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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council July 2020 County Council Meeting held on Monday 13 July 2020.

### **PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bailey, C. |  | McMahon, R. |
| Carey, W. |  | McManus, D. |
| Casserly, V. |  | Moynihan, S. |
| Collins, Y. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Costello, T. |  | O’Brien, E. |
| Duff, M. |  | Ó Broin, E. |
| Dunne, L. |  | O’Byrne, C. |
| Edge, A. |  | O’Connell, G. |
| Egan, K. |  | O’Connor, C. |
| Fay, S. |  | O’Donovan, D. |
| Gilligan, T. |  | O’Hara, S. |
| Hayes, A. |  | O’Toole, L. |
| Holohan, P. |  | Pereppadan, B. |
| Johansson, M. |  | Priestley, W. |
| Kavanagh, P. |  | Seery-Kearney, M. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Sinclair, L. |
| King, C. |  | 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 Officer  Senior Executive Architect  Senior Parks Superintendent | C. Hurson.  T. Pender  S. Furlong |
| Administrative Officer | M. Reilly, B. Pierce |
| Staff Officer  Clerical Officer  IT Support  Sord | L. Abbey.  D. Murphy.  R. Saiz, D. O’Connor.  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor E. O’Brien, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors P. Gogarty, K. Mahon and D. Richardson

As the meeting was being held in the National Basketball Arena, the Mayor outlined the emergency exits and read out the following in relation to Covid 19 :-

It is essential that we follow the Government and HSE guidelines during this meeting.  If anyone has a positive response to any of the following questions, I request that you absent yourself immediately from the meeting:

* If you have symptoms of cough, fever, high temperature, sore throat, runny nose, breathlessness, or flu like symptoms now or in the past 14 days?
* If you have you been diagnosed with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection in the last 14 days?
* If you are a close contact of a person who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
* If you have been advised by a doctor or the HSE to self-isolate at this time?

As there was no response from any member in the affirmative, the meeting proceeded. As previously agreed, the meeting would conclude after 2 hours.

### **H1/0720 CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### Minutes of Council Meeting June Council Meeting - 8th June 2020 which had been circulated were submitted and APPROVED as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor E. O’Brien seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting - 26th June 2020 which had been circulated were submitted and APPROVED as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor E. O’Brien seconded by Councillor F Timmons.

1. [Minutes of June Council Meeting - 8th June 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66894)

[b) Minutes of Annual Meeting- 26th June 2019](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66895)

### **H2/0720 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEE**

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a) **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee - 9th June**

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

*(No report)*

b) **Clondalkin Area Committee – 17th June**

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

*(No report)*

c) **Tallaght Area Committee –  22nd June**

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

*(No report)*

d) **Lucan-Palmerstown-Fonthill Area Committee – 23rd June**

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

*(No report)*

### **H3/0720 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE**

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

### **H4/0720 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

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

**H5/0720 REPORTS REQUESTED FROM AREA COMMITTEES**

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

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q24 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

Does the Chief Executive have plans to liaise with the NTA with a view to organising a full, up to date, presentation and briefing in relation to BusConnects for Councillors in each affected LEA and not just in relation to the SPC concerned, given the importance of the subject matter and the implications it will have for many of our constituents.

**REPLY:**

The NTA attended the February 2020 Meeting of the LUPT SPC to which all Elected Members of SDCC were invited to attend and at which Members were, on this one off occasion, afforded opportunity to contribute.

The NTA is happy to meet with any Councillors in a structured way (not at a full Council meeting).   A decision on such format will be brought to the September 2020 Area Committee Meetings.

It should be noted that a further round of consultations is approaching whereby Councillors and public will be afforded the opportunity to make their individual observations and submissions.

### **Q2/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Teresa Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing maintenance requests are currently outstanding which have been requested longer than 6 months, can you give details on how long requests have been awaiting completion eg number of queries outstanding grouped into 6 - 12 months since submitted 12 - 18 months since submitted etc.

**REPLY:**

The Council categorises and responds to maintenance requests for repairs (known as MRFs) in accordance with the following guidelines:

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| **CATEGORY** | **TIMESCALE** | **EXAMPLE** |
| Emergency | 1 – 5 working days | Smoking Fuse Board, Burst water tank |
| Urgent | 10 working days | Leak under sink unit, Leaking roof |
| Routine | Up to 12 weeks | Replace toilet cistern, Faulty radiator |
| Cyclical | 1 – 7 years | Gutter replacement, replacement hall door etc. |

The response may involve an initial inspection of the property to determine the exact nature of the works to ensure that the request is correctly categorised.  Works are then either classified as response or cyclical and the MRF is closed out with works assigned to a particular response or planned maintenance programme.  In addition, a  percentage of MRFs received are deemed tenant responsibility at point of contact or following inspection and would not be repaired by our maintenance team or contractors.  The current system for recording MRFs does not readily lend itself to analysis of specific MRFs actioned or outstanding as there is no capacity to link and track the associated work programmes within the system.  However, the planned introduction of a new Integrated Housing System later this year will greatly enhance the ability of the housing maintenance team to manage and report on MRFs received and actioned as well as providing tenants with the option of tracking the progress of any maintenance requests they may have.

Details of the cyclical works outstanding by programme type are as follows:

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| **Accelerated Window and Door Programme** | **No. of units** |
| Full replacement | 776 |
| Front window replacement | 217 |
| Back window | 198 |
| Front window | 188 |
| Back Door | 19 |
| Single Windows and Doors (not in identified accelerated programme areas) | 157 |
| **Painting Programme** |  |
| Windows and Doors | 1171 |
| OAP Dwellings | 354 |
| Mac Uilliam and Balgaddy Estates | Communal Areas and External Walls |
| **Kitchen Replacement Programme** | 117 |
| **Energy Retro- Fit Programme** |  |
| Phase 1 | 700 |
| Phase 2 | 330 |

We are currently finalising arrangements for the commencement of the works programmes for windows/doors, painting etc. following detailed procurement processes that were completed pre-Covids.  These works were due to commence in April but obviously had to be delayed due to the prevailing circumstances.   In addition our kitchens replacement and retro-fit programmes as well as various other maintenance programmes are re-commencing in accordance with guidance and health and safety requirements to address the outstanding works listed above.

### **Q3/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Teresa Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many people are on the medical priority housing list who require wheelchair adapted properties can you break down by the length of time they are on the list.  Is there supports available to these people in helping them find suitably adapted HAP properties while waiting to be housed

**REPLY:**

The following table gives details of the 67 current housing and transfer applications that require wheelchair accessible properties:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Housing Need | Number of Applications | Average Time on List (Years) |
| 1 Bed | 19 | 4.66 |
| 2 Bed | 13 | 4.09 |
| 3 Bed | 22 | 6 |
| 4 Bed | 13 | 7.15 |
| Total | 67 | 5.5 |

The Council is committed to providing additional specially adapted homes both through our social housing construction programme and in conjunction with Approved Housing Bodies to meet the needs of these households.

Our Allocations & HAP staff will also support households seeking wheelchair accessible properties through HAP where possible but ultimately the responsibility for such arrangements lies with the applicant.

### **Q4/0720 QUESTION: Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to produce a report on outstanding development fees, including total amount outstanding and a breakdown per development?

**REPLY:**

Development Levies are financial charges levied in respect of condition(s) attached to the grant of planning permission requiring the payment of a contribution towards public infrastructure and facilities benefiting the said development in the area of the planning authority.  Such levies become due on receipt of a statutory commencement notice submitted by the developer or owner of the planning permission, and an invoice is raised by the Council in respect of the financial condition(s).

There is currently c €25m outstanding in respect of invoiced Development Levies.

It is not proposed to provide a breakdown of the outstanding amounts per development as this information relates to the financial matters of individuals and is subject to the provisions of Data Protection regulation.

### **Q5/0720 QUESTION: Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of homeless households in the county including a breakdown between singles, couples and families?

**REPLY:**

At 31st May, 2020, there were 546 households registered as homeless in the County, comprising 273 single males, 55 single females, 16 couples and 202 families.

### **Q6/0720 QUESTION: Councillor R. McMahon**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Built Heritage Investment Scheme grants is to be run again next year?

**REPLY:**

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme has been funded by the Department of the Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht since 2015 and is administered and managed by the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer, LUPT Department. The 2020 allocation for SDCC under the BHIS for is €60,000 and 6 no. applicants were submitted by SDCC to the Department for formal approval. All 6 applications received provisional approval and therefore 6 projects will be funded this year.

The allocation for each Local Authority is provided by the Department as part of National Architectural Conservation grant funding and is announced at the end of each year for the following year by the Minister. As the scheme has been very successful for the past 5 years in carrying out conservation works to private and publicly owned Protected Structures and generating employment in the building conservation sector, it is hoped that it will run again next year. Continued funding for the BHIS will be solely dependent on financial support and allocation from the newly established Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

### **Q7/0720 QUESTION: Councillor R. McMahon**

To ask the Chief Executive how many applications have been received and paid to date on the Business Restart grant scheme and to give a breakdown of number and amounts paid. Also have any applications been received and rejected?

**REPLY:**

Set out below are the current statistics in respect of the Covid Business Support measures. A substantial proportion of those shown as rejected below are partially completed or have errors in completion which it is envisaged will be re-submitted for consideration

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| **RESTART GRANT SCHEME STATISTICS** | | |
|  | **NUMBER** | **VALUE** |
| **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BUT NOT APPROVED** | **328** | **€1,738,310** |
| **APPLICATIONS APPROVED BUT NOT PAID** | **213** | **€1,171,753** |
| **APPLICATIONS PAID** | **611** | **€3,532,015** |
| **APPLICATIONS REJECTED** | **692** | **N/A** |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **1844** | **€6,442,078** |

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| **Support** | **Applications Submitted** | **Applications Processed** | **No. of Approvals** |
| Business Continuity Voucher | 668 | 536 | 536 |
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| **Support** | **Applications Submitted** | **No. of Approvals** | **No. of unsuccessful applications** |
| Trading Online Voucher | 612 | 255 | 223 |
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| **Support** | **No. of Participants** |  |  |
| Covid Mentoring | 304 |  |  |
| Training | 403 |  |  |

### **Q8/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Shane Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive if special measures are being put in place to collect and measure the volume of "nitrous oxide cylinders" which have become increasingly frequent in dumping around the county, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

Nitrous Oxide Canisters in question are small steel canisters (typically the size of a person’s thumb) and are sold for use with catering equipment.  Evidence has shown there is an increase use of Nitrous Oxide gas (Laughing Gas) amongst teenagers as a form of a quick high.

As part of cleansing operations, Public Realm crews dispose of the used canisters with other items of waste collected.  Based on the nature of the operation it is not practical to quantify or segregate waste items at the time of a litter pick.  It also is not possible to quantify used canisters that may have been disposed of in public bins.  Where crews have witnessed the reoccurrence of used canisters at sites,  supervisors have been informed. Based on the level of increased occurrences over recent months, SDCC have sought to highlight the issue by alerting parents to the issue and informing them of the health risks of the use of Nitrous Oxide through SDCC Social Media posts.  Extensive awareness highlighting the public health risks has also been evident in recent months through the HSE, Local Authorities and the Press Media.

### **Q9/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Shane Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive if there will be a deferral or reduction in pitch fees for sports clubs across the county, given that pitches have not been in use for over three months and that many clubs have not had access to cub subscriptions for that period.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council allocates temporary lettings of its playing pitches every year to affiliated clubs and sporting organisations within the County.  The allocation is carried out by way of a 9 month seasonal letting subject to specified conditions including the payment of a fee. The fees are in respect of over 160 pitches provided and maintained by South Dublin County Council.

The fees charged to the clubs are considered reasonable and contribute only in part to the annual specific cost incurred by the Council in the maintenance and management of the pitches developed and allocated throughout the County.

Clubs make various arrangements to pay their annual fees and are currently at stages which can be categorised as paid in full, partially paid or unpaid. We are currently analysing those fees paid by the clubs for the 2019/2020 season, with a view to writing down the outstanding fees for the 2019/2020 season and/or providing a reduction in the fees for the 2020/2021 season as appropriate.

### **Q10/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

Have any so-called Dog Behaviourists been employed or contracted by South Dublin County Council in designing how dogs are accommodated in the county's parks?

**REPLY:**

Public parks and open spaces are well used by dog owners who tend to be very regular, frequent visitors to our parks. We find they tend to use parks at our less busy times which is very welcomed as increased use of the parks, for longer, benefits all users.

The recent provision of water fonts also provides dog owners with the facility to give their dog water while out and about which is important in terms of animal welfare and Dog training classes have been provided in our parks.

The Council has provided some dog-specific facilities, i.e. dog runs in Corkagh Park, Clondalkin; Griffeen Valley Park and Waterstown Park, Lucan and Tymon Park, Tallaght and they are generally considered to be operating in a satisfactory manner.

In order to provide a dog run, an area of about 5,000m2 (approximately the size of a football pitch) is required as a minimum. This is to ensure that there is sufficient space for a number of dogs to run free and use the area at the same time. This is one of the reasons why dog runs tend to be provided in the larger parks in the county. To date the council have not contracted dog behaviourists but do have access to an experienced dog wardens service. When designing such facilities the council will be guided by best practice, experience of provision elsewhere; both national and international examples, as well as feedback received from user groups.

### **Q11/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

Does SDCC have grass cutting equipment to allow cut grass to be collected and thus removed from grassed areas under the maintenance of Public Realm, in order to allow long-term depletion of Nitrogen stocks in the soil so as to allow a proliferation of non-grass species e.g. wildflowers? If not, how can SDCC have a biodiversity action plan if it is unimplementable due to the lack of relevant machinery?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is a signatory to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, which contains many actions that support pollinators. South Dublin County Council has implemented projects and initiatives of varying types in support of biodiversity, many of these actions are in partnership with community groups, local resident associations and Tidy Towns Groups, with the support and encouragement of elected members and Council Staff. Some of these projects are detailed further below. These projects are supported by South Dublin County Councils policies and plans that incorporate biodiversity and pollinator supporting criteria. SDCC's County Development Plan has policies and objectives which outline the Council’s commitment to biodiversity; in particular Chapter 8, Green Infrastructure, and Chapter 9, Heritage, Conservation, and Landscapes are particularly relevant. The Council also included actions from the National Pollinator Plan within the adopted Climate Change Action Plan; (please see actions listed under 'nature based solutions'). The Council’s Heritage Plan also supports biodiversity and the Councils Tree Management Policy 'Living with Trees' puts the management of trees within a structure that supports the retention and expansion of the Councils tree canopy as well as encouraging the planting of native tree species. A Biodiversity Action Plan will also be completed later this year.

The main action undertaken by the Council that benefits pollinators involves a restructuring of mowing patterns and timings. This reduced frequency of grass cutting allows wildflowers to flower and set seed, providing additional opportunities for pollinating insects which are currently challenged by habitat loss and chemical usage. South Dublin County Council have audited some of these wildflower meadows with insect surveys and they display a wide variety of insect life, in some cases quite rare species have been discovered (reference Tymon Park). In order to create the wildflower meadows; altered mowing regimes have been in place in a number of the Council’s larger parks for the benefit of pollinators and biodiversity for a number of years; commencing with 13 separate areas in Tymon Park totalling 18 ha and 3 areas along the Dodder Valley Park totalling 5 ha as well as significant area in Waterstown Park. These areas were chosen for their particular soil types, the nature of their botanical composition, and their contribution to the amenity enjoyment of these parks. In 2019 these areas of wild flower meadowland were increased to 90 hectares; at various locations within our parks across the county and this is maintained for 2020.

This has proven to be a popular and highly successful action; with orchids in the thousands being counted. The use of the 'Managed for Biodiversity' signs assisted with spreading the message and the results have in general been positive. Most residents supported the initiative and requests were received that other areas also be looked at for similar reduced mowing for 2020 with much positive comment and feedback being received from members of the public.

It is intended to carry out ecological surveys in 2020 / 2021 in these meadows and evaluate our success to date in terms of supporting insects and wildlife. This will allow us to also evaluate other locations for this reduced mowing approach. These wildflower meadows are highly important for pollinators as a lot of the meadowland species are native or naturalised and support local pollinators. The lower intensity cutting can reduce costs (and emissions) associated with more frequent maintenance, however there is still a financial outlay required to cut, gather and remove the very long grass after it is cut. There are 2 categories of cutting for pollinators:

a) once-cut-a-year for large meadows

b) areas which need to be maintained but where every second normal cut can be missed out (i.e. cutting once every 4 or 5 weeks) in order to facilitate the flowering of low-growing pollinator plants like clovers and birds-foot trefoil.

In the case of the first-mentioned regime; the cut can leave the arisings or gather them. Gathering them is the preferred option where the object is to reduce soil fertility. However this may not always be required and sites are assessed on a case-by-case basis. This process does require specialised machinery and the Council has engaged a contractor to carry out the operation in 2020. In the case of the second-mentioned practice the council has sufficient machinery.

### **Q12/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

Can the Chief Executive outline both how many outstanding planning enforcement cases are being investigated in the county and how many planning enforcement inspectors are employed? At the current rate, in what month and year would the Chief Executive expect the amount of outstanding planning enforcement cases to be below 25?

**REPLY:**

The following are the Planning Enforcement Stats for 2019:

Closing Balance at end of 2018   - 414

Number of files opened in 2019  - 249

Number of files closed in 2019   - 185

Closing balance of files open

At end of 2019                          - 478

It is not possible to determine when there will be less than 25 outstanding enforcement cases as we cannot determine when or how a file will be closed or how many new files will be opened in the meantime. The team are processing enforcement cases in a timely manner, the level of enforcement cases is not set by the officers but rather as and when enforcement issues arise and so it is not possible to give a timeline for this.

### **Q13/0720 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to update members on plans to deal with the annual challenges of Halloween detailing actions to protect our Open Spaces and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Council has always recognised the difficulties that Halloween causes for many communities through the illegal burning of waste on Halloween bonfires, the damage to local amenities, and the threat to property and local services.

In line with previous years the Council will adopt a cross departmental approach, utilising the services of Public Realm, Waste Enforcement, Environmental Awareness, Library Service, Housing and Community Services Departments to prevent damage and promote the “Safe Halloween” message. The Council's response to Halloween in 2020 will involve the following:

* Various awareness measures to highlight the dangers associated with bonfires and the harm done to the environment,
* Action by the Council's Environmental Licensing and Enforcement Section to deal with commercial premises and their obligations to properly store their waste including aerial surveys,
* The Public Realm response to remove stockpiles of bonfire materials will commence as soon as necessary most likely in September,
* Liaison with An Garda Siochana with regard to action being taken by them and by the Council in relation to this matter,
* Liaison with local residents groups who can help to identify the locations of material stockpiles,
* Implementation of the ‘bulbs not bonfires’ scheme
* The social credits scheme will once again facilitate groups who are registered on the scheme with the disposal of materials at the Council's civic amenity site in Ballymount, and this will help to reduce the amount of materials being handed over for bonfires.

### **Q14/0720 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm actions being taken to deal with Homeless cases during these difficult times; will he detail numbers and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Council's homeless supports have continued to operate throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and, in conjunction with the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE), HSE and various other partners, have continued to provide a broad range of critical services for households requiring supports during this current climate.  All such households are encouraged to make contact with our homeless unit by phone at 01-4149364 or by email to [sdcchomeless@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:sdcchomeless@sdublincoco.ie) while our freephone number(1800 707 707) is also available out of hours for those in need of emergency accommodation.

Our homeless unit are operating in-person appointments in the office only where absolutely necessary and any such appointments will be arranged by our team in line with appropriate health and safety and related requirements.

Any person(s) in receipt of a valid notice to quit can contact the team using the contact details above office for advice and the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) at the higher rate remains available to applicants who are at imminent risk of losing their tenancy.

The most recently collated number of homeless households in the County at 31st May 2020 was broken down as follows:

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| **Total Homeless Households** | **546** |
| Single Male | 273 |
| Single Female | 55 |
| Couples | 16 |
| Families | 202 |

### **Q15/0720 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is concerned about the water supply levels to our County; what contacts has he made in respect of the matter and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The water supply to SDCC is part of the Greater Dublin Regional water supply network which is mainly supplied with water from the Liffey catchment treated at Ballymore-Eustace Water Treatment Plant (53%) and Leixlip Water Treatment Plant (31%), with other smaller supplies including Ballyboden and Roundwood.  There are 4 water supply zones in SDCC with our largest supply reservoirs at Saggart, Belgard, Peamount and Kiltalown.  Water supply zones are managed closely by Irish Water and the Dublin region LA's to ensure quality and quantity meets all applicable requirements, particularly the Drinking Water Regulations.

Irish Water have recently completed a project to provide a 1,200mm diameter link between the 2 largest reservoirs in SDCC, Peamount and Saggart.  This will considerably improve the ability to move water to where it's most needed in SDCC.  Commissioning of this project is underway with expected completion in July.  On completion it is planned to increase the area supplied from Peamount Reservoir.

SDCC works with Irish Water under a service level agreement and is in constant contact regarding water supply and wastewater drainage.

In regard to the question above Irish Water provided the following response on the 3rd July:

*A National Water Conservation Order was put in place on 9 June and was expected to remain in place until 21 July. It was issued in a bid to safeguard water supplies for essential purposes, in particular water needed for sanitation purposes during the COVID-19 crisis.*

*Met Eireann confirmed that May 2020 was the driest since 1850 and continued dry weather was forecast. When the Water Conservation Order was issued 27 of Irish Waters 900 drinking water schemes, were in drought with another 50 at risk of going into drought. Thereafter the situation deteriorated rapidly with the number of schemes in drought or at risk of drought peaking at 98.*

*Thankfully from a water supply perspective, over the past weeks there has been above average rainfall in many areas of the country. This has resulted in the recovery of some of the water supplies that were in drought or at risk of drought. Currently only 22 schemes remain in drought and a further 63 are at risk. While the overall numbers are trending downwards, the situation is not uniform across the country. Two schemes that supply South Dublin i.e. Ballymore Eustace and Leixlip, were in drought when the Water Conservation Order was first put in place. However, the status of Leixlip and Ballymore Eustace has now been re-classified to potential drought.*

*Irish Water is continuing to monitor these water sources as their recovery is fragile and subject to change. Early next week Irish Water will again meet with Met Eireann, the OPW, the EPA and other key stakeholders to discuss the impact of the recent rainfall with consideration to lifting or partially lifting the Water Conservation Order.*

*It is still essential that members of the public in South Dublin continue to conserve water and form good household habits at this time. Any non-essential use of water should be discouraged, whether we are in a drought or not.*

*We would like to thank the people of South Dublin for their efforts in conserving water in their homes and gardens over the past number of weeks and our large water users who have worked proactively with us to use water more efficiently in their businesses.*

### **Q16/0720 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail actions he is taking in respect of Climate Change and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Climate Change Action Plan was formally adopted by South Dublin County Council in September 2019. The CCAP 2019-2024 identifies 130 actions under 6 areas to be monitored and addressed over the term of the plan in order to achieve and surpass our 4 key targets.

In parallel to our CCAP, SDCC has committed to meeting the challenges outlined in the Governments Climate Action Plan 2019 through the Local Authority Climate Action Charter.

The key actions outline in these plans are;

SDCC CCAP

1. A 33% improvement in the Council’s energy efficiency by 2020
2. A 40% reduction in the Council’s greenhouse gas emissions by 2030
3. Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events
4. Actively engage and inform our citizens on climate change

Local Authority Climate Action Charter

Deliver a 50% improvement in energy efficiency by 2030 (2009 baseline)

Each of the 130 actions identified in the CCAP will be delivered over the 5 year term of the CCAP. Some of 130 actions have rolling objectives that will extend beyond the current plan and require annual reporting.

SDCC produce an annual implementation plan to identify and track selected key actions to be undertaken in the current year. The 2020 implementation plan presents 42 actions being progressed in 2020 and a further 43 actions for ongoing monitoring/reporting.

**Energy and Buildings** the key actions progressing in 2020 are;

* Progress Heatnet project. Heatnet is the Tallaght District Heating Project. A management company (Heatworks) has been established to oversee the contract and discussions with potential new customers are underway. By using the excess heat generated by data centres, SDCC anticipates significant savings on municipal heating bills. By further eliminating the reliance on fossil fuels to heat our buildings we can expect to make substantial headway towards achieving our 2030 targets on Energy Efficiency improvements and CO2 emissions.
* Energy efficient upgrades to public lighting. Upgrading our public lighting stock to new, more efficient LEDs has been one of the key actions in improving our Energy Efficiency to date. Our 2018 Energy Review identifies that public lighting accounts for 46% of the energy consumed by SDCC. The report also indicates that the energy consumed by public lighting reduced by over 6.5% from 2017 and 2018. The current programme of public lighting upgrades will continue through the term of the CCAP.
* Energy efficient upgrades to lighting in County Council public buildings. Upgrades to the indoor lighting is also underway. The programme to replace existing office lighting with more energy efficient LED is approximately 40% complete.
* Insulation upgrades to Council’s housing stock. SDCC continues to carry out energy efficiency upgrades to our housing stock. Insulation and ventilation upgrades were completed on 174 houses in Neilstown, Dunawley, Glenshane & Quarry Drive. Additional properties have been surveyed and works are expected to proceed later in 2020. Energy upgrades will improve BER ratings from and average of D-E to C1-B3.

**Transport** the key actions progressing in 2020 are;

The Council will undertake an assessment of the number of existing and potential future Electric Vehicle Charge points in its jurisdiction. SDCC, in cooperation with the other Dublin LAs has commissioned a report to assess the future requirement of Electric Vehicle charging points across the Dublin region. The report which is expected to be published later in the year will present strategy for the installation of EV charging points around the county on a projected needs basis. SDCC is also taking the opportunity to make provision for future EV needs as we develop our sites and properties. Our Climate Innovation Fund supported the installation of EV charging infrastructure at Kiltipper Park.

Programme of the development of cycle/pedestrian greenways.

**SDCC, NTA and URDF Funded Projects**

**Dodder Greenway** – Cycle route from Bohernabreena through to Tallaght Grand Canal Dock, DCC – 10Km – Under Construction.

**N81 Jobstown, Cycling, Walking and Bus Facilities** - Includes junctions with Killinarden and Fortunestown Roads – 2Km – Detailed Design and Tender.

**Monastery Road Walking and Cycling Scheme** - Connectivity from Luas Red Cow to Clondalkin Village – 0.4km – Under construction.

**Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure** – Preliminary Design.

**Grange Road Cycle Route** - Improve ped, cycle and bus facilities – 1km –Detailed Design and Tender.

**Wellington Lane Walking and Cycling Route** - Improve ped, cycle and public realm connectivity from N81 Spawell to Kimmage Road West, DCC – 3km –Preliminary Design.

**Tallaght to Liffey Valley Cycle Route** - Improve and a create cycle commuter route from Lucan to LV to Clondalkin to Tallaght – 9.2km – Option Selection.

**Light Segregation Pilot** - Pilot Project - Install low cost barriers to protect cyclists on existing cycling routes – Option Selection.

**N81 Transport and Planning Strategy** - Review transport function, landscaping schemes, future plans for N81, including ped and cycling requirements – 7km - Option Selection.

**SDCC Funded Projects**

**Belgard Square North to Cookstown Link Road** - Includes cycling facilities – 0.3km - Under Construction .

**Celbridge Link Road** - Includes cycling facilities – 2.2km - Detailed Design and Tender.

**Airton Road Extension** - Includes cycling facilities – 0.35km – Preliminary Design.

**Flood Resilience** the key actions progressing in 2020 are;

* Works are progressing on 3 Flood Alleviation Schemes, the Poddle FAS has been submitted to An Bord Pleanala, an extended public consultation has been completed and we now await the decision from ABP, but this is not expected until early in 2012. The Whitechurch Stream FAS is due to be submitted to ABP in July with a period of public consultation running into the Autumn and a decision from ABP in early 2021. The Camac FAS is being led by Dublin City Council with SDCC staff on the Steering and working Committees for this project. This is at an early stage in the assessment of the scheme.
* Establish a working group to deal with the issue of pluvial flood risk, this shall include; How to manage Urban Creep and the increase in impermeable surfaces; Promotion of SuDS early in design process; development of pluvial flood forecasting through use of point rainfall forecasting. A working group has been established to develop systems to manage pluvial flood risk. Further to this, a set of tender documents has been prepared to develop a set of SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) guidelines and associated training for staff and potential clients.
* Develop template to capture impacts, responses and costs (including ecosystem services/natural capital costs) for all major climate events. SDCC used traditional methods of data capture system to record significant climate change weather events. Events were logged on GIS systems. We are currently trialling a new app WIRE (Weather Impacts Register) developed to improve capture, analysis and reporting of Climate Change related events.

**Nature Based Solutions** the key actions progressing in 2020 are;

* Deliver a Biodiversity Action Plan. The draft Biodiversity Action Plan has been prepared and is out on Public Consultation until 10th August.
* Develop Green Infrastructure Strategy that identifies areas and priorities for green infrastructure and investment. Tenders have been received for the Green Infrastructure Strategy.
* Develop urban woodland management strategy and action plan. SDCC Tree Management Policy ‘Living With Trees’ is currently under review.
* Deliver Green Roof on Civic Buildings. Green roofs can mitigate against the hard surfaces and footprints associated with buildings. Incorporating pollinator friendly species assists with biodiversity. Green roofs can also benefit water attenuation, storing up to 40 litres per m2. SDCC have incorporated green roofs into the design of several of their facilities including pavilions at Griffeen Park and Dodder Park.

**Resource Management Actions Progressing in 2020**

* Examine the potential of Arthurstown Landfill for development of green energy uses. This site has been identified as potential site for a sustainable energy project. Proposals are currently under review. A report is pending.
* Identify pilot locations for water access points (Single-use plastic elimination). In 2019, 9 public water fountains were procured to help eliminate SUPs (Single Use Plastics). The water fountains have proven to be successful having dispensed over 20,000 litres of water to date and reduced SUPs by 885kg. SDCC propose to expand the project with an additional 8 water stations to be procured in 2020

**Citizen Engagement**

* South Dublin County Council engaged a Climate and Environmental Awareness Officer in April
* Climate Action workshops commenced in South Dublin earlier this year and three of the five planned had accrued prior to Covid 19. We will complete this programme and are planning other climate events for 2020.

### **Q17/0720 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive how many houses he has purchased for allocation in 2019 and so far in 2020; will he give the details in respect of each Electoral area and confirm plans for further purchases?

**REPLY:**

A total of thirty-eight second-hand properties were acquired by the Council for social housing provision in 2019 and to date in 2020, seven further such properties have been acquired with another four such properties also currently in the pipeline for acquisition in 2020.  The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has advised that funding in 2020 is being prioritised towards the new-build delivery programme rather than acquisition of second-hand homes but that funding will remain available for such acquisitions to support priority housing needs including for homeless households, to meet medical priority, for one-bed properties etc and the Council will continue to examine proposals and opportunities to acquire suitable properties in this regard.

The table below sets out the number of housing acquisitions during 2019 and 2020 by Local Electoral Area:

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| **Local Electoral Area** | **2019** | **2020** |
| Clondalkin | 17 | 2 |
| Lucan | 9 | 2 |
| Tallaght Central | 3 | 1 |
| Tallaght South | 4 | 2 |
| Rathfarnham- Templeogue | 0 | 0 |
| Palmerstown- Fonthill | 5 | 0 |
| Firhouse- Bohernabreena | 0 | 0 |
| **Grand Total** | **38** | **7** |

### **Q18/0720 QUESTION: Councillor D. O'Donovan**

To ask the Chief Executive, in terms of local authority tenants, for analysis of arrears relative to weekly rent charged, relative to the income of the household.

**REPLY:**

Our Differential Rent Scheme provides that weekly rents charged to Council tenants are based on 10% of net household income (with some exclusions) plus €3.

The breakdown of accounts in arrears relative to the net household income and weekly rent charged is as follows:

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| **Weekly Rent Category** | **Approx. Net Weekly Household Income** | **Approx. Net Annual Household Income** | **No. Accounts** | **Total Arrears** | **Average Arrears** |
| Up to € 50.00 | Up to €470 | Up to €24,440 | 6,201 | €2,956,013 | €477 |
| > €50 but < €100 | >€470 but < €970 | >€24,440 but < €50,440 | 3,334 | €3,904,316 | €1,171 |
| > €100 but < €150 | >€970 but < €1,470 | >€50,440 but < €76,440 | 663 | €1,308,202 | €1,973 |
| Above €150 | >€1,470 | >€76,440 | 119 | €348,317 | €2,927 |
|  |  |  | 10,317 | €8,516,848 | €826 |

### **Q19/0720 QUESTION: Councillor L. O'Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated report on the findings from the pilot scheme for the solar bins, initiated sometime ago.

**REPLY:**

A trial on the use of 8 solar powered, smart litter bins was carried out in the Rathfarnham area from November 2019 to May 2020.  The following report on the trial was presented to the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC on May 27th.  It was agreed that a further report would be brought to the Environment SPC with regard to developing the pilot proposals.

**Report.**

In response to requests received from elected members the Council’s Public Realm Section agreed to carry out a trial on the use of solar powered, smart street litter bins.  The matter was referred to the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC for discussion where it was agreed that a limited number of these bins would be installed in the Rathfarnham area where a 6 month trial would be undertaken.

In early 2019 a tender process was carried out for the installation and maintenance for a 6 month period of 8 such bins.  Three tenders were received however one of these was late and could not be accepted, while a second was deemed not to be compliant with the requirements of the tender.  The contract for the supply of these bins was awarded to the one remaining compliant tenderer Kyron Street Furniture, trading as the Big Belly Bin Company.

The locations chosen for inclusion in the trial were Rathfarnham Village main street, Rathfarnham Castle park and Rosemount Shopping Centre at Marian Road.  A total of 7 existing standard litter bins in Rathfarnham Village were removed and replaced by 5 solar powered bins, 4 standard litter bins in the Castle playground were removed and replaced with one solar powered bin and 2 standard bins at Rosemount shops were removed and replaced by 2 solar powered units.

The trial commenced in November and the 6 month period has nearly elapsed with 24 weeks of data available.  The data available from these ‘smart’ litter bins has been examined and below is a summary of the findings.  It should be noted that the service provided when standard litter bins were in place consisted of the operative visiting the bin each day and emptying it when required, and this was considered to be servicing of the bin every day.  With the smart bins in place it was possible, for the most part, to respond to alarms sent by the system requesting that the bin be serviced when the pre-set fullness level is reached.  On some occasions the smart bins were emptied before the fullness level was reached and this is deemed to be inefficient servicing by the system.  This point will be explained further below.

Features of the bin

* The ‘Big Belly’ bin is substantially larger than the standard litter bin, and when the ability of the unit to compact the waste is accounted for it is estimated that the capacity of this type of unit is 8 times that of the standard 90 litre bin.
* The compactor is powered by a solar power unit which makes it compliant with the Council’s resource management objectives under the Climate Change Action Plan.
* The bin contains a sensor which monitors the ‘fullness level’ of the bin.
* The sensor can be priest to send a warning message when waste reaches a predetermined level, such as 80% of full.
* Alarms are sent to supervisory staff and the operative to advise them that the bin requires attention.
* There is also a visual alarm which can be seen by passing members of staff or the public.
* The bins can be opened by foot pedal which means that they do not need to be touched by hand.
* The bin opening is covered at all times therefore no waste can escape and animals and birds cannot scavenge from the bin.
* The smart system records and stores all data relating to bin servicing and the fullness level on emptying.
* The bin contains 2 side panels which can be used for advertising however the potential for these to generate an income which would offset against the cost of the bin has not been explored as yet.

Data

The report generated by the smart bin system is attached.  In summary it shows the following –

* The number of collections which would have been provided to the 13 standard litter bins over the period of the trial is 2,184.
* The actual number of collections provided to the 8 smart bins which replaced them was 320.
* This represents an 85% reduction in the number of collections provided.
* Of the 320 collections made, 226 of these happened when the 80% fullness level had been reached representing an efficiency level of 71%.
* 96 of these collections were made when the fullness level had not been reached and the bin had not sent an alarm, this represents an inefficiency level of 29%.
* While 96 of these collections were unnecessary at the time they were made the decision to make them was an operational one based on availability of staff resources and other issues.
* Many of the ‘unnecessary’ collections were made during the period of Covid 19 restrictions when there were limits on the staff resources available.

Options.

It is clear that this type of bin system offers the opportunity to substantially restructure the litter bin collection system, if smart bins were to be introduced to replace existing ones.  The following could be considered -

* The number of street litter bin (approximately 650 at present) and the number of park litter bins (approximately 150) could be substantially reduced.  This would mean some locations losing litter bins and this could be problematic.  A further exercise would be required to consider which locations should lose their litter bins and also to determine the optimum replacement ratio of smart bins for standard bins.
* There are bins currently in areas of high footfall and others in low footfall areas which could be looked at separately.  Bins in high footfall areas require to be collected daily and in some cases could be emptied more often, the higher capacity offered by the compactor bins may help to address this issue.
* Bins in low footfall areas require only weekly or twice weekly collections.  The alarm system would enable an operative to be sent out to these bins when they are ready for collection, whereas at the minute they have to be included in a planned collection route and checked daily to establish if they need to be collected.
* It is clear that the number of staff assigned to this work, currently 5, could be substantially reduced with some staff reassigned to other work.  The vehicles they currently operate would also be available for other work.
* The liner for this litter bin can be replaced with a liner on wheels which can be emptied by a rear end loading refuse truck.  This would remove all manual handling from the task which would enable the fullness level of the bin to be set at 100% of bin capacity thereby creating further efficiency.
* There is potential for the side panels of the bin to be used for advertising and to be rented out for this purpose.  There is potentially an income to be generated from this and this potential should be examined and determined and could be offset against the installation of these bins.
* The cost of these bins at approximately €6,000 per bin is substantial and is approximately 15 times that of the standard litter bin.  The costs involved in replacing a large part of the litter bin  stock would be substantial also, for example approximately 160 of these units would cost around €1m.

### **Q20/0720 QUESTION: Councillor Liam Sinclair**

To ask the Chief Executive how many local authority, wheelchair accessible homes will be coming on stream in the next twelve months, including a breakdown of bedroom numbers.

**REPLY:**

37 ground floor wheelchair accessible apartments are included in our projected new housing build delivery for the next twelve months up to June 2021.  These homes are wheelchair accessible in accordance with Part M (2010) of the Building Regulations (which requires that adequate provision be made for people to access and use a building, its facilities and its environs) and are being delivered in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies.  They comprise 15 one-bed and 22 two-bed homes.

We continue to review projects under construction and potentially available through purchase or leasing for provision of additional specially adapted/wheelchair accessible homes and anticipate additional numbers being added to those outlined above in the coming months.

### **Q21/0720 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into how a Tree Preservation Order can be raised by a Councillor and also how a Councillor can get it into the County Development Plan?

**REPLY:**

[Section 205 of the Planning & Development Act 2000](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2000/act/30/section/205/enacted/en/html) outlines the legal framework and procedures to make a Tree Preservation Order.

A Planning Authority can make such order where it appears to it that it is expedient, in the interests of amenity or the environment, to make provision for the preservation of any tree, trees, group of trees or woodlands, it may, for that purpose and for stated reasons, make an order with respect to any such tree, trees, group of trees or woodlands as may be specified in the order.

Such order may prevent cutting down, topping, lopping or wilful destruction of trees without the specific consent of the local authority and requires the owner and occupier of the land affected by the order to enter into an agreement with the planning authority to ensure the proper management of any trees, group of trees or woodlands (including the replanting of trees), subject to the planning authority providing assistance, including financial assistance, towards such management as may be agreed.

Where it is proposed to make a TPO the Planning Authority must serve a notice of its intention to do so on the owner and occupier of the land affected by the proposed order, and must also publish a notice of the proposed order in newspaper circulating in the functional area.

There is a formal public consultation process after which the Council may by resolution as it considers appropriate, make the order, with or without modifications, or refuse to make the order, and any person on whom notice has been served under *subsection (3)* shall be notified accordingly.

Particulars of an order under this section are entered in the statutory register.

There are currently four TPO's in the County and this are referenced and mapped in the County Development Plan.

Where the Council agrees new TPO's, to revoke an order, or make amendments to existing TPO's, these changes would then be listed and mapped in the County Development Plan.

It should be noted that no such TPO shall apply to the cutting down, topping or lopping of trees which are dying or dead or have become dangerous, or the cutting down, topping or lopping of any trees in compliance with any obligation imposed by or under any act, or, for the prevention or abatement of a nuisance or hazard.

### **Q22/0720 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into wheelchair bathroom facilities in community centres and Council owned building and is this the normal and policy of SDCC? Is this in the County Development plan ? Also to comment on Changing Places and what the plan is for to roll than out throughout the county?

**REPLY:**

Accessible bathroom provision is required for all buildings including new houses in accordance with standards set out under Part M of the Building Regulations.

In buildings accessible to the public an accessible bathroom typically measures 2.0 x 2.4 metres (4.8 sq. ms) to comply with this standard. Changing Places is an initiative to provide improved access for a wider range of disability including additional space for user and up to two assistants, , height-adjustable fittings including adult-sized changing bench/bed and a full-coverage ceiling -track hoist system. The resulting space required is 4.0 x 3,0 metres ( 12.0 sq. ms). South Dublin County Council has now completed a new Changing Place facility in County Hall Tallaght. A second facility will follow in the North Clondalkin Library in August/September with a third facility in Lucan Swimming Pool mid-2021. There are currently 11 such facilities in the Republic of Ireland so this Council will soon be the largest contributor to this initiative nationally. The additional space required , the height-adjustable equipment and the constructional and usage implications of the full-coverage hoist has significant cost , insurance and annual maintenance implications which seriously limit the locations which can afford or safely manage a facility of this nature.

Further Changing Places will be reviewed against these parameters to ensure that where provided they can be both safe and sustainable. Standards beyond the Building Regulations are not included in the Development Plan.

### **Q23/0720 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report into a timeframe for the new County Development plan and to detail the stages and when Councillors can start submitting motions ? Also to outline the timeframe and stages in the development of the new plan ?

**REPLY:**

The formal review of the County Development Plan will commence on 31st July 2020 with an eight week public consultation process on the strategic issues for the plan. This is known as the ‘pre-draft’ stage. It is intended to give the Members a full briefing on the Plan process, timelines and stages in July before the commencement, at a date and time to be agreed with the CPG.

The Plan review and preparation is a 99 week process. The Draft Plan will go out on public consultation in July 2021 for a 10 week period. Councillors will be able to submit motions following the submission of the CE Report to the Members on the public consultation submissions at the various stages of the Plan. The first motions will be on the strategic direction of the plan in early 2021 and will follow from the public consultation at the pre-draft stage and the associated CE Report.

### **Q24/0720 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into what options are open to people in regards to being a RAS Tenant and what supports are available from South Dublin County Council? Is the Council considering if persons on RAS be included on Council housing list so as not to lose time on housing list and to access CBL?

**REPLY:**

Under section 19 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 which came into effect on 1st April 2011, the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) is deemed to be a social housing support, meaning that any housing applicants who had secured a RAS tenancy were considered to have their housing need met and were therefore no longer eligible to remain on the housing list.

Housing applicants who secured a RAS tenancy prior to the commencement of this legislation, and who still had a current housing application at that time were written to in 2011 advising them of the revised terms of RAS.  This communication also afforded all such applicants the opportunity to apply for inclusion on a newly established RAS Fixed Transfer List whereupon they would retain their housing application status together with their time on the housing list.

Applicants remaining on the RAS Fixed Transfer List have access to Choice Based Letting (CBL) subject to tenancy and rent checks and a number of such applicants have indeed been successful in obtaining alternative properties through CBL.

With regard to existing RAS tenants, where landlords have issued notice to terminate the tenancy (other than for reason of breach of tenancy by the tenant), the Council will include the tenants on a priority list, with other tenants also on notice, and we endeavour to identify vacant properties suitable to their needs, prior to the expiry date of the notice or any extended period granted by landlords.  Available properties across all housing tenures are considered in conjunction with having regard to other housing priority lists operated by the Council while RAS NTQ tenants may also be given access to CBL to source alternative accommodation where necessary.  It also remains open to such tenants to source alternative suitable accommodation in the private rental market where a landlord may be interested in participating in the RAS Scheme.

### **H6/0720 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS**

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

### **H7/0720 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES**

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

### **H8/0720 MANAGERS REPORT**

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

[HI 8 a) Chief Executive Report July 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66890)

[HI 8 b) May 2020 Statistics](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66837)

HI 8 c) 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 26th June = 1

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **H9/0720 DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES**

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

**Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates**

**\*\*Please Note:- All ACM / SPC / OP&F / Traffic Management Meeting and Audit Committee meetings will take place remotely**

**This may change dependant on Government announcements.**

**September 2020**

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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. |  |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 1st Sept | **Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 29/7/20 |
| Wed. | 2nd Sept | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 30/7/20 |
| Thur. | 3rd Sept |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 4th Sept |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 7th Sept | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 8th Sept | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 25/8/20 |
| Wed. | 9th Sept | **Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 7/8/20 |
| Thur. | 10th Sept | **Housing SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 10/8/20 |
| Fri | 11th Sept |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 14th Sept | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm – 5:30pm | 31/8/20 |
| Tue. | 15th Sept |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 16th Sept | **Audit Committee**  **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 8:00am  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 2/9/20 |
| Thur. | 17th Sept | **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC (Moved due to clash with OP&F)** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 17/8/20 |
| Fri | 18th Sept | **JPC** | 2:00 |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 21st Sept |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 22nd Sept | ***Social, Community & Equality SPC*** | 6.00pm - 7.30pm | 20/8/20 |
| Wed. | 23rd Sept |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 24th Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Clondalkin)  **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena)  **OP&F Meeting** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 5:30pm | 10/9/20 |
| Fri | 25th Sept |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 28th Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Tallaght)  **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 14/9/20 |
| Tue | 29th Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Lucan-Palmerstown-Fonthill)  **Lucan-Palmerstown-Fonthill Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 15/9/20 |
| Wed | 30th Sept |  |  |  |
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**October 2020**

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| Thur. | 1st Oct |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 5th Oct | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 6th Oct |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 7th Oct |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 8th Oct |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 12th Oct | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm – 5:30pm | 28/9/20 |
| Tue. | 13th Oct | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 29/8/20 |
| Wed. | 14th Oct |  |  |  |
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| Mon. | 19th Oct | **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management*  **(Moved from 26th October due to Bank Holiday)** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 5/10/20 |
| Tue. | 20th Oct |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 21st Oct | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 7/10/20 |
| Thur. | 22nd Oct |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 26th Oct | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 27th Oct | **Special Budget CPG**  **Lucan-Palmerstown-Fonthill Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 12/10/20 |
| Wed. | 28th Oct |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 29th Oct |  |  |  |
| Fri | 30th Oct |  |  |  |

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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 2nd Nov | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 3rd Nov | **Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 30/9/20 |
| Wed. | 4th Nov | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 1/10/20 |
| Thur. | 5th Nov |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 6th Nov |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 9th Nov | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm – 5:30pm | 23/10/20 |
| Tue. | 10th Nov | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* |  | 27/10/20 |
| Wed. | 11th Nov | **Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 7/10/20 |
| Thur. | 12th Nov | **Special Budget OP&F** | 3:30pm – 5:30pm |  |
| Fri | 13th Nov |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 16th Nov |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 17th Nov | ***Social, Community & Equality SPC*** | 6.00pm - 7.30pm | 14/10/20 |
| Wed. | 18th Nov | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 4/11/20 |
| Thur. | 19th Nov | **Annual Budget Meeting** | 3:30pm - |  |
| Fri | 20th Nov | **JPC** | 2:00pm |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 23rd Nov | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Tallaght)  **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 9/11/20 |
| Tue. | 24th Nov | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Lucan-Palmerstown-Fonthill)  **Lucan-Palmerstown-Fonthill Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 10/11/20 |
| Wed. | 25th Nov |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 26th Nov | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena)  **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Clondalkin)  **OP&F Meeting**  **Adjourned Budget Meeting**  **(if required)** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 5:30pm  6:00pm - | 12/11/20 |
| Fri | 27th Nov | **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC**  **(Moved to Avoid possible clash with Adjourned Budget Meeting)** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm | 24/10/20 |

Notes:

The October Tallaght Area Committee moved from 26th October to 19th October due to Bank Holiday.

Land Use, Planning & Transportation moved from Thursday 26th November to Friday 27th November to avoid possible clash with Adjourned Budget Meeting

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell, B. Lawlor, P. Kavanagh, L. O’Toole,

Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, responded to the Members queries

The draft Calendar was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor T. Gilligan.

### **H10/0720 AUDIT COMMITTEE - APPROVAL OF EXTERNAL NOMINATION**

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

**REPLY:**

Ms Karen Donoghue, Head of Internal Audit, Tallaght University Hospital resigned from the Audit Committee in June 2020.

[**Regulations**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/si/244/made/en/print) state that nominations for appointment to the Audit Committee shall be made by the Corporate Policy Group to the local authority in consultation with the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive has nominated Mr Martin Nolan, Chartered Accountant and Company Director of Compliance and Professional Standards, to fill the vacancy on the Audit Committee.

Mr Nolan’s credentials are as set out below and his background, experience and qualifications are considered appropriate for appointment to the Audit Committee:

* B. Comm - UCD
* MA (Financial Control) - DCU
* FCA – Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland
* AITI – Irish Tax Institute
* Executive committee member of the British Accounting & Finance Association (Audit Special Interest Group)
* Co-author of External Auditing and Assurance, An Irish Text, 3rd Edition 2018, published by Chartered Accountants Ireland.
* Former Lecturer / Head of the Department of Accountancy & Professional Studies and the School of Business & Humanities (Technological University Dublin, Tallaght)

It is considered that Mr Nolan will fulfil the requirements of the regulations in relation to the required knowledge or experience in finance, audit or accounting due to his background and qualifications.

Mr Nolan's nomination was ratified by CPG and is now before the full Council for final approval.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, and **RESOLVED:**

“That Mr Martin Nolan, Chartered Accountant and Company Director of Compliance and Professional Standards be appointed to the **Audit Committee**”

### **H11/0720 CORKAGH PARK PAVILION PART 8**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change, and were **CONSIDERED**:

[00 Corkagh Park Pavilion Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66922)  
[01 Chief Eexcutive Report Part 8](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66856)  
[02 County Architects Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66921)

**REPLY:**

The Part 8 proposal for a proposed sports changing rooms pavilion at Corkagh Park (Outer Ring Road R136), Clondalkin consists of the following:

* 6 No. team changing rooms
* Accessible facilities including WC and referee’s changing room.
* 2 No. Storage facilities for team equipment and Plant room.
* All associated works and services
* Installation of CCTV for security

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment and a Flood Risk Assessment has been carried out. The Planning Authority has made a preliminary examination of the nature, size, and location of the proposed development.  The authority has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development were on display at County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 and Clondalkin Civic Offices, Dublin 22, during normal working hours and via the Council’s Public Consultation Portal website on http://www.sdcc.ie/, during the period from **27th February 2020 to 15th June 2020.**

**The public consultation period was extended to 5 pm on the 15th June 2020 to allow for the Covid-19 Lockdown period as per order S251A.**

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated could be made in writing up to 5 pm on the 15th June 2020 and were submitted either on line or by post.

By the closing date 5 No. submissions were received. These have been summarised and responded to in the Chief Executive's Report.

Following consideration of the submissions the Chief Executive is of the view that the issues raised by way of the submissions can be satisfactorily addressed by the proposals made for subsequent project stages and as outlined in the Chief Executive's Report.

**It is recommended that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development and is supported by the Council’s Sports Pitch Strategy, the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal to construct a changing rooms pavilion at Corkagh Park, Clondalkin.**

[04 Site Notice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66867)  
[05 Location Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66857)  
[06 Site Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66858)  
[07 Floor Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66859)  
[07 site cross section](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66862)  
[08 Elevations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66860)  
[09 Typical Sections](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66861)  
[10 AA Screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66863)  
[11 EIA screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66865)  
[12 FRA](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66866)

A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor P. Kavanagh.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED:**

“That as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development and is supported by the Council’s Sports Pitch Strategy, the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal to construct a changing rooms pavilion at Corkagh Park, Clondalkin.”

### **H12/0720 KILTIPPER PARK PART 8**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change, and were **CONSIDERED**:

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council gave notice in accordance with Part 8 requirements to construct the following development of a public park at Kiltipper Park including:

* Construction of 30 additional parking spaces with adjacent access footway & lengthened access roadway
* New shared surface entrance and access pathway
* Provision of 1 no. GAA pitch with vertical ball-stop netting and associated features
* Provision of 2 no. soccer pitches and associated features
* Provision of children’s playground area and linear natural play areas
* Integrated landscape features including woodland areas
* All associated swales, drainage, wetland areas and ancillary works
* All incidental park furniture such as benches, signage, bins.
* All ancillary works

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU. Persons wishing to inspect drawings of the proposed development could contact the Planning Department by emailing planningdept@sdublincoco.ie or by phoning (01) 4149000.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy only by appointment at County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during normal working hours during the period from 26th of May 2020 to the 24th June 2020. The plans are available online on the Council’s Public Consultation Portal website: [http://consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/)

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, could be made in writing up to 5pm on the 8th of July 2020 and submitted either on line or by post.

By the closing date 36 No. submissions were received. These have been summarised and responded to in the Chief Executive's Report.

Following consideration of the submissions the Chief Executive is of the view that the issues raised by way of the submissions can be satisfactorily addressed by the proposals made for subsequent project stages and as outlined in the Chief Executive's Report.

**It is recommended that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development and is supported by the Council’s Sports Pitch Strategy, the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal to construct the public park development as proposed at Kiltipper Park.**

[01 CE Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66925)  
[02 Public Notice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66926)  
[03 landscape masterplan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66927)  
[04 detail area pitches and playgrounds](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66928)  
[05 Image Board](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66929)  
[06 EcIA report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66930)  
[07 EIA screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66931)  
[08 EIA screening determination](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66932)  
[09 AA screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66933)  
[10 AA Screening Determination](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66934)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. McMahon, A. Edge, E. Murphy, L. Sinclair, L. Dunne, C. O’Connor.

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

Councillor A. Edge, proposed and Councillor F. Timmons seconded an amendment to the Headed Item H12 Kiltipper Park Part 8 proposal as follows:

“That this Council requests the Chief Executive to look at the reorientation of the soccer and GAA pitches to maximise distance from the houses on Ellensborough Grange.”

The Mayor, Councillor E. O’Brien then called for a **show of hands** **vote** and the result was as follows:

**FOR: 24 (TWENTY-FOUR)**

**AGAINST: 3 (THREE)**

**ABSTAIN: 0 (ZERO)**

The Amendment **PASSED**.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon, and **RESOLVED:**

“That as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development and is supported by the Council’s Sports Pitch Strategy, the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal to construct the public park development as proposed at Kiltipper Park including the amendment”

### **H13/0720 TEENSPACE PROGRAMME PHASE 2**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. S. Furlong Senior Parks Superintendent of Environment, Water and Climate Change, and was **CONSIDERED**:

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[HI 13. Teenspace Programme Phase 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66889)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. Bailey, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, C. O’Connor, J. Tuffy, E. O’Brien,

Ms. S. Furlong Senior Parks Superintendent of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

### **H14/0720 CLONBURRIS AND ADAMSTOWN URDF APPLICATION**

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

[HI 14 Clonburris URDF Bid](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66852)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. O’Brien, L. O’Toole, M. Johansson, S. Moynihan, G. O’Connell, and L. Kinsella-Colman

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

The Report was **NOTED.**

### **H15/0720 REVISED DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME (2021-2025)**

### 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**:

[Development Contribution Scheme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66885)

**Report on Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2021-2025**

**Legislative Basis**

[Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2000/act/30/section/48/enacted/en/html), as amended, enables a Planning Authority, when granting planning permission under Section 34 of the Act, to attach conditions requiring the payment of a contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting the development of the administrative area of the Planning Authority. This relates to public infrastructure and facilities that are provided, or that it is intended will be provided, by or on behalf of the Local Authority.

Section 48 (2) specifies that the basis for the determination of the contribution shall be set out in a Development Contribution Scheme which shall state the basis for determining the contributions to be paid in respect of public infrastructure and facilities which are provided or are to be provided by a Local Authority. The Planning Authority shall have regard to the actual estimated cost of providing the classes of public infrastructure and facilities, except that any benefit which accrues in respect of existing development may not be included in any such determination.

**Current Scheme 2016-2020**

South Dublin County Council, at its Monthly Meeting of Council, held on the 14th December 2015 made the current Development Contribution Scheme for the period 2016-2020. The Scheme provides that consideration may be given to applying indexation to the rates of contribution effective from 1st January 2018 in consideration of the SCSI Construction Tender Price Index.

Such indexation has been applied yearly since 1st January 2019 based on the prevailing SCSI TPI.

The current rates applicable since 1st January 2020 per square metre for residential and commercial development is as follows:

**Residential €96.39 levy per square metre / Commercial €91.11 levy per square metre**

The current Scheme is effective until the 31st December 2020 and a new scheme is required to be effective from 1st January 2021, subject to the approval of the Council following a review of the Current Scheme and a public consultation process.

As part of the review and to inform the new scheme, the following were examined:

* Development contributions invoiced and collected over the life of the current scheme
* Projections of future infrastructure projects and their costs
* Nature & Scope of future development by sector including permissions granted, not commenced
* Macro-economic overview

**Development Contributions Invoiced and collected**

The following sets out detail of the contributions collected for the different classes of infrastructure for the 4-year period of the current scheme – 2016/2019 and 1/1/2020 to 30/6/2020 including

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| Class 1: Transport infrastructure & facilities | | | | | €32,049,155 |
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| Class 2: Surface Water & Infrastructure | | | |  | €7,555,539 |
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| Class 3: Parks & open space facilities & amenities | | | | | €8,390,858 |
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| Class 4: Community facilities & amenities | | | | | €19,948,409 |
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| Class 5 Economic Ent, Tourism & Libraries | | | |  | €10,891,045 |
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| 1/1/2016 - 31/12/2019 | | |  |  | €78,835,006 |
| 1/1/2020 - 30/6/2020 | | |  |  | €5,905,991 |
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| **Total** |  |  |  |  | **€84,740,997** |

Contributions due to the Council in respect of permissions granted, commenced and invoiced have been taken into consideration is the formulation of the new Draft Scheme (€25m)

**New Draft Scheme 2021-2025**

**Projections of infrastructure projects and their costs**

In order to determine eligible costs for the draft Scheme each relevant Department of the Council has examined its capital project requirements and has provided cost details of projects which is projected to proceed during the next 5 years which totalled **€233,922,261**

Adjustments were made to reflect the opening position, alternative funding sources, levies receivable and on hand, and an apportionment of anticipated total costs to be attributable to existing users. This resulted in total eligible costs of **€185,603,961** being identified and a levy funding requirement of **€136,745,931**

The costs attributable in the lifetime of the scheme to the classes of infrastructure and facilities are included in **Appendix 1** of the Draft Scheme while the project list is included at **Appendix 11**

**Nature and scope of future development**

The status of permissions granted and an assessment of the overall quantum of available zoned lands including an estimation of the potential capacity of these lands was undertaken by the Planning Department. An estimation of future development for which estimates were available fell into the following two categories:

* Residential
* Non-residential

An initial projection of 11,405 units equating to 1,140,500 sqm (based on an average of 100sqm per unit) and a projection of 21,195 sqm of eligible domestic extensions was made. Social housing units (including those units likely to be provided under Part V and those provided by voluntary and co-operative housing bodies) were then excluded from the quantum of residential development identified for the purpose of this draft Scheme as they are exempt from development contributions. This equates to 1,006,895 sqm of proposed development.

Non-residential development has been calculated based on a medium growth scenario having regard to Project Ireland 2040 proposed redistribution of economic activity away from Dublin (and the GDA) equating to 294,000 square metres of development.

A snapshot of development permitted but not yet commenced was also considered from a contribution’s collectable perspective.

**A macro-economic overview**

The four Dublin Local Authorities, Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council engaged EY (Ernst & Young) as consultants to undertake ‘An Economic and Market Analysis of the Development Sector and the factors influencing development in the four Dublin local authority administrative areas.

The main findings relative to SDCC are as follows:

* **Assessment of Likely Trends:**

There are uncertainties regarding Irish economic prospects due to Brexit, international outlook, global trading conditions, inflation, a tightening labour market and greater levels of inward migration. These uncertainties will have a direct impact on levels of development activity. Three distinct scenarios are identified:

1. High Growth - Dublin continues current trajectory and outperforms Project Ireland 2040. An orderly Brexit is assumed.
2. Medium Growth – Economic activity is redistributed away from Dublin towards Ireland’s other 4 cities. An orderly Brexit is assumed.
3. Low Growth – The Irish economy enters a period of reduced growth brought on by a disorderly Brexit. Government spending levels will be lower as economic growth moderates. Dublin is expected to do better relative to the rest of the country.

A further issue likely to impact the growth trajectory for Dublin over the coming years is Project Ireland 2040 which predicts that by 2040 there will be approximately 1million extra people living in Ireland. While this growth will require a considerable level of new jobs, homes and infrastructure there is a proposed redistribution of economic activity away from Dublin (and the GDA).

* **Analysis of Construction/Development Costs:**

The overall trend for the range of costs that make up the total cost of development are on an upwards trajectory. Development land makes up a significant percentage of total development costs of any project. A lack of supply is driving up the cost of land which affects viability. Strict lending rules from the Central Bank has led to more complex funding arrangements.

* A**nalysis of Impact of Development Contributions on Development Costs:**

Development contributions are a small proportion of the overall development costs of a project, making up 1 -2% of overall costs, with the main contributors being construction costs, site acquisition, risk and VAT.

A 10% increase and 10% decrease of contributions on three development scenarios was modelled to demonstrate the effect on overall development viability. The impact was minor at a 0.1%-0.2% effect on total development costs.

* **Indexation:**

There is no single measure of construction/development inflation which accurately tracks construction prices across all construction sub-sectors: residential, non-residential and civil engineering. In the absence of a proper measure of civil engineering inflation the SCSI Tender Price index is the only available option for the development contributions.

* **Fragility**

While the economic analysis provided by the consultants indicated improving conditions it also highlighted the fragile nature of the recovery and that any change in variable costs could have a negative effect on development activity. The impact of COVID 19 is now very clearly going to add to this fragility.

This Council is mindful of the need to ensure that a correct balance is struck 'between the funding of public infrastructure and the need to encourage economic activity and promote sustainable development patterns' (Development Contributions - Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DOECLG).

**Project List**

The list of projects contained in the scheme are indicative and are not intended to be exhaustive or exclusive. Project funding must be adaptable to changing objectives and priorities over the life of the scheme.

**Levies Receivable**

The following is indicative of the development levies receivable based on the assessment of potential development as referred to above, at existing contribution rates of **Residential €96.39 per sq metre / Commercial €91.11 per square metre.**

The projected income receivable from these rates under the draft Scheme is **€123,840,949**

Rate Sqm €

96.39 1,006,895 97,054609

91.11 294,000 26,786,340

It should be noted that the above is based on an estimation of development identified as being required to contribute towards the provision of infrastructure that is essential to enabling that development. However, there are several other developments envisaged over the life of the scheme where no contribution, or a reduced contribution, will apply and details of these adjustments are set out in the scheme.

**Percentage contribution allocation**

The percentage of income is allocated to each classes of infrastructure as a percentage of the overall costs and the following is the basis for percentage allocation in the new scheme

Table 1: Proposed Development Contribution Scheme

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|  | **Total Projected Costs** | **Contributions Required** | **Contributions Allocated** | **% Contributions Allocated** | **Funding Gap** |
| **Class 1:** | €49,426,963 | €36,415,904 | €32,979,264 | 26.63 | €3,436,640 |
| Transport infrastructure & facilities |
| **Class 2:** | €20,737,776 | €15,278,804 | €13,836,913 | 11.17 | €1,441,891 |
| Surface Water & Environment infrastructure and facilities |
| **Class 3:** | €41,250,000 | €30,391,429 | €27,523,330 | 22.22 | €2,868,099 |
| Community facilities and amenities |
| **Class 4:** | €39,014,222 | €28,744,193 | €26,031,547 | 21.02 | €2,712,646 |
| Parks and open space facilities and amenities |
| **Class 5:** | €35,175,000 | €25,915,601 | €23,469,894 | 18.95 | €2,445,706 |
| Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development including Libraries |
| **Total** | €185,603,961 | €136,745,931 | €123,840,949 | **100%** | **€12,904,982** |
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(The Council will need to source alternative funding to bridge the funding gap)

Table 2: Comparison of Development Levy Charge – proposed levy and current levy

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|  | **Proposed % of levy** | **Current % of levy** |
| Class 1 | 26.63 | 25 |
| Class 2 | 11.17 | 15.4 |
| Class 3 | 22.22 | 27.6 |
| Class 4 | 21.02 | 9.8 |
| Class 5 | 18.95 | 22.2 |
| **TOTAL %** | **100** | **100** |

The changes in the percentage allocated is attributable to many factors including but not limited to :

* Redirection of funding toward sustainable initiatives including cyclelinks and upgrades under Class 1,
* Grant funding incl OPW, LIFE and LIHAF resulting in reduced reliance on self-funding for surface water projects in Class2,
* Significant proposed development of new and enhancement Community and Recreation & Amenity facilities in Class 3 and 4 through implementation of agreed strategies incl pitches, parks, pavilions etc (Clonburris SDZ and Tallaght LAP)

Based on the factors outlined above the rates and apportionment of same is proposed as follows

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Class 1 Rds | 25.67 | 24.26 |
| Class 2 S W & Env | 10.77 | 10.18 |
| Class 3 Comm Fac | 21.42 | 20.25 |
| Class 4 Parks & Op Sp | 20.26 | 19.15 |
| Class 5 Ec Ent, Tourism | 18.27 | 17.27 |
|  | **96.39** | **91.11** |

**Indexation**

Given the prevailing economic climate, particularly having regard to the fragility of the economy post COVID, it is considered prudent NOT to increase the levy rates per sqm of development for both residential and commercial development at this time. It is proposed that the new scheme hold the existing rates at least until the end of December 2021 in order to provide certainty to the market and stimulate the supply of development.

The scheme will provide that indexation may be applied year on year from 1/1/2022 for the remainder of the Scheme in accordance with the Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland (SCSI) Construction Tender Price Index. Having regard to economic or other circumstances and, it may be considered appropriate **not** to apply this indexation for any year(s).

**Reserved Function:**

The making of a Development Contribution Scheme is a reserved function of the Council.

In order for the new scheme to be made and operational on 1st January 2021 in accordance with [Section 48 (4) of the Planning and Development Act](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2000/act/30/section/48/enacted/en/html) , as amended, the Council intends to publish notice on 20th July 2020 stating that a draft Development Contribution Scheme has been prepared, is on public display, and that observations / submissions will be accepted over a six weeks period.

In addition, a copy of the draft scheme will be sent to the Minister who may make recommendations. Four weeks following receipt of submissions the Chief Executive shall prepare a report and submit to Council. Not later than six weeks after receipt of the Chief Executive’s report the Council will decide by resolution to make the scheme, unless it decides, by resolution, to vary or modify the scheme, otherwise than as recommended in the manager's report, or otherwise decides not to make the scheme.

This report is before the Elected Members for consideration for approval to proceed to publish the draft scheme for public consultation

**The intention is for the final scheme to come into effective, in respect of permissions granted, from 1st January 2021.**

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell, E Ó Broin, W. Carey, C. King, P. Kavanagh, R. McMahon, and L. O’Toole.

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

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan, and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Council publish notice on 20th July 2020 of the commencement of public consultation on the draft Development Contribution Scheme 2021/2025  be **APPROVED**.”

### **H16/0720 FORTUNESTOWN/CITYWEST - DELIVERY OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

[HI 16 Fortunestown LAP Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=66850)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E Ó Broin, P. Holohan, S. Fay and C. O’Connor.

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

The Report was **NOTED.**

**H17/0720 CIVIC PLAZAS TALLAGHT**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. B. Pierce Administrative Officer, Corporate Performance and Change Management, and was **CONSIDERED**:

**REPLY:**

[**Civic Plazas Tallaght**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=64d22b81-4ca8-4331-bad3-abf100ca6c26)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors T. Costello, C. O’Connor, and C. King.

Ms. B. Pierce Administrative Officer, Corporate Performance and Change Management responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

### **H18/0720 BELGARD AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL SCHEME**

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

[Belgard Sq North Affordable Rental Scheme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=f2db608f-ee82-4b6b-8ef1-abf400c02cb2)

[Architect’s Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=ddc93acb-5d09-4306-b881-abf100d3272f)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, P. Holohan, M Johansson, E Ó Broin and L. Dunne.

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development & Ms. T. Pender, Senior Executive Architect responded to the Members queries.

The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H19/0720 COMMUNITY GRANTS REVIEW**

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

[Community Grants Review](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=da6c14fd-9283-4127-9ce6-abf300c5e471)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Murphy, S. Moynihan, D. O’Donovan, and J. Tuffy

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

The Report was **NOTED.**

Meeting concluded @ 5:30pm

**Items Not Reached:**

### **H20/0720 DUBLIN MOUNTAINS PROJECT – PLANNING UPDATE**

**CORRESPONDANCE – Not Reached**

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### **C1/0720 Ministerial**

### Letter dated 9th June from The Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People in response to Motion 2 from the May 2019 Council Meeting (Services provided by Jigsaw)

### **C2/0720** Correspondence dated 3rd June 2020 from AILG report on the Plenary Members Activities

### **C3/0720** Letter dated 16th June from Kerry County Council regarding the VAT rate on the Tourism industry

### **C4/0720** Letter dated 24th June from Westmeath County Council in relation to the 2020 Leaving Certificate Examination

**Motions – Not Reached**

### **(M1) Councillor E. O'Brien**

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to reconstitute the Commemorations Committee mindful of the series of historic landmarks which will occur over the duration of the Council to ensure to those events are respectfully memorialised and celebrated.

### **(M2) 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.

### **(M3) Councillor L. 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.

### **(M4) 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.

### **(M5) Councillor W. 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.

### **(M6) 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.

### **(M7) 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

### **(M8) 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.

### **(M9) 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.

### **(M10) Councillor S. Moynihan**

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

### **(M11) 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.

### **(M12) Councillor E. Murphy**

That South Dublin County Council designs and implements a Residents Association Handbook for the County which would be a go to for all new and existing associations in the County.

### **(M13) Councillor L. O'Toole**

That the members request the Chief Executive to design, install and organise for Plaques similar to the one in the photo to be placed in our parks in thanks to all our volunteers/hero’s that have helped out in so many ways during the challenging times of Covid19

### **(M14) Councillor J. Tuffy**

That the Council will promote social distancing in the community and that in response to this motion an outline will be given as to what steps are proposed to ensure social distancing in our county in public spaces including in local parks, villages, community centres, and how the Council will help local businesses in adapting to providing goods and services while ensuring social distancing, and are social media campaigns planned.

### **(M15) Councillor C. Bailey**

That this Council ensures that all future contracts entered into with private contractors to carry out works on behalf of this local authority, will ensure that a clause will be included that states that glyphosate based products can no longer be used by them or the Local Authority, in relation to any work that is carried out on our behalf.

### **(M16) Councillor E. Ó Broin**

This Council agrees to install two self-cleaning outdoor public toilets on the high streets of each of the seven local electoral areas of the county and to liaise with the City of Paris if any advice on the matter needed.

### **(M16) Councillor G. O'Connell**

This Council calls on the Chief Executive, in the event of there being financial restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 or for any other reason, that the funds for  the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 for this County be safeguarded and that the planned programme be fully implemented and that in any associated discussions he or the Director of Housing have with Government Departments that they convey the determination of the elected members that the said Traveller Accommodation Programme be fully funded and resourced.

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

Mayor

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