energy and a reduction in fossil fuels for heating and energy will make an impact. Improving energy use and moving to renewable energies and technologies such as district heating are also playing a role.

South Dublin County Council with Dublin City Council and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office is also working with the Department of Tourism Transport and Sport and the Department of Communication Climate Action and the Environment on a Working Group on Urban Transport-Related Air Pollution (UTRAP). This is at an early stage, but works are progressing with the goal of reducing air pollution. Larger projects such as Bus Connects and action on decarbonising large transport fleet will be part of this project. Improved air quality is just one of the environmental benefits of climate action.

### **Q19/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of Voters registered on the 2020 / 2021 Voting Register, giving details in respect of each electoral area?

**REPLY:**

The total number of voters included on the 2020/2021 Register of Electors is 196,496 - details of each Local Electoral Area are listed below:-

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Local Electoral Area** | **Number of Electors** |
| **Lucan** | **22,145** |
| **Clondalkin** | **29,894** |
| **Tallaght Central** | **29,404** |
| **Tallaght South** | **22,631** |
| **Rathfarnham-Templeogue** | **40,952** |
| **Firhouse -Bohernabreena** | **26,191** |
| **Palmerstown -Fonthill** | **25,279** |

### **Q20/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to present a report detailing the numbers currently on the Council's Housing List; will he also confirm the number of Homeless and present a general statement in the matter?

**REPLY:**

At the end of January, 2020 there were 6,857 on the Council's social housing list, of which 587 households were registered as homeless.

The level of social housing need in the County as outlined above continues to be a major challenge facing this Council and increasing housing supply is a primary solution.  We continue to increase housing supply with our social housing build, acquisition and leasing programmes including through Part V delivery and collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies,  Additional housing options are also provided through the RAS and HAP schemes.

In addition, proposals for significant housing delivery on large Council owned sites at Kilcarbery,  Killinarden, Belgard Square North, Clonburris and Rathcoole are progressing and will form a major part of future housing supply in the County.

Additional opportunities for further housing delivery continue to be explored where possible through exisiting landbank, possible land acquisition, turnkey house purchase etc.

### **Q21/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is working on a submission to present to the incoming Minister for Housing in respect of the Housing/Homeless crisis in our County; will he give details and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Chief Executive and officials from the Housing Department provide regular formal reports and ongoing updates to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on all aspects of housing provision, management and operations to inform the information, advice and updates provided to the Minister on an ongoing basis.

### **Q22/0320 QUESTIONS: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm ongoing action he is taking to ensure that the Council's Parks remain safe for Park users; will he appreciate the importance of the issue and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The [Parks & Open Space Bye-Laws](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/download-it/publications/parks-and-open-spaces-bye-laws-2011.pdf) are for the control and regulation of the use of Parks and Open Spaces. These Bye-Laws are in force to ensure that Parks provided as a public amenity, are used by members of the public to the maximum extent in safety and comfort.

The Park Ranger Service is also responsible for enforcing  SDCC Bye-laws for Parks and Open Spaces. In the event that a member or members of the public fails to co-operate with an instruction or direction of a park ranger, the next step, depending on the severity of the breach of the Bye-laws is to seek the assistance of An Garda Siochána to enforce the Bye-law.

South Dublin County Council has a staff of fourteen Park Rangers who are deployed across the three operational districts of the county.

Members will note the provisions under Section 8 of the Bye-Laws; Enforcement and Penalties.

Regrettably anti-social activity is an issue in a small number of parks and we are working with An Garda Síochána to help resolve those issues.

In addition to the Law Enforcement work of An Garda Síochána, the Council is arranging for boundary improvement works to be carried out at locations where scramblers, quad bikes and stolen cars are gaining access to public parks and thereby causing public nuisance and safety concerns. Substantial boundary improvement works have taken place at both Bancroft Park and Butler McGee Park with further works due to take place at other Parks at a total cost in excess of €500,000, which will contribute to an improvement in the issues there.

### **H6/0320 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS**

It was **NOTED** that there were no reports under this Heading.

### **H7/0320 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES**

It was **NOTED** that there were no reports under this Heading.

### **H8/0320 MANAGERS REPORT**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED:**

[HI 8 a) Monthly Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/66091)

HI 8 b) Finance Report

**Billing and Collection Statement**

**Use of overdraft facility**

Department approved overdraft facility = €25,000,000

No of days in Overdraft from 1st January to 21st February 2020 = 0

[HI 8 c) Jan 2020 Statistics](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66043)

A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor R. McMahon.

Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members query.

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **H9/0320 ROAD AND FOOTPATH PROGRAMME FOR 2020**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and were **CONSIDERED:**

[H9 Roadworks and Footpath Programme 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66027)

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation responded to the Members queries.

The reports were **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Road and Footpath Programme for 2020 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

### **H10/0320 EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT TANDY’S LANE ADAMSTOWN**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and were **CONSIDERED:**

**REPORT ON PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SECTION OF TANDY’S LANE THROUGH ADAMSTOWN SDZ**

The following report was CONSIDERED at the Lucan/Palmerstown/Fonthill Area Committee Meeting on 17TH December, 2019

 “ An application has been received from Goodrock Project Management acting on behalf of Cairn Home Properties Ltd., and Mr. Paul McCann, Receiver to Maplewood Developments in relation to the above. They wish to apply formally to extinguish the public right along the section of Tandy’s Lane coloured red on the attached map A580-OCSC-SK-C0073-S2-P02. This section of road and the lands adjacent to it are entirely within the ownership of their clients Cairn Homes Properties Limited, Clear Real Estate Investments PLC and Adamstown Infrastructure Limited. It is currently closed under a temporary road closure to enable construction of new roads and residential amenity developments permitted under Planning Permissions Shackelton 1 SDZ 16A/0003, Shackleton 2a SDZ 18A/0002, Shackelton 3c SDZ 19A/0003, Airlie Park SDZ 18A/0014, Boulevard SDZ 18A/0009, St. Helens 2 SDZ 18A/0011, Loop Road 1 SDZ 17A/0008 and Tandys Lane Park SDZ 18A/0003.

The proposed extinguished road will be replaced with right of way agreed with Roads Forward Planning coloured yellow on attached map A580-OCSC-SK-C0074-S2-P02 on which new roads have been permitted under Planning Permissions: Shackelton 1, Junction 22 and Gandon Drive SDZ 16A/0003, The Paddocks/Adamstown Drive SDZ 07A/0008 and Loop Road/Adamstown Park J39 and realigned Tandy’s Lane SDZ 17A0007. These new roads are now open to the public and are constructed on lands owned and controlled by Cairn Homes Properties Ltd., Clear Real Estate Investments PLC., Adamstown Infrastructure Limited and Mr. Paul McCann, Receiver to Maplewood Developments.

Following consideration of the report, it was agreed to initiate the procedure. **END OF REPORT**

In accordance with Section [73 of the Roads Act, 1993](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1993/act/14/section/73/enacted/en/html), details of the proposal to extinguish the public right-of-way was advertised in the Lucan Echo on Thursday January 16th 2020 and signs were erected on site. The latest date for receipt of objections, representations and requests for an oral hearing was Friday 28th February, 2020”

The following submissions were received in response to the public consultation: -

**Utility Reports**

Bord Gais:    No objection

Civils Virgin Media:   No objection

No other submissions were received.

The decision regarding the extinguishment of a public right-of-way is a reserved function of the Council.  Accordingly, if the Council agrees to the recommendation, the following resolution is required.

“South Dublin County Council in pursuance of its power under Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993 hereby orders that the public right-of-way on a Section of Tandy’s Lame through Adamstown SDZ shown shaded red on Drawing A580-OCSC-SK-C0073-S2-P02 be extinguished”.

[H10 ii) Map A580 C0073](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66025)  
[H10 iii) Map C0074 - new road](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66026)

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan and **RESOLVED:**

“That South Dublin County Council in pursuance of its power under Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993 hereby orders that the public right-of-way on a Section of Tandy’s Lame through Adamstown SDZ shown shaded red on Drawing A580-OCSC-SK-C0073-S2-P02 be extinguished”.

### **H11/0320 KILLINARDEN HOUSING PROPOSAL**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

[H11 Killinarden Housing Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/66204)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne, M. Johansson, P. Kearns, C. Bailey, P. Holohan, W. Carey, J. Tuffy, S. Fay, E Ó Broin, K. Mahon, V. Casserly, E. O’Brien, C. O’Connor, L. Kinsella-Colman, R. McMahon, A. Edge, G. O’Connell, P. Gogarty, M. Seery-Kearney,

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development and Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive responded to the Members queries.

The Mayor Councillor V. Casserly then called for a **ROLL CALL** vote on the item, the result of which was as follows:

### **FOR: 28 (TWENTY-EIGHT)**

### **Councillors V. Casserly, Y. Collins, T. Costello, M. Duff, A. Edge, K. Egan, T. Gilligan, P. Gogarty, A. Hayes, P. Kavanagh, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, R. McMahon, D. McManus, E. Murphy, E. O’Brien, E Ó Broin, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan, S. O’Hara, L. O’Toole, B. Pereppadan, W. Priestley, M. Seery-Kearney, L. Sinclair, F. Timmons, J. Tuffy.**

### **AGAINST: 8 (EIGHT)**

### **Councillors C. Bailey, W. Carey, L. Dunne, S. Fay, P. Holohan, M. Johansson, L. Kinsella-Colman, K. Mahon,**

### **ABSTAIN: 0**

### In view of the outcome of the roll call vote it was proposed by Councillor V. Casserly, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole and **RESOLVED**:

“That the Killinarden Housing Proposal be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

In accordance with **Standing Order no. 74**, Mayor Councillor V. Casserly proposed and the Members unanimously **AGREED** to suspend standing orders in order to deal with the following Suspensory Motion. The majority was reached.

**SM01/0320** The following Suspensory Motion in the names of Councillors M. Johansson, V. Casserly, L. Sinclair, P. Kavanagh, Lisa Kinsella-Colman, William Carey, M. Duff,A. Edge, G. O’Connell, K. Mahon, P. Gogarty, K. Egan, M. Seery-Kearney, S. O’Hara, E. O’Brien, S. Moynihan, T. Costello, Y. Collins, E. Ó Broin, P. Kearns, B. Pereppadan, D. McManus, R. McMahon, W. Priestley, C. O’Connor, D. O’Donovan, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and was **CONSIDERED**.

“That the elected members of this council agree that, in light of the danger of the possible spread of the corona virus Covid-19 in the county, the Chief Executive take further precautions to protect the public by providing free hand sanitiser gel in all council owned buildings, and increase the cleaning and sanitising schedules in council buildings.”

The Suspensory Motion was **AGREED.**

**H13/0320 DIGITAL STRATEGY**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED**:

[H13 Digital strategy presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66089)

[H13 South Dublin Digital Strategy](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66014)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, C. Bailey and P. Kavanagh.

Mr. F. Nevin, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **H14/0320 DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020-2022**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. M. McAdam A/Senior Executive Officer of Environment, Water and Climate Change and was **CONSIDERED**:

**Chief Executive’s Report on Public Consultation in relation to the Draft Litter Management Plan**

**Introduction:**

The making, review, amendment or replacement of a litter management plan shall be a reserved function. The purpose of this Chief Executive’s Report is to present the outcome of the statutory consultation, to respond to submissions made during the consultation period and to make recommendations in relation to the Litter Management Plan

**Legislative Context:**

* The Litter Management Plan is prepared as prescribed in Section 10 of the Litter Management Acts.
* Section 11 sets out the requirements of a litter management plan
* Section 12 sets out the procedure for making, amending or replacing a litter management plan.
* Section 13 provides that the making, review, amendment or replacement of a litter management plan shall be a reserved function

**Public Consultation:**

A Draft Litter Management Plan for consultation purposes in respect of the period 2020-2024 was prepared for public consultation.

An important aspect of drafting a Litter Management Plan is statutory consultation, including discussions at Area Committee Meetings, Strategic Policy Committee meetings and public submissions. The statutory consultation process informs the Local Authority of the concerns of businesses, residential/community groups and individuals.

The Draft Plan was available on South Dublin County Council’s Consultation Portal from Tuesday 12th November 2019 to Tuesday 7th January 2020, both dates inclusive <https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/> and in County Hall, Tallaght, Civic Centre, Clondalkin and South Dublin Libraries during opening hours from Tuesday 12th November 2019 to Tuesday 24th December 2019, both dates inclusive

Submission in respect of the Draft Plan were accepted up to Tuesday 7th January 2020.

**Outcome of Public Consultation Process:**

195 submissions and observations were received by the closing of the consultation period. These submissions and observations covered a wide range of topics relevant to litter management in the South Dublin administrative area. Most of the submissions were made through the Council’s consultation portal.

All the submissions and observations received have been reviewed and a summary breakdown of the main topics raised is set out below:

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| Ref | Main topic of submission | Count |
| 1. | Litter Management Plan | 10 |
| 2. | Bulky Items / Household Junk Collections | 9 |
| 3. | Halloween | 2 |
| 4. | Cleansing | 4 |
| 5. | Household Waste Collection Service | 7 |
| 6. | Laneways | 4 |
| 7. | Litter Bins | 17 |
| 8. | Recycling Facilities | 24 |
| 9. | Biodiversity / Grass Cutting | 2 |
| 10. | Single Use Plastics / Water Fountains | 8 |
| 11. | Green Incentives | 1 |
| 12. | Waterways | 4 |
| 13. | Playing Pitches – clean up after matches | 2 |
| 14. | Chewing Gum Litter | 1 |
| 15. | Chinese Lanterns / Balloons | 2 |
| 16. | Cigarette Litter | 2 |
| 17. | Dog Litter | 17 |
| 18. | Graffiti | 2 |
| 19. | Sources of Litter (General) | 5 |
| 20. | Communication and Awareness | 21 |
| 21. | Engagement with Community Groups | 4 |
| 22. | Customer Care System / Fix Your Street | 2 |
| 23. | Household Waste Byelaws | 6 |
| 24. | Illegal Waste Collectors | 2 |
| 25. | CCTV | 3 |
| 26. | Litter Warden Service / Resources / Enforcement | 29 |
| 27. | Political Posters / Illegal Signage | 5 |
|  | Total Count | 195 |

**Summary of issues raised and Chief Executive’s responses and recommendations**

1. **Litter Management Plan**
   1. Plan lacks definitive measures and targets to assess effectiveness
   2. Time period for plan (5 years) is too long
   3. Plan is insufficient to address litter issues effectively
   4. The role of the environment pillar of the PPN is not defined in the plan

**RESPONSE:**

It is proposed to reduce the time period for this Plan to three years, with a further review and public consultation scheduled to be carried out in 2022.

Statistics and progress on the implementation of action plans currently reported to Area Committees will be published for the duration of the plan to provide for easier access for the public to this information.

Statistics in respect of the 2015-2019 Litter Management Plan have been included in the new Plan for comparison purposes.

1. **Bulky items / Household Junk Collections** 
   1. Calls for SDCC to introduce household junk collections for a fee
   2. Requests to increase the number of amnesty days at the Civic Amenity
   3. Call for SDCC to introduce free household junk collections in conjunction with a Cost Benefit Analysis comparing cost of removal of stockpiles and bonfires before and after Halloween

**RESPONSE:**

The cost to reintroduce a free collection of household bulky waste is considered prohibitive; it is not proposed to reintroduce this service at this time. A cost benefit analysis which examines the cost to provide a junk collection service compared to the cost to clean up after illegal dumping will be undertaken during 2020. The suggestion to provide a collection service for household bulky waste at a fee will be examined.

Further amnesty days will be run in conjunction with initiatives being run by the DCCAE and EPA. There is no proposal to provide free days for the acceptance of normal household bulky waste. Initiatives run to date targeted mattresses and household hazardous waste as these are particularly problematic.

1. **Halloween (2 Submissions)**
   1. Suggested measures to reduce the number and effects of bonfires

**RESPONSE:**

The success of the Council’s Bonfire Protocol is illustrated by the reduced number of bonfires occurring in the County. 378 Bonfires were recorded in 2014; the number recorded in 2019 was 226, a reduction of 40% over the period of the plan. The Council will continue to review the measures in place to ensure their effectiveness

1. **Cleansing**
   1. Request for SDCC to carry out scheduled ditch cleaning
   2. Request to review operating hours for cleansing activities, especially in villages
   3. Request to review cleansing service in public parks

**RESPONSE:**

Hedges and verges in the rural area are cut yearly by the Council’s Roads Department. Cleansing is currently responded to on an as needs basis; the proposal to schedule this work will be examined.

A proposed earlier start for cleansing related services and the need to clean parks on weekends will be examined in the current year.

1. **Household Waste Collection Service**
   1. Calls for SDCC to return to operating a household waste collection service

**RESPONSE:**

Operation of a household waste collection service is not an issue for the Litter Management Plan and/or its implementation. This matter has been raised by some elected members on the agenda of the monthly Council meetings and is currently under discussion at that forum.

1. **Laneways**
   1. Request to put measures in place to prevent general vehicular access to certain laneways
   2. Request for adequate cleansing of laneways or for laneways to be added to cleansing schedule

**RESPONSE:**

There is a regular cleansing schedule in place for laneways in certain areas. The proposal to add other laneways to a regular cleansing schedule will be examined.

1. **Litter Bins**
   1. Identify and implement technological/ other solution to alert SDCC when a bin is full
   2. Request for more frequent emptying of bins
   3. Request for litter bins to provide for segregation of waste
   4. Requests for more litter bins to be provided
   5. Requests for litter bins to be provided at identified locations
   6. Request for more Big Belly bins to be provided
   7. Call for the provision of litter bins to be a condition of Planning permission for certain developments

**RESPONSE:**

The smart litter bins Pilot underway is scheduled to conclude in April. A report on the Pilot will be presented to SDCC in May after which a review of Litter Bin provision will be undertaken, including frequency and technology solutions.

1. **Recycling Facilities**
   1. Requests to provide better recycling facilities
   2. Calls to provide can banks at all bottle banks
   3. Request to provide more Civic Amenity sites
   4. Call for recycling facilities to be a condition of Planning Permission for certain developments
   5. Requests to provide plastic bottle recycling facilities
   6. Call to provide more recycling banks
   7. Calls to require outlets selling wine/beer bottles to provide for these to be disposed / recycled
   8. Call for a deposit return scheme
   9. Calls to provide reverse vending machines for plastic bottles
   10. Request for clothing banks not to be placed near waterways
   11. Call for improved management of recycling banks to tackle illegal dumping at these locations
   12. Call to address the issue of dumping outside charity shops when they are closed
   13. Call for a review of the design and type of receptacles used for recycling
   14. Call for improvements to be made to the layout at the Civic Amenity

**RESPONSE:**

Cans and plastic bottles are accepted in household green waste bins; therefore, it is not proposed to provide facilities to recycle these at all bottle bank locations. SDCC seeks additional bring bank sites on an ongoing basis and makes recommendations in relation to planning applications where deemed necessary. A cleansing service is in place at all bring bank locations and this will be kept under review. The design and type of receptacles used will be examined in the context of efforts to secure new/ additional bring sites.

It is considered that the layout of the Civic Amenity works well. The site is confined and opportunities to rearrange it are limited.

1. **Biodiversity / Grass Cutting**
   1. Call to redirect savings from reduction in grass cutting to enforcement activities

**RESPONSE:**

There are no realisable savings as a result of reduced grass cutting activities as meadowlands require management also.

1. **Single Use Plastics / Water Fountains**
   1. Phase out single use plastics in SDCC facilities
   2. provide more water fountains
   3. Actively promote a reduction in single use plastics

**RESPONSE:**

Plastic water cups have been removed from the County Hall and products such as plastic salad containers have been removed from the canteen. There has also been an elimination of single use coffee cups from the coffee dock following the introduction of the conscious cup campaign and the Cup2Go pilot which was run in conjunction with the Management of the Coffee Dock. As new contracts are signed or contracts come up for renewal, these initiatives will be included in the new contracts.

South Dublin County Council has issued over 920 conscious cups over 3 campaigns. It is estimated that each conscious cup diverts 1,000 single use cups from landfill over a 3-year period. It is therefore estimated that the cups issued by SDCC will result in 920,000 less single use cups being sent to landfill.

SDCC is also currently introducing and promoting public water fountains to encourage the use of reusable bottles.

SDCC has also amended the application process for events taking place in SDCC Parks. All event organisers planning to hold an event in a public park must apply for approval prior to an event taking place. A new condition in relation to prohibiting the use of single use plastics has been included under the terms and conditions attached to an application where approval is granted. Weekly events such as the Parkruns which currently take place in Corkagh Park, Tymon Park, Griffeen Valley Park and Waterstown Park do not provide any refreshments for participants. It is a bring your own policy, which generally consists of refillable bottles.

These activities will also contribute to addressing the Actions R10 and R26 of the Climate Change Action Plan.

1. **Green Incentives (1 submission)**
   1. rates remission for businesses that comply with “go green" initiatives
   2. attach conditions to grants for organisation or events requiring that certain "green" criteria being met

**RESPONSE:**

SDCC has amended the application process for events taking place in SDCC Parks. All event organisers planning to hold an event in a public park must apply for approval prior to an event taking place. A new condition in relation to prohibiting the use of single use plastics has been included under the terms and conditions attached to an application where approval is granted. Weekly events such as the Parkruns which currently take place in Corkagh Park, Tymon Park, Griffeen Valley Park and Waterstown Park do not provide any refreshments for participants. It is a bring your own policy, which generally consists of refillable bottles.

The issue of incentives for businesses will be added to the agenda of the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee for consideration as part of their work programme.

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) in partnership with Enterprise Ireland, will also examine the scope for providing businesses help to incorporate sustainable practices to improve the environmental performance of their business.

These activities will also contribute to addressing the Actions R6, R9 and R27 of the Climate Change Action Plan.

1. **Waterways**
   1. Call for proper maintenance of waterways
   2. Call for measures to be implemented to "trap" litter in waterways
   3. Call for action plan to deal with litter in waterways to be devised and included in Litter Management Plan

**RESPONSE**:

The existing Drainage Minor Capital Works programme provide €250,000 in the current year in respect of waterways; the works include the clearance of debris. Water quality is monitored by Water & Drainage on an ongoing basis and they will respond to incidents that arise as necessary.

Trash screens are installed on many small rivers and watercourses to prevent waterborne debris (including litter and other illegally dumped material) from entering culverts and pipes where such debris could cause blockages, significant damage or flooding. Whilst preventing a subsequent blockage downstream, the screen requires regular maintenance and clearing to minimise the potential for a blockage to the screen itself. It is considered unviable and a potential flood risk to try to introduce screens or traps on the larger rivers (such as the Dodder). It is noted that screens are in place at strategic locations on the main tributaries of the larger rivers in the county such as the Dodder and the Liffey, these screens are monitored and cleared regularly.

1. **Playing Pitches**
   1. Call for the enforcement of requirement to clean up after matches

**RESPONSE:**

There are 163 pitches available to 44 clubs in South Dublin County. The pitches, some of which are remote from main parks, are patrolled by Council staff; clean up after use is a condition of pitch allocations and there are penalties for clubs that do not comply with this requirement. Monitoring and enforcement activity will continue in this area.

Furthermore, Repak Pilot scheme for club bags rolled out to 5 clubs last year to encourage recycling. For every full bag of plastic bottles and cans a club collects, €5 is paid to the club.

**SUBMISSIONS IN RELATION TO SPECIFIC SOURCES OF LITTER (items 14-19):**

1. **Chewing Gum Litter**
   1. request to power hose footpaths to remove chewing gum along with publicity to illustrate "before" and "after"

**RESPONSE:**

Power hosing footpaths is not considered to be a sustainable solution to this issue. The removal of chewing gum from footpaths requires specific machinery and is therefore undertaken by specialist contractors. It is not possible to include chewing gum removal in the regular street and footpath cleansing programme. While there has been no provision made in the current budget to undertake this type of work, the cost will be evaluated to determine if it is feasible to fund it from existing budgets in the current year. Alternatively, it will be listed for consideration for the 2021 draft budget.

1. **Chinese Lanterns / Balloons**
   1. include policy in relation to sky lanterns in Litter Management Plan
   2. prohibit balloon and lantern releases on Council land

**RESPONSE:**

South Dublin County Council currently has no policy in place in relation to balloon and lantern releases. However, SDCC encourages the use of biodegradable materials at any type of event. The issue will be added to the agenda of the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee for consideration as part of their work programme.

1. **Cigarette Litter**
   1. request for a public information campaign
   2. request for footpath to be redesigned to prevent cigarette litter from being caught in "indents" and not picked up by sweepers

**RESPONSE:**

South Dublin County Council is in discussions with nobutts.ie for the installation of receptacles for the collection of cigarette butts which can then be recycled; they have developed an automated procedure for separating the cellulose acetate plastic from the paper and tobacco in a cigarette butt. It is expected that this pilot will launch in March / April in Council buildings.

These activities will also contribute to addressing the Action R10 of the Climate Change Action Plan.

1. **Dog Litter**
   1. Plan does not sufficiently address the issue of dog fouling
   2. provide poo bags throughout the county including in the Parks
   3. authorise additional staff to issue fines for dog fouling; focus on enforcement
   4. Provide dedicated bins for dog poo / provide litter bins on every street
   5. call for dog DNA register to identify owners dumping bagged dog litter
   6. call for improved signage campaigns

**RESPONSE:**

Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, states that ....."the person in charge of a dog is subject to a fine or prosecution if he/she does not immediately remove any faeces deposited by their dog in certain places, and/or if that person fails to ensure that the dog litter is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner".

In 2019, three fines were issued for dog fouling. The difficulty with enforcement of Section 22 is the requirement for witness testimony, to report that the offence happened and that an identified person is the person in charge of the dog. The Council continues to encourage residents’ groups and/or individuals to assist the Warden Service in this regard.

Dog litter, if properly bagged can be disposed of in a standard litter bin. The Council provides standard type litter bins in its main parks and at the dog runs which have been provided in those parks. In total there are approximately 130 litter bins provided at parks locations in the County, this number has increased in recent years and will continue to increase as the need arises. There are a further 650 litter bins provided on streets and in villages and urban centres. Dog litter stickers have been piloted on existing litter bins demonstrating that these receptacles are suitable for such litter.

Dog Litter Signage (3 different designs x 100 of each) is available and requests for signage are considered on a case by case basis and signs are only erected on demonstrated need. The location of the request is examined for suitability and if deemed suitable signs can be erected. If there is/are registered group(s) in existence in an area, signage may be provided directly to the group through the Social Credit Scheme with the caveat that such signage erected must have due regard for public health and safety, and must not impede visibility or restrict traffic, cycling and pedestrian flow. Also, if it is proposed to co-use a pole, authorisation will be required. Alternatively, requests are added to the current signage waiting list, pending determination of suitability, and availability of resources for signage erection.

The Green Dog Walker (GDW) initiative is promoted on an ongoing basis through, but not limited to, social media campaigns and promotional material at popup stands in the Council's public buildings. As the Green Dog Walker initiative is a community led initiative a GDW pop up stand has also been made available to community groups for use at community events, which several groups have already availed of.

The Council continues to develop and improve existing strategies and action plans for the management of litter within the county which includes dog foul, and this will continue for the duration of this plan.

1. **Graffiti**
   1. implement a proactive approach to dealing with Graffiti in ACAs and Villages
   2. clarify responsibility of property owner

**RESPONSE:**

Graffiti is managed in accordance with the Graffiti response protocol which has been updated and brought forward to the current Draft Plan. For the purposes of demonstrating the effectiveness of the protocol, it is proposed to include actions in the implementation plans and provide reports on the number of instances reported and investigated by SDCC including those reported to Utility Companies for action under the Memoranda of Understanding.

1. **Sources of Litter (General)**
   1. call for measures to deal with "green bins" blowing over and creating litter
   2. call for action plans to be put in place in respect of each identified source of litter, cigarette, gum etc.
   3. call for plan to be linked to NLPMS & IBAL results
   4. observation in relation to IBAL results
   5. general support for other observations in relation to dealing with the sources of litter

**RESPONSE:**

The National Litter Pollution Monitoring System (NLPMS) was introduced in 2002. South Dublin County Council participated in the System in 2018 and 2019.Under the System, SDCC carries out 236 surveys to determine the extent, composition and causes of litter pollution in the area. It is expected that the data obtained from the system will enable the Council to provide more effective litter management planning, to assess the effectiveness of litter management strategies and to ensure the optimum allocation of resources to tackle litter.

There are two types of surveys undertaken. The first type is the Litter Pollution survey to determine the extent and severity of litter pollution. The litter pollution survey results are expressed as a litter pollution index for the areas surveyed, ranging in value from 1 to 5, as follows:

1. Unpolluted i.e. litter free,

2. Slightly polluted,

3. Moderately polluted,

4. Significantly polluted, and

5. Grossly polluted i.e. level of litter expected after a major sporting or entertainment event.

The second type of survey is the Litter Quantification survey to identify the composition (i.e. the type and origin) of litter pollution prevailing in an area. The results of the 200 litter pollution surveys carried out in 2018 AND 2019 are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2018** | | **2019** | |  |
| **Survey finding** | **number of surveys** | **% of surveys** | **number of surveys** | **% of surveys** | **Change YOY** |
| Area unpolluted or litter free | 30 | 15.00% | 30 | 15.00% | 0.00% |
| Area slightly polluted | 138 | 69.00% | 137 | 68.80% | 0.20% |
| Area moderately polluted | 29 | 14.50% | 32 | 16.00% | 1.50% |
| Area significantly polluted | 3 | 1.50% | 0 | 0.00% | -1.50% |
| Area grossly polluted | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **TOTAL** | **200** | **100%** | **199** | **100%** |  |

The litter quantification surveys carried out in 2018 and 2019 revealed the following in relation to the elements of litter pollution:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2018** | | **2019** | |
| **LITTER COMPOSITION** | **Count** | **% of Total** | **Count** | **% of Total** |
| Cigarette-related Litter | 354 | 21.9% | 1153 | 49.0% |
| Food Litter | 21 | 1.3% | 39 | 1.7% |
| Sweet Related Litter | 354 | 21.9% | 397 | 16.9% |
| Paper Litter | 2 | 0.1% | 42 | 1.8% |
| Plastic Litter | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Miscellaneous Litter Items | 25 | 1.5% | 28 | 1.2% |
| Bulky Litter | 19 | 1.2% | 5 | 0.2% |
| Packaging Litter | 830 | 51.4% | 676 | 28.7% |
| Deleterious Litter | 9 | 0.6% | 12 | 0.5% |
| **TOTAL LITTER ITEMS** | **1614** | **100.0%** | **2352** | **100.0%** |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **2018** | | **2019** | |
| **Packaging Litter Composition** | **Count** | **% of Total** | **Count** | **% of Total** |
| Takeaway Packaging | 68 | 8.2% | 56 | 8.3% |
| Glass Packaging | 66 | 8.0% | 26 | 3.8% |
| Metal Packaging | 207 | 24.9% | 136 | 20.1% |
| Paper Packaging | 107 | 12.9% | 113 | 16.7% |
| Plastic Packaging | 382 | 46.0% | 345 | 51.0% |
| **TOTAL PACKAGING LITTER** | **830** | **100.0%** | **676** | **100.0%** |

Most of the plastic packaging items identified were plastic bottles. Actions are being taken by SDCC to reduce the reliance of single use plastics, including plastic bottles. An increase in the number of cigarette related litter items was identified in the 2019 surveys and actions will be identified to address the issue. Continued participation in the System will provide valuable data for comparison purposes to demonstrate the effectiveness of these actions.

1. **Communications & Awareness**
   1. Suggestions for awareness campaigns, including for businesses
   2. Call to introduce rewards for managing litter and dumping (& sanctions for not)
      1. commercial rates reduction / sanctions for businesses
      2. grants for groups engaging in litter management projects
      3. discounts on local property tax for individuals”
   3. Call for continued support for groups engaged in Litter Management / Anti-Dumping initiatives; request to expand to “areas”
   4. improve communication of existing campaigns / initiatives, extend reach beyond current audience

**RESPONSE:**

The Climate Change and Environmental Awareness team engages in a broad range of awareness campaigns and promotions. The team will arrange for a continuance of the participation in National and Regional campaigns as well as initiating new more localised and area/topic specific campaigns.

The issue of incentives for businesses will be added to the agenda of the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee for consideration as part of their work programme. It is envisaged that close cooperation with the Local Enterprise Office (LEO), and South Dublin Chamber will assist in raising the awareness of our campaigns with Businesses in the county.

These activities will also contribute to addressing the Actions R6, R9 and R27 of the Climate Change Action Plan.

It is not within the remit of SDCC to award discounts on local property tax to individuals.

1. **Engagement with Community Groups**
   1. Suggestions to extend and improve SDCC engagement with Community Groups

**RESPONSE:**

The Climate Change and Environmental Awareness team works within communities to inform and promote environmental awareness with presentations, competitions and workshops.

The team creates awareness within communities, schools and local businesses, promoting a cleaner, greener way of living, giving citizens the power to improve their environment.

The main tools used to get the message out are:

• Campaigns

• Social Credits Scheme

• Media

• Green Schools

Throughout the year the team works on many different seasonal campaigns

• Halloween – Bulbs not bonfires

• European Waste Reduction Week

• Christmas campaigns

• Eco Week

• Spring Clean

Each campaign focuses on the many different aspects of being environmentally friendly.

These and other awareness activities will continue throughout the lifetime of the Litter Management Plan. These activities will also contribute to addressing the Actions R18 and R25 of the Climate Change Action Plan.

1. **Customer Care System/ Fix Your Street (2 submissions)**
   1. request for improved CCCS system that provides tracking for customer
   2. provide for confidential complaints

**RESPONSE:**

A unique reference is assigned to all complaints for tracking purposes. Reports may be made anonymously on the Fix Your Street platform.

1. **Household Waste Byelaws**
   1. investigation and enforcement of non-compliance with the Household waste byelaws

**RESPONSE:**

This activity has been carried out since the adoption of the Byelaws and is included as an action in the Implementation Plan at Appendix I of the Draft Plan for reporting purposes

1. **Illegal waste Collectors (2 submissions)**
   1. deploy staff to locations where illegal waste collection is taking place
   2. assign additional staff resources to deter collectors

**RESPONSE:**

SDCC will continue to respond to reports of illegal waste collections as resources permit. This activity is included as an action in the Implementation Plan at Appendix I of the Draft Plan for reporting purposes

1. **CCTV**
   1. requests to deploy CCTV in blackspots and at Sean Walsh Park in particular

**RESPONSE:**

The CCTV protocol has been updated and carried forward to this Draft Plan. However, it must be noted that CCTV in public places is subject to the General Data Protection Regulation and a Data Protection Impact Assessment in respect of installation of CCTV at any location will have to be carried in the first instance by the Council before the matter could be further considered.

1. **Litter Warden Service/ Resources/ Enforcement** 
   1. call for rigorous enforcement; zero tolerance
   2. assign more staff to enforcement activities
   3. carry out spot checks / inspections at construction sites to ensure roads are being swept
   4. Address issue of litter from fast food outlets
   5. provide advice/ FAQ on reporting illegal dumping
   6. engage with communities to develop strategies to deal with litter and illegal dumping in their area
   7. Call for Litter Warden to patrol around schools at lunch time and issue on the spot fines
   8. call for Litter Wardens and Waste Enforcement Officers to be visible

**RESPONSE:**

There are five full time Litter Wardens and three Waste Enforcement Officers currently employed by South Dublin County Council. Since 2009 the full complement of Litter Wardens is six. Temporary cover is provided by the existing Wardens in respect of short-term absences due to annual or other leave. The full complement of Waste Enforcement Officers is six. Despite numerous competitions for Waste Enforcement Officers, at various grades, the Council has been unable to fill all vacant WEO positions.

All incidents of litter, illegal dumping, unauthorised signage and abandoned vehicles reported or detected in any area are investigated by the Council's Litter Warden Service and all dumped material is searched for evidence. Where evidence is found, the appropriate enforcement action is taken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended. Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to polluters is contained within the dumped material, with personal information having been removed or shredded. As part of the Council's commitment to deliver on the objectives of the Corporate Plan and Litter Management Plan, there has been an increased targeted focus on known litter generator areas. Similarly, there has been a raised visibility of our Warden Service through branded vehicles, and several structured routes have been identified for continuous patrol, as well as ad hoc patrols and investigations as required. 4087 incidents reported or detected were investigated by the Litter Warden Service in 2019.

In accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 and associated legislation, Waste Enforcement Officers carry out compliance inspections of permitted waste facilities/collectors (51 facilities, 121 collectors), producer responsibility initiatives (Tyres, Packaging, Batteries, WEEE), construction sites, illegal waste collections, household waste compliance and incidents of large scale dumping of waste. Waste Enforcement Officers complete inspections based on cradle to grave to ensure compliance by all persons generating, transporting and treating waste. To assist in the investigations, officers utilise technologies including drones, action cameras and covert CCTV, whilst enlisting cooperation from Gardaí, neighbouring LA's and other agencies.

Administrative support for the Litter Warden Service and Waste Enforcement Officers is provided by 7.6 WTE staff within the Enforcement and Licencing Section. Support is also provided by the Council's Law Department in respect of prosecutions.

1. **Political Posters / Illegal signage**
   1. Enforce the requirements of the Litter Pollution Act in respect of illegal signage
   2. Request for Environment SPC to consider designating areas for posters
   3. Request for a protocol in the Plan in respect of illegal signage

**RESPONSE:**

Election / Referendum / Public Meeting posters are governed by a suite of relevant legislation including:

1.Litter Pollution Act 1997, amended by the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2009

2.Protection of the Environment Act 2003

3.Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2013

4.European Parliament Elections Act 1997

5.Local Elections Regulations 1995

6.Referendum Act 1994

7.Electoral Act 1992

8.Road Traffic Act 1961

Posters for elections can be displayed either

A) 30 days before the poll day or

B) From the date the Minister makes the polling order appointing the polling ………. whichever provides the shorter period

Posters for referendum can be displayed from the date on which the Minister makes the polling day order appointing the day on which the referendum shall be held. Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, and Section 9 of the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2009 require that all posters/advertisements relating to an election / referendum must be removed within 7 days of date of polling day.

Posters for public meetings can be displayed in accordance with Section 19(7) of the Litter Pollution Act which provides that an advertisement advising of a public meeting can be in place for up to 30 days before and within 7 days after a public meeting.

Reforming the way election candidates reach the public may require political will and legislative change. National legislation permits election posters and does not (subject to road safety) put restrictions on where they should be erected, but rather when they can be erected and when they should be removed.

A working group of the former Environment SPC previously developed a voluntary code of practice to which election candidates in Local Elections in Lucan, Clondalkin and Palmerstown agreed not to erect posters in those villages at the request of the local Tidy Towns groups. Notwithstanding the above there is currently no legislative provision to enforce a voluntary code, and it was only relative to Local Elections, thereby not applying to other elections and Referenda which were held at that time.

The matter was further considered by the EPR&CC SPC in 2016 when significant data from other countries was collated as part of the work of the subcommittee established to look at options.

It was noted from that study that many European countries apply different mechanisms to facilitate communication between election candidates and voters. Some place limits on the number of posters and where they may be placed, restricting them, for instance, to designated municipal hoardings. It is also known that in some countries, candidates get an equal number of posters and can post in designated areas only.

However as outlined above any meaningful change will require legislative change and Ministerial direction.

**Recommendation:**

**Having considered the submissions made a revised Draft Litter Management Plan was prepared and presented to the Environment Public Realm and Climate Change SPC at their meeting held on 25th February. The revised plan will cover the period 2020-2022 (three years) and action plans put in place in each of the three years of the plan will seek to address the issues raised in the submissions, subject to the availability of resources. It is noted that the new Litter Management Plan 2020 – 2022 will be closely linked to the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024, specifically the Resource Management Action Area where 20 of the 27 actions will be supported by actions in the Litter Management Plan.**

**On the recommendation of the Environment Public Realm and Climate Change SPC, the proposed revised Draft Litter Management Plan 2020 – 2022 drafted in accordance with the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, is now before the members for approval.**

[HI 14 Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66048)

[HI 14 Litter Management Plan Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66069)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole, P. Kavanagh, A. Edge, S. Moynihan, F. Timmons, C. O’Connor, A. Hayes J. Tuffy, E. O’Brien.

Mr. M. McAdam A/Senior Executive Officer of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members queries.

The reports were **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor V.Casserly, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2022 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

### **H15/0320 UPDATE OF TALLAGHT DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEM**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. E. Conroy, County Architect and was **CONSIDERED**:

**UPDATE OF SOUTH DUBLIN DISTRICT HEATING COMPANY-MARCH 2020.**

In 2018 SDCC succeeded in a multi-city bid under Inter-Reg North West Europe, to secure funding relating to pilot-projects promoting the development of district heating. The HEATNET project secured circa. €1m to fund the development of Phase 1 of a district heating piped network connecting the County Hall and adjacent civic buildings to a datacentre, now approaching completion on Belgard Road. The Datacentre has agreed to provide waste heat to SDCC as the initial major heat source for the new district heating network. In February 2020 final confirmation was received of the award of a further €4.5m in grant-aid under the Climate Action Fund from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, to support the construction of this heat network and energy centre . .

Based on international experience it was decided to establish a not-for-profit company owned by the Council, to procure the design, construction, management and maintenance of the district heating network and energy centre. The stated objective of the South Dublin District Heating Company is the promotion of a low-carbon economy through the generation and supply of heat to customers within the county, using district heating networks The District Heating Company will be not-for-profit, limited by guarantee with no share capital and only one share owned by SDCC, the sole member of the Company. The Council has existing similar arrangements in place for the management of our Leisure and Arts Centres The Company will have two directors for fiduciary and corporate governance purposes. The Company will have an Advisory Committee with representation from Elected Members and Council staff, CODEMA and sectoral stakeholders/ subject matter experts.

The District Heating Company will charge for the supply of heat and any annual surplus will be re-invested in extending the heat network and maintaining good value in heat costs to customers The company will report to SDCC at regular intervals, will also be responsible for forward planning and pricing policy, including the future expansion of the network. The company will be called the “South Dublin District Heating Company Limited By Guarantee ” and will trade as “Heatworks”. The company has been registered with Company Registration Office , Revenue Commissioners and other statutory bodies. Company design graphics and branding are in position and a website is under construction.

Operationally, contract negotiations are at final stage with the data -centre for the supply of waste heat to the District Heating Company and a lease for a site adjoining the data-centre for the construction of the energy centre. Contracts will be signed before end March 2020.

The Council has procured, through Competitive-Dialogue tender process, an energy supply company (ESCO) to design, build, operate and maintain the energy centre and heat network for an initial contract period of 10 years. The ESCO will charge the District Heating Company for the supply of heat to and through the heat network. All assets post construction of network and energy-centre will belong to the District Heating Company. Initial customers for the heat supply will be the County Hall civic complex, Technological University of Dublin Tallaght ( agreed in principle), Tallaght Innovation Centre and a number of upcoming adjacent apartment developments. Work is now underway developing customer contracts and agreements.



Image: Site location of Datacentre and adjacent Energy Centre

Contract negotiations with the ESCO are at final stage and contract will be signed before end March 2020. Laying of heat-network piping is set to commence in June and will take several months. Construction of the energy centre will commence Q2 2020 and completion of centre and first phase of pipe-network is targeted for Q1 2021. The County Hall will be the first customer to receive renewable heat in early 2021 .

[H15 (b) Heat Works Branding](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66086)

[H15 (c) Preferred Pipeworks Route](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66088)

[H15 (d) View of Site](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66087)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, C. Bailey, E Ó Broin, K. Mahon, S. Moynihan, R. McMahon, S. Fay, Y. Collins, W. Carey, G. O’Connell, T. Costello.

Mr. E. Conroy, County Architect responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **H16/0320 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - COUNCILLORS GUSS O'CONNELL & DAVID MCMANUS**

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

**REPLY:**

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit Committee) regulations 2014, nominations for appointment to the audit committee shall be made by the Corporate Policy Group following consultation with the Chief Executive.

At the January 2020 Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee meeting it was agreed that Councillor G O’Connell be appointed to the Audit Committee following the resignation of Councillor F. Duffy from this committee.

At the Special Council meeting of 24th February 2020 it was agreed that Councillor D. McManus be appointed to the Audit Committee in place of Deputy E. Higgins who was elected to Dáil Éireann and subsequently disqualified from membership of this committee.

These nominations were ratified by CPG and are now before the full Council for final approval.

### It was proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that Councillor D. McManus and Councillor G. O’Connell be appointed to the **Audit Committee**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **C1/0320** Letter dated 5th February 2020 from Kerry County Council regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting calling for rules to be implemented on individuals objecting to planning permission while not living in the location.

[Co1 Letter from Kerry County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66065)

**Motions for discussion**

### **M1/0320 PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**

### **It was proposed by Councillor Alan Edge and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons**

That the Chief Executive, in light of the recent rent increase affecting some of the poorest in the county, ensures that the accelerated maintenance programme is expedited and that priority is given to those households with older residents and residents with medical conditions and to prepare a report.

**REPORT:**

The Planned Maintenance programme will primarily focus on replacement of windows and exterior doors in housing stock that is more than ten years old. Following a procurement process, contractors have now been appointed to deliver the programme and these contractors are now undertaking initial measurement surveys for the first phase to determine the scope of works required to undertake the replacement of the windows and doors in each property.  It should be noted that the final number of appointed contractors was somewhat lower than originally envisaged and this will have some impact on the implementation period for the delivery of the programme.  Notwithstanding this, it is still planned to prioritise works based on urgency of the works as well the circumstances of older tenants and those with medical needs with works due to start in the second quarter of 2020.  This first phase of works involving the replacement of all joinery in the property will incorporate 100 homes each in the areas north and south of the Naas Road/N7 covering areas including: Airlie, Arthur Griffith, Foxdene, Greenfort, Harelawn, Kilcronan, Kilmahuddrick, Allenton, Avonbeg , Avonmore, Bawnlea, Bolbrook, Brookview, Castle Park and Cloonmore.  An Executive Engineer has been appointed to oversee the programme and our staff will be carrying out inspections and quality assurance checks during and on completion of works.

The programme also includes painting of windows and exterior doors where replacement is not required as well as the painting of older persons' housing developments and communal areas of multi-household developments.  Contractors have been appointed for the painting work which will be carried out in conjunction with our direct labour painting teams and this work is scheduled to commence in April.

Further specific works have begun in Balgaddy estate under the programme including replacement of utility boxes/letter boxes, roofs/guttering works, communal locks/alarms and addressing heating, ventilation and insulation issues.

A range of safety works across the Council's housing stock is also being prepared under the programme to install or replace smoke/heat monitors, carbon monoxide monitors and window restrictors.

In conjunction with the Planned Maintenance Programme, our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme is also ongoing, being implemented on a phased basis for our pre-1985 housing stock. These upgrade works include complete attic insulation/ventilation, pumping of cavity walls, bathroom/kitchen ventilation and draught-proofing measures with works scheduled in areas including Glenshane, Quarry Drive, Neilstown, Dunawley, Castle Park/Lawns, Michael Collins Park, James Connolly Park, Nanagor Crescent and Rathlawns amongst others in 2020.  These upgrades will greatly benefit tenants in terms of their heating costs, reducing fuel poverty and making their homes more comfortable.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, K. Mahon and S. Fay.

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries

The Report is **NOTED**.

In accordance with Standing Order no. 15 (5) the Mayor, Councillor V. Casserly

proposed and the members unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders in order to

deal with the next Motion (M2).

### **M2/0320 FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

### **It was proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.**

This council, in light of the climate and biodiversity emergency declared both nationally and in this chamber, calls on the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to begin preparations for the implementation of free public transport for all in Dublin and across Ireland.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, L. Sinclair, M. Seery-Kearney, E Ó Broin, E. O’Brien, A. Edge, W. Carey, K. Mahon

**REPORT:**

If the motion is passed details of the motion will be conveyed to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, and a copy of any reply received will be circulated.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **M4/0320 SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH READING DIFFICULTIES**

### It was Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor V. Casserly and **MOVED** without debate.

That South Dublin County recognises the need for continued support for the one school in the County for children with Specific Reading Difficulties / Dyslexia, St Roses National School.

Furthermore that this Council would write to the Minister for Education and Skills conveying the disappointment of members of this Council that the NCSE in their recent progress report would question the need for the only resource in the County for children with Dyslexia creating anxiety and uncertainty for children and their families.

**REPORT:**

If the Motion is passed, a letter will issue to the relevant Minister and the reply, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

### **M8/0320 RAIN-HARVESTING**

### It was Proposed by Councillor William Priestley and seconded by Councillor V.Casserlyand **MOVED** without debate.

That this council calls on the Chief Executive to instruct the Architects' Department to investigate solutions and technology around rain-harvesting for all new builds with the intention of SDCC becoming a national leader in the area.

**REPORT:**

South Dublin County Council is fully committed to its obligations under the National Climate-change Action Plan and all other statutory and policy objectives on Sustainability including the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study and rainwater attenuation. Rainwater harvesting is already reviewed in the design and development of Council residential and civic/community building programmes. These systems have implications in terms of initial capital , operational and maintenance costs and energy usage ongoing. Larger harvesting systems in non-residential buildings result in large embedded energy outputs in the construction of tanks underground or with additional structural supports in overground locations, onerous commitments in the maintenance of filter systems and are energy-hungry through electric pumping.  This is the case in the Clondalkin Leisure Centre installation for instance. (There is a more efficient system in the Tallaght Stadium).

The absence of domestic water-charges means the economics of rain-water harvesting differ from elsewhere in Europe as there is no underlying financial logic to additional investment, initially and ongoing. In residential schemes issues to be addressed are the separate/secondary plumbing systems including redundancy in parallel tanks required for dryer periods, filter systems to protect sanitary ware, directing cold external water through the sealed, heavily-insulated fabric required by NZEB, and maintenance. Passive systems including water-butts (car-washing, plant-watering, cleaning rather than sanitary appliances)  are of course easier wins.  Projects will continue to be reviewed and addressed in terms of environmental impact, sustainability in use and value-for money as heretofore.

The Mayor, Councillor V. Casserly wished Councillors W. Priestley and M. Seery-Kearney good luck in the fort coming Seanad elections.

Meeting Finished @ 19:05.

**Motions not reached.**

### **(M3) SHANNON LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TERMINAL**

### **Councillor Liam Sinclair**

That this Council, in line with the recently declared Climate and Biodiversity Emergency, calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment to remove the Shannon LNG terminal from the Projects of Common Interests List.

### **(M5) SCRAMBLERS/QUADS**

### **Councillor C. O'Connor**

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to confirm actions he is taking to deal with the ongoing menace of Scramblers/Quads which remains a serious issue in many communities throughout our County; will he also confirm contacts he has had with Government in respect for the need of effective legislation in the matter and will he make a statement.

### **(M6) MOTO CROSS**

### **Councillor William Joseph Carey**

That this council requests the Chief Executive to examine the feasibility of SDCC opening a motocross track at a suitable location and to liaise with any motocross clubs established within the South Dublin area in achieving this goal.

### **(M7) DOG POUND**

### **Councillor L. Kinsella-Colman**

That this Council calls for the establishment of a dog pound/cat and dogs home that is within this Council's control.

What funding is available for this?

The Chief Executive to bring a report on the feasibility of achieving this.

### **(M9) DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION**

### **Councillor C. King**

Following the attached Sinn Féin motion that was passed in March of this year, This Council reaffirms it’s call to the Chief Executive to review the current waste collection services in conjunction with the other Dublin local Authorities and the Unions with a view to the remunicipalisation of the domestic waste service whereby the Council would take charge once again of the Service but this time in a more efficient and cost competitive manner than was previously the case

### **(M10) LITTER FINES**

### **Councillor Y. Collins**

This Councils calls on the Chief Executive take appropriate steps to ensure that all litter prosecutions take place in the closest Courthouse to the community where the offence is alleged to have taken place, so as to maximise the deterrent effect of prosecution for litter offences.

### **(M11) PARENTAL ALIENATION**

### **Councillor F. Timmons**

That South Dublin County Council calls on the Irish Government Departments of Health, Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs to recognise that Parental Alienation is “Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning” as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11 and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019.

### **(M12) ASSIGNED CERTIFIER**

### **Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

Given the fiascos of Priory Hall and Longboat Quay with respect to the self-certification regime for buildings in Ireland, this council agrees that as a condition of planning permission for new buildings that an independent certified consultant be contracted or employed by South Dublin County Council at the cost of the developer or builder to ensure that the development is fully compliant with all building regulations. An alternative would be to increase either planning fees or the development levy by a commensurate amount that could be used for the same purposes.

### **(M13) PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT**

### **Councillor E. O'Brien**

That this County Council calls on the incoming Government to repeal the Private Residential Tenancies Act 2004 and to introduce new legislation to govern all matters relating to tenancies or other lesser interests in private land noting the current housing crisis and its impact on tenure.

### **(M14) COMMUNITY CENTRES**

### **Councillor Shane Moynihan**

That this Council calls for the introduction of electronic booking systems for community centres in the County.

### **(M15) DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT**

### **Councillor M. Johansson**

That the elected members of this council, recognising the importance of recycling in tackling the climate crisis, condemn increases in fees for recycling/green bins by local waste management providers, and re-iterate our support for the re-nationalisation of waste management provision which should be regarded as a public service.

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

Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_