SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



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

**HELD VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS ON THURSDAY 25th February, 2021**

### **PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Liam Sinclair (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr David Mc Manus | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr Eoin Ó Broin | William Purcell | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Paul Nicholas Gogarty | Hazel Craigie | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Shane Moynihan |  Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh |  Susan Sinclair | Administrative Officer |
|  | John Hegarty | Senior Executive Engineer |
|  | Jennifer McGrath | A/Senior Executive Engineer |
| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Aherne | PPN |  |

### At the commencement of the meeting Chair Cllr. Liam Sinclair extended a welcome to the new SPC Members Cllr Ó Brádaigh and Eoin Aherne. Both new members acknowledged the welcome and outlined their respective backgrounds and interest in the LUPT SPC

### **H-1 (1) Item 68943 Minutes of 27th November 2020 SPC**

# [Minutes of SPC of 27th November 2020 Land Use Planning and Transportation SPC Meeting Minutes.docx](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clocal_marymaguire%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C8BEMXHKY%5CMinutes%20of%20SPC%20of%2027th%20November%202020%20%20Land%20Use%20Planning%20and%20Transportation%20SPC%20Meeting%20Minutes.docx)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC 27th November, 2020 were proposed by

**Cllr. Liam Sinclair**, seconded by **Cllr Paul Gogarty** and **AGREED** subject to one amendment relative to the correct representation of Cllr E Ó Broin’s name

**H-1(2) Item 68943 Draft Control of Parking Bye Laws – Update on Material Alterations**

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The report as circulated was presented by Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer

Monastery/Park Drive went out to public consultation on 14th January 2021 following agreement at November SPC and Clondalkin ACM to do so.

During the consultation period 21 submissions were received through the Public Consultation Portal.

The submissions were primarily from residents in the area including one from the Monastery Estate Residents Association. No submission favoured the introduction of Pay and Display in the area, even though the Residents Association had made an earlier submission requesting the introduction of Pay and Display.

Several of the submissions were seeking the introduction of Double Yellow lines in the estate. This will be examined, but Ms. Maguire pointed out that the introduction of same meant that no one could park on them. Some residents had requested Residents Permits, but these cannot be introduced where / if there is no P&D system in place.

The Executive is not therefore recommending that Pay and Display be introduced at this location.

**Proposed Material Alteration to Draft Parking ByeLaws : Saggart, Newcastle Villages**

Due to an oversight these two locations were omitted from the 2020 consultation process. Notice has been given to the Clondalkin ACM of the Council’s intention to go to public consultation on these two areas. It is envisaged that the consultation will run for four weeks from Thursday 25th February to Friday 26th March, This will be done via the Consultation Portal and advertisements will be placed in newspapers circulating in the area, incl national and local.

Councillor Ó Broin thanked the Executive for the consultation process for Monastery Park/Drive.

Cllr McManus asked when would the full report be brought back to the Council.

Mary Maguire responded to questions raised and advised that a report would be brought back to the April 2021 Clondalkin ACM and a full CE report on the Draft Bye Laws public consultation will be presented to the May 2021 Council Meeting

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 68946 CySD – Update on Public Consultation**

[CySD Consultation Process Review Final.pptx](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clocal_marymaguire%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C8BEMXHKY%5CCySD%20Consultation%20Process%20Review%20Final.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Mick Mulhern, Director of Services

Mr Mulhern detailed the process which was carried out in the public consultation process and that the Council’s vision is to make SDCC one of Irelands most cycle friendly counties by providing

* Comprehensive and connected cycle network
* Making cycling more achievable mode of transport for all
* Improving the cycling identity of the County

The Draft identifies 4 project priorities

* Existing (on going projects)
* Now (to be delivered in the next 2 years)
* Soon (projects between three and four years)
* Later (projects between 6 and 8 years)

There were 437 responses to the consultation via the Council’s public consultation portal and 2 Webinars were also held.

It was noted that more men than women responded to the consultation process. This could be due to several factors – lower levels of women cycling, lack of good cycle network

76% of respondents lived in the County

14% lived outside county

8% did not specify where they lived

48% of those that responded came from Rathfarnham, Clondalkin, Templeogue and Firhouse

Mr. Mulhern gave an outline of the survey questions asked

83% supported New Safe Cycle Routes, many of the submissions were about improvements to safety and design of routes. There were very few negative submissions.

Mr Mulhern confirmed that a full CE report on the public consultation will be brought to the April 2021 Council meeting, and that funding in the sum of over €20 m has been approved by the NTA for 2021.

Mr Mulhern also confirmed that the Council has obtained approval from the NTA for the employment of 6 additional staff (technical and administration) and an application is being made to central government for an increase number to reflect this in the approved SDCC Work Force Plan.

It is anticipated that the Council will deliver c 40 projects within 8 – 10 years.

The report was welcomed by the members and Mr. Mulhern address the questions raised by Cllrs Ó Broin, Moynihan, Ó Brádaigh and Gogarty, and Eoin Ahern regarding recruitment, benefits of cycling , engaging with the younger population , issues around safety at the Grand canal, funding from the NTA, e-scooters and details on design and safety elements, schools and the D12 route.

It was agreed that regular updates would be provided to ths committee.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Item 68947 GDA Transport Stratety 2016 - 2035**

[Roads SPC GDA Transport Strategy - February 2021.docx](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clocal_marymaguire%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C8BEMXHKY%5CRoads%20SPC%20GDA%20Transport%20Strategy%20-%20February%202021.docx)

The report as circulated was presented by John Hegarty, Senior Executive Engineer

Mr. Hegarty explained that the Transport Strategy for GDA is being reviewed and that a new strategy is being prepared which will consider the future development of the transport system for the GDA up to 2042.

The process will determine, in agreement with the NTA amongst other things, the scale and pattern of traffic demand, consult with relevant LA’s in relation to the objectives which will impact transport in the study areas, review and consideration from the Dublin City Development Plan and SDCC County Development Plan; identify idealistic set of appropriate transport options to meet the demand for travel with an emphasis on travel to and from Dublin City centre

SDCC made a submission to the NTA Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Transport Strategy Review

Mr. Hegarty outlined the various elements of the Strategic content including

* SDCC Regeneration Lands
* Area based study Naas Road/Ballymount
* Mode Share Hierarchy
* Pedestrians and cyclists
* Public Transport
* Heavy Rail and DART
* Luas
* Bus Connects and Bus Services
* Motor Vehicles
* Parking

The development areas will include

* Adamstown SDC and Wider Lucan/Clondalkin area
* Tallaght
* Citywest/Fortunestown
* South West City Corridor
* Other areas including infill areas which will stop the urban sprawl

Mr. Hegarty and Mr. Mulhern responded to questions raised by Councillors Gogarty, Ó Broin regarding BRT (bus rapid transport) and the opening of Kishogue Train Station.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (5) Item 69254 – Report from Joint SPC Sub-Committee for Biodiversity**

[Report on Biodiversity Sub-Committee, 11 Feb 21.pdf](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clocal_marymaguire%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C8BEMXHKY%5CReport%20on%20Biodiversity%20Sub-Committee%2C%2011%20Feb%2021.pdf)

This report was presented by Cllr Eoin Ó Broin

Cllr Ó Broin outlined the details of the first meeting of the joint SPC Sub Committee on Biodiversity held on 11th February, 2021 including the Governance structure and themes for Biodiversity Action and various Projects.

There is also a booklet available to all called “Gardening for Biodiversity”. It is available in hard copy via email: heritage@sdublincoco.ie

 The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (6) Item 69306 Green Infrastructure Strategy**

[**2021 02 25 LUPT SPC GI Update.pptx**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clocal_marymaguire%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C8BEMXHKY%5C2021%2002%2025%20LUPT%20SPC%20GI%20Update.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner

Mr. Craigie explained the meaning of Green Infrastructure.

She outlined the 5 key themes which will frame the policies and objectives for GI within the County Development Plan and allow the Council to identify opportunities to improve the GI network

* Biodiversity
* Sustainable water management climate resilience
* Recreation and amenity
* Landscape (natural and cultural heritage

Case studies are underway to inform policy development and 5 areas representing different green infrastructure network characteristics will assist in generating relevant policies for similar areas.

The Strategy will have accompanying mapping and these will be adopted with the County Development Plan.

The consultation and adoption of the GI strategy will be done in tandem with the CDP review to allow for the incorporation of policies and actions in the CDP

There is also a Parks and Open Space strategy being done in tandem but this will be a separate consultation process

Ms. Craigie gave the timeframes for the various stages of the Strategy and the Final Report, consultation, finalised mapping etc should be done between February 2021 and March 2022.

Ms. Craigie responded to queries raised by Cllrs Ó Broin, Sinclair raised queries regarding river corridors, buffers and developed land.

**AOB**

Ms Maguire advised new members of the routine scheduling of the LUPT SPC meeting : 4th Thursday of February, May, September & November. Accordingly the next SPC meeting is scheduled for 27th May, 2021

The Meeting concluded at 7.15p.m.