SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



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

**HELD ON THURSDAY 28th May 2020**

**PRESENT:**

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| **Members**  | **Council Officials**  |
| Cllr William Priestley (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. Paul Gogarty | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. David McManus | Hazel Craigie | Senior Planner |
| Cllr William Carey  | Jason Frehill | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Shane Moynihan | Ciara Brennan | Clerical Officer |
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|  **Non Elected Members:**  |
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**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor William Priestley chaired the meeting.**

Prior to commencement of the meeting Ms Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer reiterated the procedure and protocol for this SPC Meeting via Microsoft 365 Teams. It was AGRRED that as the meeting was a virtual one a roll call of the members’ attendance was taken, and Members were also advised to register their attendance via the Show Conversation screen.

### **H-1/ (1) Item ID:65945 - Minutes of SPC held 27th February, 2020**

[**Minutes of SPC 27th February 2020 .docx**](Minutes%20of%20SPC%2027th%20February%202020%20for%20May%20SPC.docx)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC 27th February, 2020 were proposed by Cllr. William Priestly and seconded by Councillor Shane Moynihan.

Matters arising from the minutes included the report from the NTA at the February, 2020. Cllrs enquired if the NTA could be returning to address a full Council meeting, and if the Council had made a submission to the NTA on Bus Connects.

Mick Mulhern, Director Of Service responded by informing the meeting that the Council had made a submission and that the NTA is happy to meet with any of the Councillors in a structured way (not at a full Council meeting). A decision on such format would be brought to the September Area Committee Meetings.

Mr Mulhern also advised of further round of consultations coming up whereby Councillors and public would be afforded the opportunity to make their submissions

It was also agreed to circulate the submission made by the Council to the NTA on Bus Connects to Members of the SPC.

Members also queried the update position of Cycle South Dublin. It was NOTED that this was inadvertently delayed due to COVID 19 Business Continuity Management Planning demands.

The Minutes were **NOTED** as read.

### **H-1 /(2) Item ID:65946 Review of Current County Development Plan 2016 – 2022 and Preparation of new County Development Plan 2022 – 2028**

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### [**County Development Plan Revised Timelines\_July 2020.docx**](County%20Development%20Plan%20Revised%20Timelines_July%202020.docx)

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Ms. Hazel Craigie, Senior Engineer presented the report.

Ms. Craigie gave the timeframe for the review process, which will commence in Summer 2020. She outlined the following:

1. Purpose of a Development Plan
	1. To deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of South County Dublin
	2. Set out the planning and development objectives of the planning authority for a six-year period in both a written statement and maps
	3. Set out a ‘core strategy’ for location and quantum of housing and employment which is transparent and evidence based.
2. Timelines & Process
3. Key themes at Pre-Draft Stage
4. SPC consultation and feedback
5. Identification of SPC key issues

The context of the plan is set out in a Hierarchy of Plans including

1. National Planning Framework
2. LECP (Local Economic Community Plans)
3. City and County Development Plans
4. Regional and Spatial Economic Strategy and
5. LAP’s (Local area Plans), Area Based Local Development

The mandatory objectives of the plan include:

1. Zoning objectives
2. Regeneration
3. Protection of Structures

Ms Craigie outlined the three stages to the timelines of the plan:

1. Strategic Issues Papers – commences on 31st July with 8 weeks public consultation process to inform the preparation of the plan
2. Draft Plan – June 2021 draft plan prepared and considered by members for display
3. Amendments – March-April 2022 public consultation of amendments, plan adopted in June and comes into effect August 2022.

There are 8 strategic themes to the Pre-Draft

The Chair Cllr Priestley thanked Ms. Craigie for her very informative and helpful presentation.

A discussion ensued with contributions from Cllrs. Eoin Ó Broin, Gogarty, Moynihan and McManus. It was requested if it might be possible for the public to have access to the main changes that have come to fruition from the current development plan, and could a piece on each of the 8 strategic themes also be made available to the public.

It was noted that a page per theme would be sufficient and provided.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) / Item ID:65947 Tallaght Local Area Plan 2020 – 2026: CE report on Public Consultation Material Alterations**

[Tallaght LAP - Mat Alt - CE Report.pdf](Tallaght%20LAP%20-%20Mat%20Alt%20-%20CE%20Report.pdf)

[Tallaght LAP Update Presentation 28-5-20.pptx](Tallaght%20LAP%20Update%20Presentation%2028-5-20.pptx)

Mr. Jason Frehill, Senior Planner, presented the report

Mr. Frehill informed the meeting that the LAP went on public display in September and outlined the timeframes of the plan and material alterations of which there are 7. He advised that the CE report will be considered by the Elected Members and adopted at the June Council Meeting. It will formally come into effect 6 weeks from then I,e, July 2020.

Mr Frehill noted that as there was no Statutory LAP in place it is important that one be adopted. He informed the meeting that there had been a huge level of SHD applications in area and An Bord Pleanala had made decisions on some of these.

Following a discussion after the presentation Mr. Frehill and Mr. Mulhern answered the queries raised by the members.

The report was **NOTED**

### **H-1 (4) Item ID:65949 Update on Draft Biodiversity Action Plan**

### [Update on Biodiversity Action Plan.docx](Update%20on%20Biodiversity%20Action%20Plan.docx)

Mr. Mick Mulhern, Director of Services presented the update on the Draft Action Plan

Due to Covid 19, the timeframe for the plan as previously advised to the SPC has been amended and Mr. Mulhern gave the new dates for the consultation process which would start in June 2020 and adoption of the plan, which will now take place in October 2020

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1(5) Item 65992 Commencement of Review of Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2020**

[**Development Contribution Scheme Review.docx**](Development%20Contribution%20Scheme%20Review.docx)

Ms. Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer presented the report.

Ms. Maguire gave the background to the scheme in that it partly funds public infrastructural projects, without which development could not proceed. It assists in the delivery of much needed investment in conjunction with central exchequer and local authority own resources.

She outlined the statutory basis for the making and operation of the Development Contribution Scheme. This is set out in the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010. Under the Acts, the making of a scheme is a reserved function of the Elected Members of the Council.

The current Development Scheme 2016 – 2020 was made by the Council on 14th December 2015 and the following is an outline of the rates applicable as of 1st January 2020 (following indexation).

The scheme is now under review, and a new scheme must be made before 31st December 2020

This review is being undertaken in accordance with the guidance issued by central government (Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government) under S 28 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

There are 7 steps in the process as follows:

1. Review of the current Development Contribution Scheme:
2. Estimating the nature and scope of future development (both residential and non-residential) envisaged over the life of the next scheme:
3. Determining future infrastructure costs:
4. Allocation of costs to anticipated development
5. Identification of appropriate adjustments:
6. Testing and finalisation of the draft scheme:
7. Public Consultation on Draft new Scheme and Finalisation of the Scheme:

The Draft Scheme will commence on 13th July, 2020 where the draft will be considered by the Members for approval to publish it for public consultation and this will conclude with the resolution of the members on 9th November, 2020 with the making of the scheme.

Ms. Maguire and Mr Mulhern responded to the queries raised by Cllrs. Moynihan, Carey and O’Bróin regarding the scheme.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (6) AOB**

**Social Distancing Measures**

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Priestley enquired about Social Distancing measures that SDCC is implementing. Mr. Mulhern informed the members that a report from a transportation perspective will be brought to the June County Council meeting in this regard. As the proposals are not finalised yet, he was not at liberty to discuss. However, he indicated that SDCC does not have the same urbanised social distancing issues as DCC , and so 4 areas have been identified where measures will be recommended.

Mr Mulhern also referred to the Council’s Public Realm initiatives in public parks, and the Council’s Parking enforcement contractor has also been working mainly on maintaining free flow to essential services.

**Dodder Valley Park (Kiltipper Park) – Kissing Gates**

Cllr Ó Broin enquired about the kissing gates in Dodder Valley Park. Mr. Mulhern confirmed that he would investigate the matter and report back.

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