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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council 08th September 2020 Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse, Bohernabreena, Area Committee Meeting dealing with Planning, Transportation, Libraries, Economic Development, Performance & Change Management, Corporate, Environment, Water & Drainage, Public Realm, Community and Housing held virtually on Tuesday 8th September 2020 through Microsoft 365 Teams

### **PRESENT**

### Yvonne Collins

### Alan Edge

### Pamela Kearns

### Ronan McMahon

### David McManus

### Deirdre O’Donovan

### Brian Lawlor

### Carly Bailey

### Emma Murphy

### Clare O’Byrne

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

### Senior Executive Officer Mary Maguire, Marguerite Staunton, Neil Hanley, Elaine Leech

### Principal Environmental

### Health Officer Dave O’Brien

### Executive Librarian Laura Joyce

### Senior Engineer Leo Magee, William Purcell, Tony O’Grady

### A/Senior Executive Officer Michael McAdam

### Senior Parks Superintendent Suzanne Furlong

### Senior Executive Engineer Caitriona Lambert

### Climate Change & Environmental

### Awareness Officer Fionnoghula Ryan

### Assistant Engineer Andrew Bass

### Administration Officer Sheila Kelly, Brenda Shannon

### Staff Officer Aoife Brennan

### Clerical Officer Ciara Brennan

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Yvonne Collins presided**

### **H1/0920 Item ID:66707 - Confirmation & Re-affirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee dealing with Housing, Community, Transportation, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries, Corporate, Performance & Change Management, Public Realm, Environment, Water & Drainage held on, 9th June 2020 which have been circulated, were submitted and **APPROVED** as true record and signed.

[H1 Minutes of Meeting 9th June 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67009)

It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre O’Donovan and seconded by Councillor Emma Murphy and **RESOLVED** “That the recommendations contained in the minutes of 9th June 2020 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

**RTFB/212/20 - Questions**

It was proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collins and seconded by Councillor Emma Murphy and **RESOLVED** “That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 that Questions 1-11 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**

## **Economic Development**

### **RTFB/277/20 C1 Item ID:66683 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/278/20 H2 Item ID:66693 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Libraries & Arts**

### **RTFB/279/20 C2 Item ID:66685 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/280/20 H3 Item ID:66696 – New Works**

NEW WORKS (No Business)

### **RTFB/281/20 H4 Item ID:66703 – Library News & Events**

**The following Report was presented by Laura Joyce Executive Librarian**

Library News & Events

[H4(i) Library Events](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67001)  
[H4(ii) Summer 2020 Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67002)  
Following contributions from Councillors D O’Donovan, Carly Bailey and Y Collings, Laura Joyce, Executive Librarian responded to queries raised and the report was **NOTED.**

### **RTFB/282/20 H5 Item ID:66702 – Arts Grants**

Application for Arts Grants (No Business)

## **Corporate Support**

### **RTFB/283/20 C3 Item ID:66682 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/284/20 H6 Item ID:66692 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Performance & Change Management**

### **RTFB/285/20 C4 Item ID:66686 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/286/20 H7 Item ID:66697 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Public Realm**

### **RTFB/287/20 Q1 Item ID:66266 – Public Amenities in RTFB Local Electoral Areas**

Proposed by Councillor Carly Bailey

To ask the Chief Executive to outline all public amenities such as skate parks and basketball courts available for use in both the Rathfarnham/Templeogue and Firhouse/Bohernabreena local electoral areas. To ask the Chief executive if there are any plans to increase in number these kinds of amenities and if he would like to make a statement in relation to same.

**REPLY:**

The public amenities in the local electoral areas (LEAs) named, include 9 parklands in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue LEA and 10 parklands within the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA. (Some of these parks straddle both electoral areas and extend into different LEAs). The public parkland provided amounts to over 360 hectares with extensive walking and cycling routes and access to open spaces and visual amenity as well as ancillary facilities. Within the parks the following active recreational facilities are provided: 51 pitches within the Rathfarnham/Templeogue LEA and 12 pitches within the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA. The pitches include GAA, soccer, cricket, rugby and athletics tracks as well as a bowling green. There are 3 locations of adult exercise equipment in Rathfarnham/Templeogue LEA in addition to 1 tennis court / basketball hub and 1 dog run.

Within the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA, at Firhouse there was a recent upgrade of 2 grass pitches to a large sand-based pitch, and a second grass pitch was recently upgraded and will be fully opened there shortly. In addition, 2 sand-based pitches were recently opened in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue LEA and a further grass-based pitch has completed an extensive upgrade and is at establishment stage; all at Tymon Park. A new grass soccer pitch and athletic track is under development at Mt Carmel in the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA and a small BMX track is planned there as well.

Playspaces / playgrounds are also provided; with 9 in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue LEA and 2 in the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA. Several new playspaces are proposed in the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA as follows: several are proposed as part of the Kiltipper Park Part 8, as well as the 3 new playspaces proposed in Dodder Valley as part of the 3 playspaces and play trail (1 of these extend into Tallaght LEA). A new playspace is also under construction at Firhouse, and a further one is planned for Delaford (-post the construction of the adjacent school). In addition, the existing playspace at Ballycragh is being enhanced and expanded as part of the Public Participatory Budget projects.

Nature trails have been installed in the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA at Mt Carmel and 2 more are planned as part of the Public Participatory Budget projects in this LEA as well.

A long-distance walking route; the Dublin Mountains Way, is provided and includes a section of Kiltipper Park in the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA. The Dodder Greenway passed Part 8 a number of years ago and there are several phases of it currently completed or underway; which will extend through both LEAs.

Teenspaces are proposed: 1 at Ballycragh in the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA and 1 in the Templeogue area as part of Phase 2. These are at various stages of consultation and design.

The Council has recently passed a Sports Pitch Strategy which examined the need and requirement for pitches within the county and the Council is currently implementing same. In addition the review of the County Development Plan has commenced and the council has commenced a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy to run in tandem; both will review the existing provision of parks, open spaces and recreational facilities in the county and make provision for new facilities based on existing and projected need. Public Consultation will form part of this process.

### **RTFB/288/20 Q2 Item ID:66752 – Pruning in Rathfarnham Castle Park**

Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collins

To ask the Chief Executive when it would be possible to arrange to have a general pruning done in Rathfarnham Castle Park, to include trimming the hedges within the park and where the park meets the main road.

**REPLY:**

On inspection recently the grounds of Rathfarnham Castle Park were found in general to be in good condition.

A number of issues have been attended to recently in the park -  the water flow to the lake which had dried up temporarily has been reinstated, a number of fallen and dangerous trees have been removed from the woodland and arrangements are being made for replacement planting, and a number of new benches have been provided in the park.

A number of other items have been included in the improvement works programme for this year and these will be attended to in due course - these are the overlay of a portion of the footpaths around the park where this is required, and planting around the pond in the formal garden.

During the inspection a number of items were identified as requiring attention.  The maintenance of the formal garden requires attention particularly with regard to weed growth.  The wide flowerbed between the depot and the front of the castle requires planting and it is proposed that this will be considered for inclusion in the improvement works programme in 2021.  There is some overgrowth and ivy at a number of park entrances which needs to be cut back.  The maintenance items mentioned above will be dealt with in the coming weeks.

### **RTFB/289/20 Q3 Item ID:66765 – Hermitage Park Rathfarnham**

Proposed by Councillor David McManus

To ask that the green area around the historic ruins on Hermitage Park Rathfarnham Dublin 14 is rotavated and assistance is provided to the Hermitage Residents Association so that new landscaping and flowering can occur at this location.

**REPLY:**

The Council's Public Realm Section has been in close contact over the past 12 months with the Hermitage resident’s association in relation to the Priory ruins.  In October/November 2019 the Public Realm Section did an extensive clearance around the ruins removing large quantities of debris and vegetation that was blocking the view of the ruins, and pruning some of the old ivy back on the walls as per the SDCC architectural conservation officer's recommendations. It should be noted that extensive removal of the ivy is not recommended by the conservation officer.

It was planned that works would recommence during the spring, when the grass would be less saturated with rainwater, to plant a wildflower area at the ruins which the HRA want to install. The location proposed by the residents was considered unsuitable as weeds currently grow in the area in question, Public Realm proposed an alternative location just in front of the ruins which has been agreed between SDCC and HRA.  Due to Covid 19 restrictions however the works planned for the spring have not yet taken place.  The Council has remained in contact with the resident’s association and has kept them informed with regard to the delay and the proposed date for resumption of the work.  It is planned that the development of the wildflower area will now be done at the end of September/start of October and the residents association has been informed accordingly.

### **RTFB/290/20 Q4 Item ID:66784 – Kissing Gates**

Proposed by Councillor Clare O'Byrne

To ask the manager what, if any, alternatives are being considered to the standard kissing gates currently being installed in the area.

**REPLY:**

Unfortunately, this Council finds it necessary to control access to parks in many instances in order to prevent access by scrambler motorbikes, quad bikes and stolen cars.  Where these are required there is a possible conflict with providing universal access to the park for users of bicycles, buggies and wheelchairs.  The Council has designed a kissing gate which gives maximum space to a legitimate user of the park passing through it.  It is currently being examined if this design can be modified to include a lockable/unlockable section which when unlocked can be moved to allow access for larger items.  What this would mean is that the adjustable section can be locked when scramblers need to be kept out, but it can be unlocked at times when there is no issue with scramblers.  It is hoped that this design can be finalised and trialled in the near future.

### **RTFB/291/20 C5 Item ID:66688 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/292/20 H8 Item ID:66699 – New Works**

**New Works (No Business)**

### **RTFB/293/20 M1 Item ID:66722 – Perrystown Playspace**

Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collins, Councillor Yvonne Collins

**Cathairleachs Business**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider installing CCTV cameras around the Perrystown Playspace to deter anti-social behaviour and allow the community to enjoy this community resource.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

South Dublin County Council is currently undergoing an extensive audit by the Data Protection Commissioner (DPC) with regard to the provision of and the monitoring of CCTV cameras by the local authority. On conclusion of the audit, the DPC will issue a report with findings and recommendations.

The DPC has raised issues specific issues that relate to the use of CCTV in playgrounds Pending the issue of the DPC report and findings, there are no plans at the present time to install any CCTV systems in Playgrounds/Playspaces.  CCTV in public places is subject to the General Data Protection Regulation and a Data Protection Impact Assessment in respect of installation of CCTV at the proposed location would have to be carried out in the first instance, along with public consultation, by the Council before the matter could be further considered.

The enforcement of anti-social behaviour is a matter for the Gardai.

Following contributions from Councillors C Bailey, Y Collins, E Murphy, P Kearns, A Edge and D O’Donovan, Michael McAdam, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/294/20 M2 Item ID:66205 – Litter Collection**

Proposed by Councillor Carly Bailey, Seconded by Councillor Ronan McMahon

That this committee requests an increase in litter collection at the following green areas:  
Greenhills Park, the 8 acres, the 5 acres and the green in front of St. Damien’s School in Dublin 12.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

Litter picking of the areas in question takes place on a fortnightly basis in conjunction with the grass cutting programme.  These existing arrangements will be examined to confirm that they are working satisfactorily.  If additional cleaning is considered necessary, then these arrangements will be put in place.

Following contributions from Councillors P Kearns, Y Collins, C Bailey and D O’Donovan, Leo Magee Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**

### **RTFB/295/20 M3 Item ID:66260 – Nitrous Oxide**

Proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor

That this Council works closely with the Gardai to ensure that our parks and green spaces aren't being abused by those using laughing gas canisters.

**In the Absence of Councillor Lawlor this Motion FALLS**

### **RTFB/296/20 M4 Item ID:66715 – Bohernabreena Waterworks**

Proposed by Councillor Alan Edge, Seconded by Councillor D O’Donovan

In light of the tragic death of a young boy in the Dodder close to Bohernabreena Waterworks, that the Chief Executive report on the specific water safety issues in this area, including any other incidents which have occurred in the vicinity and what steps are being taken to ensure that the public are well informed about the dangers.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

South Dublin County Council in the strongest possible terms discourages swimming in the Dodder River at the location of Callaghan’s Bridge where the tragic drowning of a teenage boy occurred in mid-August.  This location is not a safe location for swimming, there are in fact no locations on the Dodder River where swimming is safe and encouraged.  The Council intends putting in place measures to prevent access to the river across public land in this area, measures of this type have been put in place in the past but these have been interfered with in order to gain access to the river.  Warning signs will be erected to advise members of the public that swimming is not permitted at this location.  The Council's health and safety advisor is consulting with Water Safety Ireland in relation to the matter and specifically with regard to the need for provision of ring buoys near the river at this location.

It is important that a strong water safety message is emphasised by all concerned in relation to this matter, and that in particular swimming should only take place at locations which are deemed to be safe for swimming.  There are no locations deemed safe for swimming in any of the rivers, lakes or canals situated within South Dublin County.

Following contributions from Councillors E Murphy, D O’Donovan, R McMahon, P Kearns, Y Collins and C Bailey, Leo Magee, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/297/20 M5 Item ID:66738 – BMX Track**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan, Seconded by Councillor Yvonne Collins

That the Manager investigates the operation of the BMX track in Monkstown to see if a similar model would be beneficial for the proposed track in the Dodder Valley Park as a way to minimise anti-social behaviour.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The Part 8 for Dodder Valley Mt Carmel recreational facilities was passed by the Council in October 2017. Phase 1 is completed with the completion of the Ogham Tree Trail. Work is presently progressing on site with Phase 2 of developments at Dodder Valley Park Mt Carmel. This includes the provision of a new athletic track and soccer pitch. The Part 8 for the playspaces and play trail is also completed, which will see the installation of 3 new play-spaces, substantially linked with a play trail. This project is underway and is currently out to tender. Phase 4 of the plan to include provision of a BMX track; this has not yet commenced. Once this part of the project gets underway an investigation will be undertaken to find out how the facility will operate successfully. Other models will be looked at, including the BMX track at Monkstown, to see how it can work best for the local community.

The Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/298/20 M6 Item ID:66787 - Allotments**

Proposed by Councillor Clare O'Byrne, Seconded by Councillor Ronan McMahon

That this committee examines the introduction of a deposit scheme for allotments run by the SDCC to encourage holders to return their plot in a tidy, ready-to-use condition.

**The follow Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

Allotments are allocated on an annual basis by way of a licence.  Each year there is an annual fee charged which is calculated by the size of each individual plot.

Allotment holders sign an annual agreement whereby they agree to maintain and work their plot to at least 75% of the plot size.  Inspections are carried out on a regular basis and where a plot is deemed to be under cultivated a serious of letters issue to the holder reminding them of their obligations under the signed annual agreement, encouraging them to work the allotment.  Where the agreement remains broken and it is evident that no work has taken place, the plot is taken back and offered to the next person on the waiting list.

It is planned to review this policy and procedure in 2021 and the introduction of a deposit scheme will be examined during this process.

Following contributions from Councillors R McMahon and C O’Byrne, Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/299/20 M7 Item ID:66727 – Kissing Gates Dodder Park**

Proposed by Councillor Alan Edge, Seconded by Councillor Ronan McMahon

Can the Chief Executive confirm how many complaints have been received since the kissing gates installed at entrances to Dodder Valley Park have been adjusted, and specifically how many relate to wheelchair users unable to access the park and prepare a report.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

A total of 12 complaints are registered on the Council's customer care and members reps system in relation to the installation of kissing gates at Dodder Valley Park at the end of May, and 4 of these refer specifically to access for wheelchair users.

The Council's Public Realm Section installed the kissing gates in question at entrances to Dodder Valley Park from Old Bawn Road, Seskin View Road and Firhouse Road in response to requests from the Tallaght area committee of the Council to implement measures to deal with the issue of scrambler motorbikes accessing the park. These measures were agreed by the area committee and were included in the 2019 improvement works programme approved by the Council in February 2019. The completion of the installation works was delayed due to the Covid 19 restrictions in place from March of this year. The Council is satisfied that the majority of wheelchairs, buggies and bicycles can access the park through these gates.

Following contributions from Councillors C Bailey, D O Donavan, C O’Byrne, P Kearns and E Murphy, Leo Magee, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/300/20 M8 Item ID:66736 – Play Equipment Rathfarnham Castle Playground**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan, Seconded by Councillor Yvonne Collins

That the Manager reports on what steps will be taken to deal with damaged play equipment at the Rathfarnham Castle Playground, outlining a timeline for completion.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

A number of outstanding items in Rathfarnham playground have been recently resolved.  The playground bridge had been out of service for some time as replacement parts could not be obtained for it.  This matter has now been resolved, the bridge has been repaired and it is operational once again.  A number of replacement swings have also been installed in recent weeks.   There is one outstanding item which is the roundabout, it has not been possible to bring it back into use and it has therefore been removed.  It is planned that this will be replaced with a new piece of accessible play equipment in the coming months.

The report was **Noted.**

## **Environment**

### **RTFB/301/20 Q5 Item ID:66370 – Old Cemetery – St Joseph’s Cemetery**

Proposed by Councillor R. McMahon

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on survey of the Old Cemetery in Bohernabreena - St Joseph’s Cemetery - as to the number of unused plots and ownership of same and also to the legal situation and practicalities in regard to taking these plots back.

**REPLY:**

The Burial Grounds administration team in Public Realm have commenced the transfer of burial ground records from a paper format to a digital format. This will take a considerable period to complete. The old paper records make the extraction of details for requests such as this one difficult and require confirmation of records against the actual situation in the burial ground.

The oldest section of the St Joseph’s Cemetery in Bohernabreena is section A, which has 421 plots. A preliminary audit of this section indicates that there are 4 unassigned and unmarked plots. Further detailed investigations would need to be undertaken to ensure that these 4 plots (or any of them) could be made available for sale.

There are currently over 245 plots available in Bohernabreena Cemetery with the capacity to expand by a further 2,000 plots as required.

### **RTFB/302/20 Q6 Item ID:66766 – Graffiti Sarah Curran Avenue**

Proposed by Councillor David McManus

To ask that graffiti on a public stone wall is removed on Sarah Curran Avenue in Rathfarnham Dublin 14 by South Dublin County Council.

**REPLY:**

The graffiti on Sarah Curran Avenue has been referred to Public Realm for inspection and removal.

### **RTFB/303/20 Q7 Item ID:66783 – Electric Car Charge Points**

Proposed by Councillor Clare O'Byrne

To as the manager the number of electric car charge points in Firhouse-Bohernabreena and their locations, and to outline any plans to increase this number in 2020.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council in conjunction with the other DLAs, has commissioned a report and strategy for the rollout of Electrical Vehicle charging points across the Dublin region. A regional working group on EV charging was set up to consider a unified LA approach to investing in an EV charging infrastructure. The report is expected to be presented at the end of September. The strategy will present scenarios based on projected growth rates, sales and expected uptake of EVs in line with the National Climate Action Plan 2019. It will identify key locations and advise on a rollout programme aimed to keep supply ahead of the demand up until 2030. The report will also outline recommendations on pricing for consumption.

SDCC will consider the recommendations in the strategy and decide on the most appropriate solutions to the needs of our communities. SEAI have provided grants of up to €5,000 for the installation of each public EV charging point, and SDCC will avail of this once the rollout of charge points starts.

The current Electric Vehicle public charging network across Ireland is managed by private operators as commercial ventures. The main operators include ESB, Tesla, Ionity, EasyGo.ie, and Clenergy EV. These companies typically operate alone or in collaboration with established forecourt or supermarket retailers such as Lidl or Tesco. ESB was the first company to offer a nationwide EV charging network which included both fast charging machines and slower on street units.

The location and availability of public EV chargers is presented on mapping apps, such as E-Cars <https://esb.ie/ecars/charge-point-map> or <https://www.zap-map.com/live/>.

The list below indicates current locations and types of commercially operated EV chargers available to the public. These units operate a range of subscription and pricing options. Other EV charging points in the county not listed below include units operating on restricted use, for example, those on private property or available at business locations for staff and customer use.

While there are 3 publicly accessible EV charging points in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/ Firhouse/Bohernabreena area, there are currently no units located in the Firhouse Bohernabreena LEA.

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| LEA | Location | Operator | Number | Type | Rating |
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| Clondalkin | Circle K Newlands | ESB | 1 | Combi | 50kW |
| Clondalkin | Main Street Rathcoole | ESB | 2 | Type 2 | 22kW |
| Lucan | Lucan | ESB | 2 | Type 2 | 22kW |
| Lucan | Lucan Shopping Centre | ESB | 1 | Combi | 50kW |
| Palmerstown Fonthill | Liffey Valley | EasyGo | 2 | Type 2 | 7kW |
| Palmerstown Fonthill | Liffey Valley | ESB | 4 | Type 2 | 22kW |
| Rathfarnham –Templeogue | Greenhills Road | ESB | 2 | Type 2 | 22kW |
| Rathfarnham –Templeogue | Circle K Templeville Road | ESB | 1 | Combi | 50kW |
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| Tallaght Central | Windsor, Belgard | Nissan | 1 | CHAdeMO | 50kW |
| Tallaght Central | Lidl Tallaght | EasyGo | 2 | Type 2 | 22kW |
| Tallaght Central | The Square, Tallaght | ESB | 4 | Type 2 | 22kW |
| Tallaght South | Lidl Fortunestown | EasyGo | 2 | Type 2 | 7kW |
| Tallaght South | Citywest Shopping Centre | ESB | 2 | Type 2 | 22kW |
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### **RTFB/304/20 Q8 Item ID:66785 – Enforcement under Control of Horses Act 1996**

Proposed by Councillor Clare O'Byrne

To ask the manager the number of enforcement actions taken under the Control of Horses Act 1996 in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 in Firhouse-Bohernabreena.

**REPLY:**

All reports of loose/stray horses which are received from elected representatives, members of the public and Council staff are considered in a timely manner and, as appropriate, are referred to the contractor engaged by the Council for the provision and operation of the horse seizure service and horse pound facility.

All seized horses are taken to the horse pound facility where they are microchipped on arrival, (if not already microchipped) and examined by a veterinary practitioner.

In accordance with the Council's Control of Horses Bye-Laws, attempts are made to trace the owners of all horses seized with a view to potential reclaim.

It should be noted that not all animals seized are suitable for rehoming. Therefore horses which are unsuitable for re-homing, or those which are not reclaimed by their owners (within a period of five days from the date of seizure and detention the Council or Garda Superintendent) may be disposed of by way of sale, re-homing or animal euthanasia.

The information requested is not recorded on an electoral area basis.

The following statistics reflect activity throughout the County for the period:

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| **Year** | **No. of Horses Impounded** | **Reclaimed by owner** | **Rehomed** | **Euthanised** |
| 2018 | 147 | 5 | 34 | 105 |
| 2019 | 82 | 4 | 16 | 64 |
| 2020 | 46 | 4 | 13 | 26 |

### **RTFB/305/20 C6 Item ID:66680 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/306/20 H9 Item ID:66694 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/307/20 H10 Item ID:66753 – Litter Management Plan**

**The following report was presented by Brenda Shannon, Administration Officer**

**Bi-annual Report on Litter Management Plan**

[H10 Litter Management Plan Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67129)  
[H10(i) LMP 2020-2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67155)  
Following contributions from Councillors D O’Donovan, C Bailey and P Kearns, Brenda Shannon, Administration Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/308/20 M9 Item ID:66630 – Report on Growing Rat Problem**

Proposed by Councillor P. Kearns, Seconded by Councillor Ronan McMahon

That this committee calls on the manager for a report on the number of calls and requests for help with what appears to be the growing rat problem in the county. And what if any action can be taken by the council.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

In the table below the Health Service Executive Pest Control Service have reported the following number of rodent call outs for the last three full calendar years in the entire Dublin area.

In addition, the total figure is 5,440 call outs from 1st January to 15th June 2020 for the entire Southside of Dublin. This figure is likely to be on a par with 2018 figures by the end of the year.

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| **YEAR** | **NORTH SIDE** | **SOUTH SIDE** | **TOTAL** |
| 2017 | 12225 | 9386 | **21611** |
| 2018 | 11230 | 11075 | **22305** |
| 2019 | 12880 | 9790 | **22670** |
| 2020 |  | 5440 |  |

The Environmental Health Service has received an increase in rodent complaints between March and June this year and they largely relate to domestic rear gardens and public parks and roadways.

The reasons for the increase in call outs are several and complex. One factor is that people were mostly house bound from March until June and spent more time in their gardens and public parks and witnessed more rodent activity.

A report from Dublin City Council Pest Control Task Group, including the HSE, reported that a 15% increase in domestic waste during the Covid lockdown allied to an increase in illegal dumping of waste beside public waste bins on pavements were a big contributory factor rise in rodent activity.

The closure of most food outlets and pubs and the ensuing reduction in waste, both solid and liquid, into sewers and waste bins has also forced rodents out more into public places. Environmental Health has noticed a return to normal in complaint numbers since businesses have reopened.

Most rodent activity can be traced back to break outs by rats from sewers. Irish Water has assumed current responsibility for sewer baiting for rats in the entire main drainage network and this persistent poisoning is a crucial factor in controlling the rat population underground.

Following contributions from Councillor C Bailey, Dave O’Brien, Principal Environmental Health Officer responded to queries raised and it was **Agreed** that a letter would issue to Irish Water and the report was **Noted.**

## **Water & Drainage**

### **RTFB/309/20 C7 Item ID:66690 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/310/20 H11 Item ID:66701 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

## **Housing**

### **RTFB/311/20 C8 Item ID:66684 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/312/20 H12 Item ID:66695 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/313/20 H13 Item ID:66714 – Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

**The following report was presented by Elaine Leech, Senior Executive Officer**

**Quarterly Report on Anti-Social Behaviour**

**The following is a statistical analysis of anti-social behaviour reported to the Council in respect of Council tenancies in the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse and Bohernabreena area committee area.**

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| **STATISITICAL ANALYSIS OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTED TO COUNCIL IN THE RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE/FIRHOUSE/BOHERNABREENA ACM AREA** | | | | | | |
| **Incidents** | **2019 TOTAL** | **1st Qtr 2020** | **2nd Qtr 2020** | **3rd Qtr 2020** | **4th Qtr 2020** | **2020 TOTAL** |
| **CATEGORY A** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs Activity reported to SDCC | 5 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Criminal Activity reported to SDCC | 3 | 0 | 6 |  |  | **6** |
| Joyriding reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |  | **1** |
| Violence/intimidation/ harassment reported to SDCC | 10 | 2 | 7 |  |  | **9** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CATEGORY B** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Squatters/illegal occupiers reported to SDCC | 4 | 1 | 5 |  |  | **6** |
| Vandalism reported to SDCC | 1 | 0 | 7 |  |  | **7** |
| Physical condition of property reported to SDCC | 4 | 0 | 2 |  |  | **2** |
| Physical condition of Garden reported to SDCC | 5 | 2 | 3 |  |  | **5** |
| Racism reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Vacant House reported to SDCC | 7 | 1 | 0 |  |  | **1** |
| Neighbour Dispute (including parking) reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 2 |  |  | **2** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CATEGORY C** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise/disturbance reported to SDCC | 9 | 1 | 5 |  |  | **6** |
| Pets/animal nuisance reported to SDCC | 11 | 0 | 7 |  |  | **7** |
| Children Nuisance reported to SDCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Selling alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Incidents reported to SDCC** | **59** | 8 | 45 |  |  | 53 |
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| **Total Complaints reported to SDCC** | **63** | 8 | 53 |  |  | **61** |
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| **Total Actions taken by Allocations Support Unit Staff -     Main actions listed below** | **594** | 101 | 132 |  |  | **233** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housecall / Inspection | 226 | 49 | 1 |  |  | **50** |
| Demand for Possession Section 15 & 17 | 3 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Abandonment notice served | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | **0** |
| Surrenders Obtained (including Termination of Tenancy under Section 15) | 9 | 3 | 0 |  |  | **3** |
| Warnings issued | 21 | 3 | 11 |  |  | **14** |
| Interviews held (formal office and by phone) | 109 | 19 | 72 |  |  | **91** |
| Pre-Tenancies (includes following up Tenancy Checks) | 102 | 3 | 0 |  |  | **3** |

### Following contributions from Councillors C Bailey, E Murphy, D O’Donovan, R McMahon and P Kearns, the Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/314/20 H14 Item ID:66713 – Quarterly Housing Allocations Report**

The following report was presented by Neil Hanley, Senior Executive Officer

**Quarterly Housing Allocations Report**

**COUNTY WIDE**

**Allocations and Transfer Report - 2nd Quarter 2020**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ALLOCATIONS | 01/01/2019 TO 31/12/2019 | | | **Allocations January – June 2020** |
| Total Allocations | 2019 - 619 | | | 277 |
|  |  | |  |  |
| **CBL** |  | | **307** | **Total CBL 137** |
| *CBL general* | *191* | |  | 68 |
| *CBL HOMELESS* | 8 | |  | 7 |
| *CBL MEDICAL* | 3 | |  | 3 |
| *CBL RAS FIXED TRANSFER* | 38 | |  | 10 |
| *CBL HAP TRANSFER* | 67 | |  | 49 |
| HOMELESS/Homeless Medical  (not inc.CBL) |  | | 192 | 103 |
| Medical |  | | 68 | 32 |
| OAP / other |  | | 52 | 5 |
| **Transfers** | **2019 -** | | **146** | **Total Transfer 48** |
| TRANSFERs LIST (includes medical) |  | | 93 | 41 |
| *RAS landlord cancelled* |  | | 53 | 7 |
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**Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse Bohernabreena ACM**

**Allocations and Transfer Report – 2nd Quarter 2020**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ALLOCATIONS | 01/01/2019 TO 31/12/2019 | | | | Allocations January – June 2020 |
| Total Allocations | 2019 - 88 | | | | **22** |
|  | |  | |  |  |
| CBL Total | |  | | 34 | Total CBL 7 |
| *CBL general* | | *22* | |  | 2 |
| *CBL HOMELESS* | | 2 | |  |  |
| *CBL MEDICAL* | | 1 | |  |  |
| *CBL RAS FIXED TRANSFER* | | 3 | |  | 1 |
| *CBL HAP TRANSFER* | | 6 | |  | 4 |
| HOMELESS/Homeless Medical  (not inc.CBL) | |  | | 30 | 8 |
| Medical | |  | | 13 | 5 |
| OAP / other | |  | | 11 | 2 |
| **Transfers** | | **2019 -** | | **2019 - 19** | **Total Transfer 7** |
| TRANSFERs LIST (includes medical) | |  | | 12 | 7 |
| *RAS landlord cancelled* | |  | | 7 |  |
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### Following contributions from Councillors E Murphy and C Bailey, Neil Hanley, Senior Executive Officer Responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/315/20 H15 Item ID:66906 – Quarterly Housing Supply Report**

The following report was presented by Marguerite Staunton, Senior Executive Officer

**Quarterly Housing Supply Report**

[H15 Qtr 3 Housing Supply Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67154)

Following contributions from Councillor E Murphy, Marguerite Staunton, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

## **Community**

### **RTFB/316/20 C9 Item ID:66681 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/317/20 H16 Item ID:66691 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/318/20 H17 ID:66704 – Deputations for Noting**

Deputations for Noting (No Business)

## **Transportation**

### **RTFB/319/20 Q9 Item ID:66755 – Traffic Calming Measures Hunters Grove & Hunters Lane**

Proposed by Councillor Carly Bailey

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on plans to install traffic calming measures, namely by way of speed ramps, at Hunter Grove and Hunters Lane (and any other nearby roads). The last communication was that a public consultation would take place in Sept/Oct. Given the limitations of such a strategy as a result of Covid-19, can you please outline exactly how this will happen, when a decision will be made, what the decision is, when works will start and an estimated finish date. Many thanks.

**REPLY:**

The Member needs to ascertain that an application has been made for Ramps at the location in order for it to be technically appraised before it is included in any public consultation. Only Members or the public can make an application for Ramps. The application form is available from Roads Administration.

### **RTFB/320/20 Q10 Item ID:66756 – Projects to improve cycling and pedestrian infrastructure**

Proposed by Councillor Carly Bailey

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the projects for both Local Election Areas awarded funding from the NTA in August to improve cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, including locations (and numbers per location) of bike stands.

**REPLY:**

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| **Road Number (or Street Name in Urban Areas)** | **Location of Proposed Scheme** | **Size or Number** *(Approx. Length, Area or Number as appropriate)* | **Estimated Cost 2020** | **Supporting information and comment** *(e.g. Describe how intervention will improve conditions for vulnerable road users) - See note 3* |
| **Firhouse** | **Cremourne** |  | **€25,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Knocklyon** | **Knockaire, Knocklyon** |  | **€60,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Knocklyon** | **Landsdowne Park** |  | **€36,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Firhouse** | **Monalea Grove** |  | **€36,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Templeogue** | **Rossmore Lawns** |  | **€30,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Willbrook Road** |  | **€35,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Grange Road** |  | **€40,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Templeogue** | **Templeogue and Knocklyon Roads** |  | **€42,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Firhouse** | **Woodlawn Park Grove, 81** |  | **€10,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Ballyroan Road Gully Installation** |  | **€10,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Templeogue** | **Orwell Road Junction with Rossmore Road** |  | **€10,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Bohernabreena** | **Tibradden Road** |  | **€10,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Bohernabreena** | **R114- 2 No. Locations** |  | **€20,000** | Improvement/maintenance of existing facilities |
| **Firhouse** | **Killinniny Road Ballycullen Road to M50 and M50 to Ballycullen Section** |  | **€50,000** | Reconstruction/Renewal of defective cycle tracks |
| **Firhouse** | **Firhouse Road, Firhouse-Tallaght - surface defects** |  | **€37,500** | Reconstruction/Renewal of defective cycle tracks |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Taylor's Lane and Grange Road including Ballyboden Road and Whitechurch Road Junctions Surface defects & anti-skid/markings** |  | **€75,000** | Reconstruction/Renewal of defective cycle tracks |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Ballyboden Road, Rathfarnham - surface defects and anti-skid markings** |  | **€32,500** | Reconstruction/Renewal of defective cycle tracks |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Ballyroan Road, Rathfarnham Surface defects and anti-skid markings** |  | **€47,500** | Reconstruction/Renewal of defective cycle tracks |
| **Templeogue** | **Templeville Road, Templeogue - surface defects and anti-skid markings** |  | **€35,000** | Reconstruction/Renewal of defective cycle tracks |
| **Templeogue** | **Play space - Templeville Road - bicycle stands/2 cargo bike stands** | 4 stands (8 bicycles) + 2 cargo bike stands | **€1,937** | Sheffield type bicycle stands/cargo bike stands for visitors to parks/ shops/leisure |
| **Whitehall** | **Whitehall Road West Rockfield Avenue - bicycle stands** | 4 stands (8 bicycles) | **€800** | Sheffield type bicycle stands for visitors to parks/shops/leisure |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Main Street, Rathfarnham Village - bicycle stands/2 cargo bike stands** | 4 stands (8 bicycles) + 2 cargo bike stands | **€1,937** | Sheffield type bicycle stands/cargo bike stands for visitors to parks/ shops/leisure |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Loreto High, National School - bicycle stands** | 20 stands (40 bicycles) | **€4,000** | Sheffield type bicycle stands for school children and teachers |
| **Walkinstown** | **Riverview ETNS - bicycle stands** | 40 stands (80 bicycles) | **€8,000** | Sheffield type bicycle stands for school children and teachers |
| **Rathfarnham** | **St. Mary's Boys' N.S. - bicycle stands** | 20 stands (40 bicycles) | **€4,000** | Sheffield type bicycle stands for school children and teachers |
| **Templeogue** | **Bishop Galvin N.S. - bicycle stands** | 20 stands (40 bicycles) | **€4,000** | Sheffield type bicycle stands for school children and teachers |
| **Rathfarnham** | **Ballyroad Library - bicycle stands** | 4 stands (8 bicycles) | **€800** | Sheffield type stands for public and staff at Libraries |
| **Rathfarnham/Firhouse/Knocklyon** | **T161 Firhouse Rd/ Knocklyon Rd – T327C Ballyroan Rd/ Butterfield Ave – T508 Templeogue Rd/ Cypress Grove Road. - includes civil works (ducting) for comms, cabling and upgrade of signal control equipment** | SCOOT | **€61,500** | Traffic improvements to enhance public transport |

In total there will be a total of 110 bicycle stands located in five schools in the R/T/F/B area. There will be a total of 136 bicycle stands in the two electoral areas plus 4 cargo bike stands.

### **RTFB/321/20 C10 Item ID:66689 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/322/20 H18 Item ID:66700 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

### **RTFB/323/20 H19 Item ID:66622 – Templeogue Village Initiative**

The following report was presented by Andrew Bass, Assistant Engineer

**Update on Templeogue Village Initiative**

[H19 Templeogue Village Initiative](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67036)  
[H19(i) Templeogue Village Part 8 Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67037)  
[H19(ii) Templeogue Village Part 8 Check](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67046)  
[H19(iii) July 2018 Minutes of Council Meeting](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=67047)  
**This Headed Item was taken in conjunction with Motion 13 and 14**

### **RTFB/328/20 M13 Item ID:66764 – Templeogue Village Renewal Works**

Proposed by Councillor David McManus

That this committee requests a presentation at our September meeting on the Templeogue Village Renewal Works, the public consultation steps to date, any design/layout changes and a timeframe for the projects completion.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

Headed Item No. 66622 on the agenda gives the Area Committee a briefing on the scheme and the timeline for commencement on site.

**This Motion was taken in conjunction with Headed Item 19 and Motion 14**

### **RTFB/329/20 M14 Item ID:66721 – Templeogue Village Renewal Works**

Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collins

To ask the Chief Executive to furnish a report, detailing in bullet points, the proposed works to be done in the context of the Templeogue Village Renewal Works, highlighting any differences between the final plans going to tender and the plan put forward initially.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

Headed Item No. 66622 on the agenda gives the Area Committee a briefing on the scheme and the timeline for commencement on site.

**This Motion was taken in conjunction with Headed Item 19 and Motion 13**

Following contributions from Councillors E Murphy, C O’Byrne, R McMahon, C Bailey, P Kearns, D O’Donovan, Andrew Bass, Assistant Engineer, Tony O’Grady Senior Engineer and Caitriona Lambert Senior Executive Engineer responded to queries raised and the Report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/324/20 H20 Item ID:66705 – Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

Proposed Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (NO BUSINESS)

### **RTFB/325/20 M10 Item ID:66580 – BusConnects**

Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collin, Seconded by Councillor R McMahon

**Caithaoirleachs Business**

That this area committee invites the NTA to address the committee with an up to date presentation and briefing in relation to the BusConnects proposals for this area

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

If the motion is passed by the Members, an invitation will be extended to the NTA to make such a presentation.

Following contributions from Councillors P Kearns, D O’Donovan, A Edge and B Lawlor, William Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised, it was agreed to write to NTA and the report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/326/20 M11 Item ID:66737 – New Cycle Lane St. MacDaras Secondary School**

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan, Seconded by Councillor R McMahon

That the Manager presents a report on the new cycle lane opposite St. MacDaras Secondary School in Templeogue, specifically responding to reports that it is too narrow.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The temporary cycle lane provided made the best use of available road space without specifically marginalising any mode of transport.

In general, the Council provided 6m of road space for buses and cars and the remaining space is dedicated to cycling. This width does vary in places.

The Council could have provided a continuous 1m width for cyclists with car lanes varying in width from 3.0 yo 3.6m in places but a decision was made to maximise cycle rather than bus/car space.

Following contributions from Councillors D O’Donovan, C Bailey, P Kearns and E Murphy, William Purcell, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

### **RTFB/327/20 M12 Item ID:66760 – Encroachment of Ditches Gunny Hill & Mount Venus Road**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy, Seconded by Councillor R McMahon

That this area committee requests that South Dublin County Council addresses the encroachment on Gunny Hill and Mount Venus Road. Both of these roads have significantly narrowed due to the encroachment of the ditches onto the tarmac.

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

Ballymount Depot commenced the verge cutting programme to maintain sight lines 4th August. Mount Venus was cut 13th August and Gunny Hill 17th August 2020.

Once out of nesting season (>01-09-2020), the Area Engineer will ensure that both locations are fully cut back.

Mount Venus road repair was completed under RWP2019

Following contributions from Councillor E Murphy, Tony O’Grady Senior Engineer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted**

### **RTFB/330/20 M15 Item ID:66763 – 30 Minutes Free Parking**

Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collins, Seconded by Councillor Emma Murphy

To ask the Chief Executive to retain the 30 minutes free parking currently allowed in our local villages, given the importance of this in encouraging customers to shop locally and to support our local businesses

**The following Report from the Chief Executive was Read:**

The Draft Parking Bye Laws for the county at large are currently at public consultation stage which commenced on 23rd July 2020.  This consultation process will conclude on 11th September 2020.

All submissions received within the statutory consultation period will be considered and a draft report on the submissions received will be presented to the September SPC, to be followed with consideration by full Council at the October 2020 Council Meeting.

Following contributions from Councillors D O’Donovan, C Bailey and Y Collins, Sheila Kelly, Administration Officer responded to queries raised and the report was **Noted.**

## **Planning**

### **RTFB/331/20 Q11 Item ID:66270 – Primary Care Centre Ballyboden**

Proposed by Councillor E. Murphy

Can the Council please provide an update on the proposed Primary Care Centre for Ballyboden?

**REPLY:**

Planning permission was granted under SD13A/0222 and on appeal. The permission was extended in 2019 and will expire in 2024.

The timing and construction programme is a matter for the HSE. However, the Planning Department made contact with the HSE and have been advised that construction has commenced on site in the last month.

### **RTFB/332/20 C11 Item ID:66687 - Correspondence**

Correspondence (No Business)

### **RTFB/333/20 H21 Item ID:66698 – New Works**

New Works (No Business)

The meeting concluded at 6.00 pm.

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