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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2021 County Council Meeting held virtually through Microsoft 365 Teams on Monday 8 March 2021

**PRESENT**

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

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin.  |
| Directors/ Heads of FunctionHead of FinanceCounty ArchitectHead of I.T. | L. Maxwell, F. Nevin, T. Walsh, M. Mulhern, C. Ward. R. FitzGerald.E. Conroy. T. Kavanagh |
| Senior Executive OfficersAssistant Head of I.T.Senior Engineer | C. Hurson. B. GaughanT. O’Grady |
| Administrative OfficersInternal Auditor | M. Reilly, B. PierceA. McNally |
| A/ Senior Staff OfficerAssistant Staff OfficerClerical OfficerSord | L. Abbey.A. Hagan, I. KennyD. Murphy, S. MurrayA. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor E. O’Brien, presided

At the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor E. O’Brien, informed the Members that members of the public will be in attendance at the meeting, he then read out the etiquette for the virtual meeting:

-Members to check that they can access the “Chat Function” before we commence the meeting.

-Members must be able to be seen, specifically for roll call, when speaking and voting.

-Mics to be on mute until invited to speak through the Chair.

-Members can indicate they wish to speak on an item through the chat function – using ‘Speak Please’.

-The ‘Chat Function’ is not to be used for comments.

-The meeting will be recorded for minute taking purposes only.

### **H1/0321 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

### Minutes of County Development Plan Meeting 27th January 2021 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.

### [County Development Plan Meeting Minutes â€' 27th January 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69520)

### Minutes of Adjourned Development Plan Meeting 2nd February 2021 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

### [(b) Adjourned Development Plan Meeting Minutes - 2nd February 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69524)

### Minutes of Adjourned Development Plan Meeting 4th February 2021 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.

### [(c) Adjourned Development Plan Meeting Minutes â€' 4th February 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69521)

### Minutes of Council Meeting 8th February 2021 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 P. Kavanagh.

[(d) February Council Meeting Minutes - February 8th 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69536)

### **H2/0321 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - FOR APPROVAL**

**a) Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee**

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

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

**b) Clondalkin Area Committee**

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

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

**c) Tallaght Area Committee**

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

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

**d)** **Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area Committee**

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

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

### **H3/0321 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

### **H4a/0321 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

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

1. Report ofMeeting – 24th February 2021

**Attended**

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

**Apologies:** Ms. Freda Manweiler, Cllr. Teres Costello, and Cllr. Kenneth Egan.

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms Maoliosa Boyle, Director Rua Red
Mr Michael Barker-Caven, Director Civic Theatre
Ms. Lorna Maxwell, Director of Service

Ms Cristina Hurson, SEO

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes SPC 4th November 2020****Minutes from the meeting of 4th November 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Guss O’Connell.****Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.\*Note: The Committee wanted to make a note of condolences to Cllr. Mick Duff on his recent bereavement.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Covid Sectoral Response (focusing on Rua Red/Civic)****Ms. Maoliosa Boyle gave a report and presentation on Rua Red activities since March 2020. Rua Red has been delivering programmes across social media and in the public realm, such as the Joe Caslin exhibition. They are preparing resource materials for 2021 exhibition and public engagement programmes.Mr. Michael Barker-Caven gave a report and presentation on the Civic Theatre since March 2020 and the new strategies it is employing for 2021.**Following contributions from Cllr Mick Duff, Frank Nevin, Cllr. Guss O’Connell, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, and Cllr. Alan Hayes the report was **noted**. |
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| **Headed Item 3: Sectoral Recovery Role of Creative Ireland, Cruinniú nÓg, Music Generation and Local Arts Programmes**Ms. Orla Scannell gave a report on the responses to Covid and the initiatives going forward that support participation and engagement with the Arts and supports for Artists to sustain the sector in the county.Following contributions from Cllr. Mick Duff, and Mr. Frank Nevin, the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Full Opening of New Libraries** Ms. Bernadette Fennell presented a full report on the opening of North Clondalkin and Castletymon Libraries.Following contributions from Cllr. Mick Duff, Cllr. Alan Hayes, and Cllr. Guss O’Connell the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 5: Coiste na Gaeilge/Irish Language Sub-committee (agreed at January Council)**Ms. Lorna Maxwell reported on the Council’s current activities and programmes. There was a brief discussion with contributions from Cllr. Peter Kavanagh, Lorna Maxwell, Cllr Guss O’Connell, and Cllr. Mick Duff. It was agreed that the Coiste should be a sub-committee of the SPC (but complements the work of the SPC). An item will be added to the March OP&F agenda to agree 3-4 nominations to the committee and Lorna Maxwell and Cllr. Peter Kavanagh will consider the Terms of Reference for the Coiste and the wider membership from Irish Language groups from the PPN. It will report back to the next Arts SPC in May. |
| **Headed Item 6: Artist Resilience Bursary**A brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr Mick Duff, Frank Nevin, Orla Scannell, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, and Cllr Guss O’Connell. It was agreed to establish a working group made up of Frank Nevin, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Cllr. Guss O Connell and Orla Scannell, and Ms. Freda Manweiler to establish the terms of reference for the bursary. |
| **Headed Item 7: Joint meetings/workshops with other SPC's in crosscutting themes**After a brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr Mick Duff and Frank Nevin, it was agreed that Frank Nevin would contact the Chair of the Economic Development, Tourism and Enterprise SPC to set up a joint meeting. |
| **Headed Item 8:**  **Continuation of 2020 programme.**Mr. Frank Nevin outlined the continuation of the work programme for 2020, some of which had been discussed in the previous reports presented. It was important to acknowledge the ongoing sectoral response to programmes for the public during the pandemic. |
| **Headed Item 9: AOB**Ms Bernadette Fennell reminded the committee that Ireland Reads Day was taking place on 25th February and there was still time to pledge online to squeeze in a read., She also noted the programme for Seachtain na Gaeilge which will run online from 1st-17th March 2021.Following contributions from Cllr Mick Duff, Cllr. Guss O’Connell, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, and Cllr. Alan Hayes the items were **noted.**Cllr. Mick Duff concluded the meeting by expressing an appreciation of the efforts of all present.**The meeting concluded at 7.26pm.** |

1. Minutes of Meeting - 4th November 2020

**Attended**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Kenneth Egan

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes SPC 23rd September 2020.****Minutes from the meeting of 23rd September 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Mick Duff and seconded by Cllr. Peter Kavanagh.****Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Current and planned Arts Sector response to Covid-19 in SDCC****2.1 Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave a presentation on Cultural Crosscutting Themes 2020 that the cultural institutions have engaged in or are planning to engage in to deliver blended Arts programmes to our communities. These include programmes from Creative Ireland South Dublin, the Arts Office, South Dublin Libraries, Music Generation, Tallaght Community Arts, the Civic Theatre and Rua Red.****It was noted that some services have diversified to include for example, ‘Contact and Collect’ from Libraries; Library Home Delivery Service to cocooners and others; Civic Theatre digital arts training and production; Rua Red online 360 exhibitions and downloadable educational resource packs for schools and other target groups. Supports for Artists with additional artist bursaries through Creative Ireland with support from the Local Enterprise Office was highlighted.** **Cllr. Duff requested if a list of the Covid Care Concerts that are to take place could be circulated. Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara asked about the downloadable Education Resource Packs and if they would be available to individuals? The Arts Officer is to check on this information.****2.2 Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave an update on South Dublin Libraries Online Programme of Events; Online E-services; Contact and Collect; and the Home Delivery service to customers. Libraries will work with other departments within the Council on the national Keeping Well Campaign and highlighted two upcoming talks on anxiety and stress. The programme under the Decade of Centenaries was also highlighted.**Both reports were welcomed and **noted**. |
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| **Headed Item 3: Update on new Libraries at Tymon and North Clondalkin**Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave an update on progress with North Clondalkin and Castletymon Libraries. North Clondalkin Library is ready to open once Government restrictions are lifted. Castletymon is almost ready for handover with final snagging works to be completed. It is anticipated that it will open in Q1 2021.Frank Nevin congratulated the Architects Department and the library staff on both projects, delivered under challenging circumstances. Cllr. Duff mentioned a series of photographs by Brian McCormack and the “Friends of Tymon” which could form part of an exhibition for the opening of Castletymon Library.The report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: AOB**There were no items under AOB**.****The meeting concluded at 6.20pm.** |

The Report was **NOTED.**

### **H4b/0321 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

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

1. Report ofMeeting – 16th February 2021

In attendance:

**Elected Members** **Sectoral Members**

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) Donie Anderson

Councillor Francis Timmons Una Ruddock Councillor

 Alan Edge Deirdre Mooney

Councillor Yvonne Collins

Councillor Madeleine Johansson

Councillor Clare O’Byrne

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 25th November 2020**

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 25th November 2020 were proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Timmons and agreed.

**Item 2: Living with Trees Review and Initiation of new plan**

Máire Ní Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, gave an overview of the forthcoming Plan.

Councillors Edge, Johansson and Collins raised queries and commented on the report. Sectoral member Una Ruddock also queried the report. The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent responded to the queries and advised Councillors that recommendations can be made before the May SPC.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Initiate Allotment Policy review and update**

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Office and Fiona Hendley, Administration Officer, presented the proposed work programme to carry out the review. Councillors O’Byrne, Timmons and Lawlor raised queries on the report. Sectoral member Una Ruddock also raised a query. Fiona Hendley requested any complaints in relation allotments are relayed to Public Realm.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Items 4 & 6 Climate Change Action Plan Update & Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme Update**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer, outlined the Climate Change Implementation Plan 2021 and gave an overview of the activities funded under the Climate Innovation Fund (Item 4). Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer, gave a report on the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme. Sectoral member Una Ruddock queried the training report and Chris Galvin responded.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: EV Charging Strategy Update**

Chris Galvin**,** Senior Engineer, provided an update of the EV Charging strategy which is currently being prepared by consultants on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities. Councillor Johansson and Una Ruddock raised queries on the report which Chris Galvin responded to.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Green Infrastructure Strategy**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, provided an update on the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 8: Parks & Open Spaces Strategy**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, provided a report on the Parks & Open Space Strategy.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 9: Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Scheme**

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer, provided detailed updates on the River Poddle and River Camac Flood Alleviation Schemes. Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer, provided an update on Surface Water Schemes Work Programme 2021. Councillors Yvonne Collins and Francis Timmons queried the report. Chris Galvin and Leo Magee responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 10: Whitechurch Stream Scheme Update**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer, provided an update on the Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme. Teresa Walsh, Director of Service, informed the SPC that a Judicial Review has been taken to quash the decision by An Bord Pleanála to approve works at the Whitechurch Stream. Councillor Yvonne Collins commented on the report. The Senior Engineer responded to the comments.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 11: Reports from the Joint EWCC & LUPT Biodiversity Action Plan Subcommittee** Councillor Alan Edge provided an overview of the Biodiversity Action Plan Subcommittee.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 12: AOB**

Councillor Francis Timmons queried when the Motion referred to the SPC by the Clondalkin ACM regarding the Rathcoole Woodlands would be on the SPC agenda. In response, the Chair, Councillor Brian Lawlor, indicated that this could be examined in respect of the May 2021 SPC Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting - 25th November 2020

In attendance:

**Elected Members** **Sectoral Members**

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) Donie Anderson

Councillor Francis Timmons Una Ruddock

Councillor Alan Edge Deirdre Mooney

Councillor Yvonne Collins

Councillor Madeleine Johansson

Councillor Clare O’Byrne

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer

Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 23rd September 2020**

The Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 23rd September 2020 , were proposed by Councillor Timmons, seconded by Deirdre Mooney and agreed.

**Item 2: Climate Change Action Plan Annual Report**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer and Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer delivered a report on the 2020 Climate Change Action Plan update document and presentation Councillors O’Byrne and Johansson, sectoral members, Deirdre Mooney and Una Ruddock raised queries and commented on the report. The Senior Engineer, the Senior Executive Engineer, the Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer and the Director of Services responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer and Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer delivered a report on Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy Councillor O’Byrne raised a query on the report. The Senior Engineer responded to the query.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Pollinator Plan update**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent delivered a report on the Pollinator Plan 2020 - 2025 Councillors Lawlor and Edge offered their congratulations to the team on progress made. Councillors Edge and O’Byrne raised queries on the report. The Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: SDCC Tree Management Policy; Living with Trees, Initiate review**

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent delivered a report on the SDCC Tree Management Policy3 Councillors Timmons, Lawlor and Edge offered their congratulations on the policy and raised queries. A discussion ensued on public consultation and education. The importance of addressing legacy issues arising from the current policy was highlighted by Councillor Lawlor. Sectoral member, Donie Anderson raised a query. The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent and the Director of Services responded to the member’s queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Waste Action for a Circular Economy, Update**

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer and Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer delivered an update on the Waste Action for a Circular Economy, Update . Councillors Timmons and Johansson, Sectoral member, Una Ruddock raised queries on the report. The A/Senior Executive Officer and Senior Engineer responded to the member’s queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Biodiversity Action Plan – Joint Sub Committee**

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Executive Officer delivered a report on Biodiversity Action Plan Joint Sub Committee Councillor Lawlor proposed Councillor O’Byrne and Sectoral members, Una Ruddock and Deirdre Mooney for the Sub Committee. Councillor Timmons proposed Councillor Edge. The A/Senior Executive Officer responded that he is happy to put forward the four (4) nominees. Also noted that an SPC can provide for a maximum of two (2) Sub Committees.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 8: ERBM River Water Quality Update**

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer delivered an updated report on the ERBM River Water Quality Update Sectoral member, Una Rudduck raised a query.4 The Executive Environmental Scientific Officer responded to the query.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 9: Update on Minor Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes**

Derek Sargent, A/Senior Engineer delivered a report on Minor Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes . Councillors Lawlor, Timmons and Collins raised queries. The A/Senior Engineer responded to the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 10: Any Other Business**

Councillor Edge asked when the next update on Solar Bins was being presented. The Director of Services responded that a cost benefit analysis was to be carried out and that it would be quarter two (2) before it would be ready.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.03 p.m

### **H4c/0321 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

1. **Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

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

1. Report ofMeeting – 10th February 2021

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. Cathal King (Chair)  | Frank Nevin | Director of Services |
| Cllr. Ronan McMahon | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. Lynn McCrave | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns | Justin Mulhern | Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
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| **Representatives:** |
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| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne |
| Cllr. Sandra Fay |
| Cllr. Ed O'Brien (Mayor) |
| Cllr. Liona O'Toole |
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| Tara De Buitlear, Tallaght Community Council |
| Jack McDonnell, TUD Tallaght |
| Sherri Brennan, Business Chamber of Commerce |
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| **Also in attendance:** |
|  John Kiberd, Public Participation Network\*\* Attending Only |

*It was noted that the PPN had nominated Mr Kiiberd to replace Tara de Buitlear as the representative to the SPC. The nomination will require Council approval. The Chair, Members and staff at the SPC expressed their appreciation for the contribution made by Ms de Buitlear to the SPC.*

**The meeting was Chaired by** Cllr. Cathal King

**Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 1st December 2020.**

The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 1st December 2020 were proposed by Cllr C. King and seconded by Cllr. R. McMahon and **AGREED.**

**Headed Item 2: Work Plan 2021**

Frank Nevin, Director of Services presented the proposed work plan for 2021 -

* Grange Castle – future development, marketing, and contribution to Economic Development of the County ​
* The Innovation Centre -future plans and project updates.​
* Tourism projects at the Dublin Mountains and Rathfarnham Castle Courtyard and related County promotion projects.
* The development and expanded use of Tallaght Stadium, branding and marketing updates. ​
* Joint meeting with Arts SPC on the cultural aspects of some of the Tourism projects. ​
* Enterprise and Business Supports – updates and initiatives. ​
* Local Economic and Community Plan.

A discussion followed with questions from Cllrs. McMahon, McCrave, Kearns and from Chair Cllr C. King.

Following the contributions Frank Nevin, **Director of Services** summarised and set out Business Supports, joint meeting with Arts SPC, The Innovation Centre and Tourism including Rathfarnham Castle and The Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre as core areas to focus on and for the SPC to address in 2021.

Frank further suggested that for the next SPC a joint meeting with the Arts SPC be arranged. Cllr King to follow up with Cllr. M. Duff (Chair of the Arts SPC) to agree and Frank Nevin to discuss with Arts Officer potential for collaborative work with both committees.

Cllr. King summed up the purpose of the meeting in agreeing a work plan for 2021 and the committee agreed with this and the proposed course of action.

The Report was Noted.

**Headed Item 3: Project Roll Outs**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise**, presented a report updating members on the progress of the following project roll outs –

Innovation Centre – updates on the current expected delivery timelines.

Tourism – Rathfarnham Castle, The Castle Stables & Courtyard, updates on the tender process outcomes and the need to review consultants before re tendering.

Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre – update on status, awaiting Judicial review.

Destination Towns, Lucan – update on appointment of design team and the issuing of tender for product development plan

Round Tower Visitor Centre – update on new service provider appointed (East Village Coffee). Failte Ireland “surprising stories” scheme currently underway to increase use of facilities.

Other Projects -Tallaght Heritage Trail App, work has commenced on development. Shop Front Grants to continue

Canals / Greenways – Feasibility study and funding options being reviewed.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr. P. Kearns and Cllr. L. McCrave.

Tom Rooney and Frank Nevin responded to questions raised.

Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Office**, presented the members with an update on the Tallaght Stadium Project Roll out.

Laura updated on the expected timescale for the issuing of tenders for the project. Laura noted that the tender of the precast element of the works was complete and the awarded contractor was to be appointed shortly.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. C. King, Cllr. R. McMahon and Cllr. P. Kearns

Laura Leonard and Frank Nevin responded to questions raised.

The Reports were Noted.

**Headed Item 4: A.O.B.**

Cllr. C. King invited members to raise any other business items.

Cllr. R. McMahon asked a question in relation to the Canal Greenway Project Role out.

Cllr. R. McMahon asked a question in relation to the level of Activity in the LEO currently

Cllr. P. Kearns asked a question in relation to the conditions of eligibility for the Shop Front Grants.

Tom Rooney and Frank Nevin Responded to the questions raised.

**The meeting concluded at 6:45pm**

1. Minutes of Meeting - 1st December 2020

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| **In Attendance:** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair)  |
| Cllr. R McMahon |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |
| Cllr. L. McCrave |
| T de Buitlear. |
| S. Brennan |

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr. S. Fay |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| J. McDonnell |

**Officials present:**

F. Nevin, Director of Services

L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer.

T. Rooney, Head of Enterprise

J. Mulhern, Senior Enterprise Development Officer

D. English, Administrative Officer

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| The meeting was Chaired by Cllr C. King.  |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 9th September 2020**The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 9th September 2020 were proposed by Cllr C. King and seconded by Cllr. L. O’Toole and **AGREED**. |
| **Headed Item 2: Update on Covid Business Supports**Tom Rooney, **Head of Local Enterprise Office** presented an updated report on the supports providedby the LEO tobusinesses in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic including the volume and approvals, Tom also provided an update on the level of support provided by the Restart and Restart Plus grants, the level of engagement with the LEO training and Mentoring programs and communications and promotional activity undertaken.Tom presented an additional report on the Business Support Fund, the sectors that have been supported and an overview of the level of supports provided this year. Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr L. O’Toole and T de Buitlear.Cllr. C. King noted the positive contribution of the LEO to supporting businesses.Tom Rooney responded to questions raised. The Report was Noted. |
| **Headed Item 3: Update on Tallaght Stadium Project**Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer,** presented a report updating members on the progress of proposed works at Tallaght Stadium. Laura advised the members that the plans had received Part 8 approval from the Council in October which included the new North Stand, Remodelling to the West Stand Corporate area, accessible seating and changing places facility for the South Stand. Procurement had commenced with a view to commencing construction Q4 2021Frank Nevin noted that submissions had already been received in relation to the precast concrete requirement element of the build.Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr R. McMahon and T de Buitlear.Laura Leonard and Frank Nevin responded to questions raised. It was noted that naming and branding strategy project with Core has recommenced in recent days.The Report was Noted. |
| **Headed Item 4: Update on Innovation Centre Project**Frank Nevin updated the members on the path taken for planning of the Innovation Centre noting the contribution of Oxford Innovation and the selection of the design team. Frank noted the Public Consultation had concluded and that Part 8 approval will be brought to council on the 14th Dec. Subject to approval it is expected that the centre will move to detailed design stage. Following the contributions, Chair Cllr C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr. L. O’Toole and T de Buitlear.Frank Nevin responded to questions raised and confirmed that the area adjacent to the Innovation Centre will be “Tallaght Innovation Quarter”.The Report was Noted. |
| **Headed Item 5: A.O.B.**Cllr. C. King invited members to raise any other business items.Cllr L. O’Toole had raised a question prior to the meeting in relation to Shop Local Initiative. Cllr. C. King clarified that the answer had been addressed in Tom’s presentation, agreed by Cllr. L. O’Toole.Cllr. R. McMahon asked a question in relation to the Business Support Fund.Frank Nevin confirmed the BSF 2020 spend at c €0.5M.Cllr. L. McCrave asked a question in relation to the Shop Local Directory.Tom Rooney clarified the position in this regard.  |
| **The meeting ended at 6.35p.m.** **Cllr C. King concluded the meeting** |

### **H4d/0321 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

1. **Housing SPC**

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

1. Report ofMeeting – 11th February 2021

**Report of Meeting of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, 11th February 2021 via Microsoft Teams**

**In attendance:**

Cllr. C. O’Connor; Cllr. B. Pereppadan; Cllr. J. Tuffy; Cllr. L. Donaghy; Cllr. D. O’Donovan, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. W. Carey, S. Harty (PPN), G. Stockil (PPN) and B. Tyrrell-Collard (ICTU).

**Officials in attendance:**

C. Ward, Director of Services; M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer; N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer; E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer; M. Murtagh, Administrative Officer; J. Sweeney, Senior Staff Officer.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. C. O’Connor.

At the commencement of the meeting Cllr. O’Connor, Chair, welcomed Mr. G. Stockil (proposed PPN nominee) and advised that due to the late formal submission by the PPN of its nominees, Mr. Stockil’s membership had not yet been ratified by the full Council therefore restricting his role in the meeting to observer status only.

**HI.1 Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 3rd December 2020.**

The minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of 3rd December 2020 were agreed.

**HI.2 Matters Arising**

None.

**HI.3 2021 Work Programme**

C. Ward provided an outline of the programme of work for the Housing SPC for 2021 advising that the list, though comprehensive, is not exhaustive and may be adapted over the year in accordance with emerging issues and policy requirements.

The report was NOTED.

**HI.4 2020 Social Housing Output & Overview of Future Social Housing Supply.**

M. Staunton delivered an overview of Social Housing Delivery, including outturn for 2020, projections and DHLGH targets for 2021 and expected supply for 2022 and beyond. The expected impact of level 5 Covid-19 restrictions on delivery targets for 2021, which were set before lock-down, was highlighted.

There were contributions by Cllr. O’Donovan, Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. Tuffy, Cllr. L. Donaghy, Cllr. K. Mahon and S. Harty which were responded to by M. Staunton and C. Ward and the report was NOTED.

**HI.5 Allocations Traveller Accommodation Programme Update.**

E. Leech provided an update on the delivery of the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2019-2024 which was adopted by the Elected Members in July 2019. The impact of Covid-19 and related restrictions was highlighted.

Following contributions from Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. J. Tuffy, Cllr. W. Carey and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward and E. Leech it was agreed to circulate the following to members:

* a copy of the SDCC Traveller Accommodation Programme (2019 – 2024).
* details of innovative TA development in Bird Ave by Dunlaoghaire Rathdown County Council
* information on CENA - a Traveller-led Voluntary Accommodation Association that the Council engages with in seeking to provide culturally appropriate accommodation for the Traveller community.

The report was NOTED.

**HI.6 Re-lets Overview**

Following a request for a report from the December 2020 SPC meeting, E. Leech provided a detailed breakdown by area of properties currently vacant and due for re-let along with details of works undertaken and turn-around time for reletting.

Following questions and contributions by Cllr. Carey which were responded to by E. Leech and C. Ward, the report was NOTED.

**HI.7 Allocations Update**

N. Hanly provided details on Allocations for 2020, with a breakdown and analysis over the three-year period since 2018 and including an update on progress in new policy areas of Age Friendly Housing and Downsizing.

There were contributions from Cllr. D. Donovan, Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. W. Carey and S. Harty which were responded to by N. Hanly and C. Ward. Councillors paid tribute to N. Hanly and Allocation’s team for work done and particularly the efforts in ensuring accommodation of homeless over Christmas.

The report was NOTED.

**HI.7 AOB**

C. Ward advised that it is intended that updates will be provided at the next SPC meeting on the Affordable Housing Bill, details of the Cost Rental schemes and funding for the retrofit programme.

E. Leech provided a brief update on the pilot initiative in Balgaddy to identify and tackle anti-social behaviour involving stake holders and the use of Community Crime Impact Assessments and advised that the programme is being carried out in tandem with physical works and the social development of the area.

The meeting concluded at 19.06 pm.

1. Minutes of Meeting - 3rd December 2020

**In attendance:**

Cllr. C. O’Connor; Cllr. B. Pereppadan; Cllr. J. Tuffy; Cllr. L. Donaghy; S. Harty (PPN) and B. Tyrrell-Collard (ICTU).

**Apologies:**

Cllr. K. Mahon; Cllr. D. O’Donovan.

**Officials in attendance:**

C. Ward, Director of Services; M. Staunton, Senior Executive Officer; N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer; E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer; M. Murtagh, Administrative Officer; J. Sweeney, Senior Staff Officer.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. C. O’Connor.

At the commencement of the meeting Cllr. O’Connor, Chair, advised that it is expected that the upcoming plenary meeting of the PPN on 7th December will agree a replacement for the current vacancy on the Housing SPC.

**HI.1 - Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 10th September 2020.**

The minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of 10th September 2020 were agreed.

**HI.2 – Matters Arising**

None

**HI.3 Rightsizing Policy**

A report from the SPC sub-group on Rigthsizing, a draft Policy for Rightsizing and Allocation of Age Friendly Accommodation and an associated pre-recorded presentation were circulated by N. Hanly in advance of the meeting for consideration by members.

N. Hanly commended the work of the sub-committee on the draft policy and provided a summary. C. Ward drew members attention to key points of the draft policy for ratification, pointing out that the final draft allowed for a degree of flexibility within the guidelines facilitating refinement in advance of implementation. C. Ward further advised that the draft policy was endorsed by Age Friendly Ireland and places this Council at the forefront in policy development in this area and recommended the draft policy to the members for approval.

It was noted that any change in the Council’s allocation policy requires ministerial approval.

There were questions and contributions by Cllr. J. Tuffy, B. Tyrrell-Collard and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward and N. Hanly and it was AGREED that the draft policy be recommended for approval by the full Council.

**HI.4 Mixed Tenure Developments Update**

A pre-recorded presentation by M. Staunton had been circulated prior to the meeting providing details of each site and progress report on current stage of development.

Cllr. O’Connor, Chair, placed on record that Cllr. Tuffy had proposed an item for discussion at the meeting in relation to the delivery of social and affordable housing in the County which was not included on the agenda. C. Ward reiterated his apology and advised that a report at this point would present a less than complete picture and that full and final 2020 outturn details together with targets for 2021 and pipeline beyond will be ready for the Feb 2021 SPC meeting.

There were contributions by Cllr. Tuffy which were responded to by C. Ward and the report was NOTED.

**HI.5 Allocations Report (including Homeless Data)**

A pre-recorded presentation by N. Hanly had been circulated prior to the meeting providing a breakdown and analysis of the South Dublin County Council housing waiting list and homeless data with comparisons over a three-year period from 2018 to-date.

Following contributions from Cllr. O’Connor, B. Tyrrell Collard and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward and N. Hanly there was a commitment to provide an overview at the February SPC meeting of void properties and time taken to re-let. The report was NOTED.

**HI.6 Anti-Social Behaviour Report**

A pre-recorded presentation by E. Leech had been circulated prior to the meeting providing a definition of anti-social behaviour, a breakdown of incidents by LEA, actions taken by SDCC to mitigate such behaviour and new strategies planned for 2021. An overview was provided of a community focussed programme being trialled in the South Inner City to tackle anti-social behaviour based on the identification of hot-spots for criminal behaviour and the development of ‘Community Crime Impact Assessments’ to inform local policing and community strategies and plans to pilot this initiative in Balgaddy. The endorsement of the committee was sought to bring the proposed pilot programme before the JPC meeting.

Cllr. O’Connor asked that the report be returned to TACM where the matter was originally raised by Cllr. C. King.

Following questions and contributions by Cllr. D. Donaghy, Cllr. O’Connor, Cllr. Tuffy and S. Harty, Cllr. K. Mahon and S. Harty which were responded to by E. Leech and C. Ward, it was proposed that a representative of the Community Action Network (CAN) would be invited to address the JPC, a detailed report be circulated to members and, if successful, the programme could be rolled out to other areas. It was AGREED that the proposal be brought to the JPC for consideration.

**HI.7 A.O.B.**

C. Ward updated the committee on the delay in the launch of the Integrated Housing System due to a technical issue and impact of Covid-19 on training delivery.

The meeting concluded at 6:35 pm.

### **H4e/0321 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

1. **Social, Community & Equality SPC**

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

1. Report ofMeeting – 8th March 2021

In attendance: Cllr. T. Gilligan (Chair), Cllr. V. Casserly, Clllr E. Murphy,  Cllr. S. O'Hara, Cllr. P. Holohan and Cllr C. Bailey.

Also Present: D. Hennessey and E. Hendrick (both PPN)

Officials Present: C. Ward, Director of Services, C Purdy, Administrative Officer, Jonathan Hayden, Administrative Officer, P Mc Alerney, Senior Community Officer, T. Mc Dermott, Sports Partnership Coordinator

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the new Committee members Daire Hennessey and Emma Hendrick both from the Public Participation Network.  It was noted that although their membership of the Committee had not yet been formally approved by the Council due to late nomination by the PPN, the Chair was happy to allow contributions from them during the meeting and this was agreed.  The Chair also acknowledged the contribution made to the Committee by the outgoing PPN representative Latifah Olagoke.

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November were noted and agreed.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. 2021 SPC Work Programme**

The work programme proposed by Chair, in conjunction with Director, and agreed with CPG, reflecting the discussion item at the previous SPC meeting in November was noted.

**4. Keep Well Campaign & Update on Health & Wellbeing**

A presentation was given by C. Ward providing an overview of selected initiatives and highlights under the themes of the current Keep Well campaign together with details of associated funding initiatives.  Following contributions and queries from Cllrs. Bailey, Holohan and Gilligan that were responded to by C. Ward and J. Hayden, the report was noted.

**5. Age Friendly Programme**

J. Hayden provided an overview on progress and initiatives under the Age Friendly County Strategy and responded to queries and contributions from Cllrs. Bailey, Casserly, Murphy, Holohan and Gilligan, and in particular it was noted that digital supports for residents in nursing homes should be expanded where possible within the age friendly budget after which the report was noted.

**6. Community Grants 2020 & 2021**

P. McAlerney provided an update on the 2020 Community Grants process and outcomes as well as the proposed initial timetable for the commencement of community grants in 2021 from Monday 5th April with a rolling application process. Cllr. Holohan noted the value of supporting the local groups in the community and Cllr Bailey enquired about the advertising of the grants and the take up of them from groups in the more disadvantaged areas of the County.  P. McAlerney responded to the queries noting that the Community Development Team are available to assist groups with completing funding applications. The report was noted and it was proposed that an analysis of funding allocations to identify any gaps in geographical spread be prepared for the Committee's information.

**7. Endeavour Awards Review**

P. McAlerney gave the Committee a short overview of various issues relating to the Endeavour Awards for consideration.  It was agreed that nominees from the Committee would establish a small working group to review the awards and make recommendations on its future to the next meeting of the SPC.

**8. Any Other Business**

a.) SPC Representative on South Dublin County Sports Partnership Committee.

The Committee noted that Cllr. Vicki Casserly had notified South Dublin County Sports Partnership of her intention to resign from its committee.  Following a proposal by Cllr. Gilligan, it was agreed that Cllr. Murphy would be the new nominee from the SPC to represent it on the South Dublin County Sports Partnership committee.

b.) Draft Residents’ Handbook

Following discussion at previous SPC meetings, an updated final draft Resident’s Handbook was circulated and it was agreed that any final comments from members should be submitted by Friday 26th Feb before final design and print goes ahead.

c.) Lucan Pool

It was noted that construction work on the new Lucan Swimming Pool has stopped as it is not designated as essential construction and the Committee will be updated further on the revised completion timetable when there is more certainty about the recommencement of construction works.

1. - Minutes of Meeting - 17th November 2020

In Attendance (via Microsoft Teams): Cllr. T. Gilligan (Chair), Cllr. E. Murphy, L. Olagoke (PPN).

Apologies: Cllr P. Holohan, Cllr. S. O’Hara, Cllr. C Bailey and Cllr. V. Casserly,

Officials present: C. Ward, Director of Services, B. Hora, Senior Executive Officer, C Purdy, Administrative Officer, J. Hayden, Administrative Officer

**H.1 Minutes of Social, Community and Equality Strategic Policy Committee held at 6pm on 22nd September 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2020 were agreed.

**H.2 Matters Arising**

No Matters arising.

**H.3 Draft Age Friendly Work Plan 2021**

J. Hayden introduced a report outlining the draft Age Friendly Work Plan 2021. C. Ward and J. Hayden responded to contributions from Cllr E. Murphy on age friendly housing proposals, the importance of coordinating and raising awareness with other Council departments; and from Cllr T. Gilligan on age friendly business schemes and supports.

The report was noted.

**H.4 Keep Well Campaign in South Dublin**

J. Hayden introduced a report outlining the themes of the Keep Well Campaign under the Government Plan for Living with Covid-19 Resilience and Recovery 2020-21 and how the Council will support this initiative. C. Ward noted the importance of communicating the plan locally and that other departments such as Arts and Libraries were supporting the initiative. Cllr T. Gilligan noted the need to encourage people to take part in outdoor activities and promote healthy eating.

The report was noted.

**H.5 Integration Strategy Work Plan 2021**

C. Purdy introduced the draft Integration Strategy Work Plan 2021 to support delivery of the Councils Integration Strategy – A More Inclusive County. C. Purdy and C. Ward responded to questions from Cllr. T. Gilligan on communication and promoting the actions in the Strategy. C Purdy advised of the role of the Migrant Forum and action to support the Forum.

The report was noted.

**H.6 Education and Sport Bursary Awards**

B. Hora introduced a report on the Education and Sport Bursary Awards highlighting the contribution the of the Council in in supporting TU Dublin Tallaght in funding the Awards and the achievements of past recipients. The Members welcomed the report, and supported the recommendation to conjunction developing a PR plan to highlight the commitment of the Council to supporting the Bursaries and the how successful the partnership with TI Dublin has been in supporting young people in continuing their education.

The report was noted.

**H.7 Review of Endeavour Awards**

B. Hora introduced a report the commencing a review of the Endeavour Awards. C. Ward added the aim is to make the Awards an event befitting the community effort and Council investment in support local communities. He recommended setting up a working group to for the review. Following contributions from Cllr. E. Murphy on the need to refresh the Awards and Cllr. T. Gilligan on promoting the event and the positive work by communities it was agreed to set up a working group.

The Report was noted.

**H.8 Community Grants**

B. Hora introduced a report on the Community Grants and a report was circulated on grants , received under the revised community grants framework and those approved to date. It was noted the online application form will close in December to allow time for assessing applications before the end of the year.

The report was noted.

**H.9 SPC Work Plan 2021**

B. Hora introduced report on the draft SPC work Plan for 2021. C. Ward noted the plan is dynamic and items can be added if agreed by the SPC. Cllr. T. Gilligan welcomed the draft work plan and the importance of having a plan to guide the work of the SPC.

The report was noted.

### **H4f/0321 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

1. **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC**

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

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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 |  |

1. Report ofMeeting – 25th February 2021

### **PRESENT**

### 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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69322)

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**

[Draft ByeLaws - Material Alterations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69325)[Report to Feb SPC on Material Alterations.docx](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Clocal_marymaguire%5C%5CINetCache%5C%5CContent.Outlook%5C%5C8BEMXHKY%5C%5CReport%20to%20Feb%20SPC%20on%20Material%20Alterations.docx)

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69437)v

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69439)

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69489)

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**

[**Green Infrastructure Strategy**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69369)

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.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 27th November 2020

### **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 | Jason Frehill |  Senior Planner |
| Cllr Paul Nicholas Gogarty | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr Shane Moynihan |  William Byrne |  Executive Planner |
|  |  Camille Bleytou | Assistant Planner |

### **H-1 (1) Item 67728 Minutes of September 24th and October 1st SPC’s**

### [Mins of September 24th & October 1st 2020 Land Use Planning and Transportation SPC Meeting Minutes](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/67874)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC 24th September, 2020 were proposed by

**Cllr. Liam Sinclair**, seconded by **Shane Moynihan** and **AGREED**

**H-1(2) Item 67729 Update on Tallaght Local Area Plan**

[**Update on Tallaght Local Area Plan**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/68150)

The report as circulated was presented by Jason Frehill, Senior Planner and Camille Bleytou, Assistant Planner.

Jason informed the members that this was a very ambitious plan with overarching objectives including:

* Delivery of a mix of new employment spaces
* Improvements to the street network including extensions to Airton and Cookstown Roads
* The existing green spaces will be enhanced and there also will be a network of public open spaces
* There will also be a new transport hub and
* Provision of cycling and pedestrian infrastructure links

The area is 360 hectares in total with 8 new neighbourhoods.

The development will consist of construction of 133 affordable rental apartments with a community facility in three blocks and the Part 8 for this was approved at the October Council meeting.

Camille Bleytou informed the meeting regarding the

1. Innovation Hub which will be a building of 6 storeys high with three floors of lettable office space over a publicly orientated ground floor

 The Part 8 process on this is ongoing and submission closing date was 12th November

2 Tallaght Stadium proposes to have a further capacity for 2500 and a covered universal seating area. Part 8 was approved with modifications at October Council meeting

3. Tallaght Public Realm projects link up 5 spaces that will create a permeable and user-friendly space at

* Chamber Square
* Belgard Square North pedestrian crossing
* School pedestrian link and
* Innovation Square

Part 8 was approved for this at October Council meeting.

4. The N81 Integrated Planning Strategies

This includes for potential solutions for an integrated approach to movement across and to the N81 for sustainable transport

5. Tallaght Village ACA

Guidance document for properties within this area of conservation

6. Tallaght District Heating

Jason informed the members that the Local Authority will be taking a lead role in the plans and that there are Planning Applications for 1,464 units. The Square SC has been granted planning permission for C10,000 square metres for a commercial, plaza and food markets.

The Council will ensure the delivery of the SDCC lead projects and this will be a benchmark for quality for the Tallaght Neighbourhood.

Jason answered questions from Cllrs. Shane Moynihan, Eoin O’Bróin. Cllr Liam Sinclair noted that a lot of hard work had been done on the plan and asked about population projections. Jason Frehill answered by stating that 3-5k homes will be delivered in the next few years and in the longer term 8-11k homes should be delivered with a further 15k jobs in the area.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 67730 Update on SDCC URDF Bid**

[URDF](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/68161)

The report as circulated was presented by William Byrne, Executive Planner

Two very ambitious projects for Clonburris/Adamstown for 23,000 people to deliver 8,700 homes over 10 years including a large number of social/affordable over 280 ha and the scale in terms of costs of the submission was €2.3bn

**The Clonburris URDF proposal: -**

* €235m Funding Application
* 25% match funding

**Timelines**

* Application submitted in June 2020
* Decision due in 2020 and possibly early 2021
* First strategic infrastructure application due to be lodged for the Southern Link Road in Q4 2020 or Q1 2021

The application would support the delivery of c. 8714 homes with c2500+ SDCC dwellings

Infrastructure includes for Roads and Utility corridors, bridges and linked streets, including Community Centres, regional and local parks with Water, foul and surface water services. William outlined the timelines involved.

The plane is broken down into two Phases.

Phase 1 - south of the railway

Phase 2 - north of the railway.

**Adamstown URDS Proposal:-**

URDF proposal includes for

* €12m funding application
* 25% match funding

Project includes for 585 homes – 2021 – 2024

Central boulevard

Civic/Library building

Town Centre Plaza

**Key Stages**

URDF Application Submission 29th May 2020

SDCC Presentation to URDF Steering Committee 30th September 2020

Government decision expected in late 2020

Jason and William answered raised by Cllrs Gogarty, Moynihan.

Mick Mulhern informed meeting that the meeting with the Department went well. We wont receive all funding requested but will keep this under review

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Item 67731 Update on Draft CE Report on Parking Bye Laws public Consultation**

[Parking Bye Laws update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/68162)

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

Ms. Maguire explained to the meeting that the new locations that had most submissions were analysed and visited by the staff in Traffic Section and recommendations made to all Area Committee Meetings in October.

**Issue 1 – Pay and Display Locations**

**Update of agreed locations for pay and display**

The following was the position broken down by ACM

**Clondalkin ACM** - Monastery Rise was included in the draft Bye Laws – the estate in its entirety to become P&D

**RTFB ACM** – The following locations were included in the Draft Bye Laws as published

1. Rosemount Car Park, Ballyroan – to be included – however not to be enforced during religions services
2. Barton Drive (at shops), Rathfarnham NOT to be included
3. Beaufort Villas, Rathfarnham – NOT to be included
4. Butterfield Crescent, Rathfarnham – NOT to be included

**Tallaght ACM** – Airton Road was included in Draft Bye Laws but the ACM members recommended NOT to include P&D

**LPNC ACM** – Kennelsfort Road Upper Public Carpark – this area was included as a P&D location in the Draft Bye Laws with a proposal for 10 commercial permits. The ACM members supported the proposal subject to a reduced number of commercial permits from 10 – 6 no.

**Issue 2 – Free Parking Permits for Carers**

**Initial proposal and revised proposal**

Previous Bye Law 25/2010 allowed 2 non resident immediate family members who act as voluntary carers for a resident whole normal dwelling place is a paid parking area

HOWEVER, the Schedule 1 Part 2 2010 (Parking Ticket Fees/Permits did not include a fee for this permit.

The intent in the Draft Bye Laws is to propose a Carer Permit to NON Resident/NON Family members, text should read NON RESIDENT NON FAMILY.

The proposed cost to the permit in the Draft Bye Laws is €40 p.a. It is recommended to change this to €20 p.a.

**Issue 3 – Free Parking Period**

**Proposal amd consultation**

(d) Draft Bye Law 7 proposes a 15-minute period after the expiry of a paid ticket to be applied

(e) a minimum payment of €0.50 must be paid for any parking in a P&D Bay

The consultation responses received were as follows:

Keep 30 minutes free parking - 133

More than 30 minutes free parking 15

In favour of draft proposal 5

No parking charges at all 1

62% of the submissions relating to the 30 minutes free parking came from the Rathfarnham area compared to 15% from Lucan area.

Mary outlined the problems associated with the free 30 minutes free parking which included:-

1. Difficulty of enforcement contractor in enforcement of it as patrons are availing of continuous free periods over several hours without paying any fee.
2. Different tariffs causing confusion as well as unhappy customers
3. Free parking on Saturday in some areas – leading to difficulty in finding parking
4. The practise of customers accessing free tickets diminishes the turnover of parking spaces both on and off street car parks run by the Council
5. Promotion of health neighbourhoods

Michael Mulhern, DOS presented statistics on the various issues relating to the importance of encouraging and enabling people to walk and cycle as a means of people travelling to shops. Evidence of travel patterns for people going to the shops by walking, cycling, public transport and car in Dublin City Centre and Bristol City was presented.

The income from parking has decreased for the Council since the introduction of the 30 minute free parking was introduced on a trial basis.

At the Clondalkin ACM it was agreed that Monastery Park/Drive which had not been included in the Draft Bye Laws would go out on Public Display. Following discussion in which Cllrs. McManus, O’Bróin and Moynihan contributed, it was agreed by the members that this area would go out on public consultation for a period of two weeks in January 2021 on this issue. A report on the overall Parking Bye Laws would then be brought to the Full Council meeting in February 2021.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (5) Item 67885 – Biodiversity Action Plan – establishment of Joint EPRCC & LUPT SPC Subcommittee**

[Biodiversity Action Plan - establishment of Joint EPRCC and LUPT SPC Subcommittee](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/67967)

This report was presented by Mick Mulhern, Director of Services

The Biodiversity Action Plan was adopted at the November Council meeting. At that meeting it was agreed to have a Sub Committee to work with the Heritage Officer, meeting quarterly in advance of the two SPC’s and make recommendations on the prioritising and delivery of actions, review the progress of the actions and report to the relevant SPC’s

Two nominees are now sought to be members of the subcommittee which will consist of at least 4 members.

Cllrs Eoin O’Bróin and Moynihan were nominated to the LUPT SPC on this Sub Committee. This was agreed by all members

The Meeting concluded at 7.00p.m.

The Reports were **NOTED.**

Councillor G. O’Connell requested an update on a Traveller Accommodation Project in Dun Laoghaire, and from the Housing SPC regarding allocations and works in Balgaddy.

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development informed the Members that reports had been presented to the relevant committees and are available on MembersNet.

### **H5/0321 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

### **H6/0321 REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

[H6 January 2021 JPC Sunmary](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69483)

Councillor E. Murphy addressed the Members as Chair of the JPC, informing of a Safety and Inclusivity Study in Clondalkin commissioned as part of the €330k Have Your Say and advocated that it be rolled out across the County.

The Report was **NOTED.**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q20 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update in relation to the proposed parks and public open spaces strategy.

**REPLY:**

Parks and Open Spaces contribute greatly to a high quality of life for those living working and visiting the county. Parks and public open spaces provide habitats for ecological processes, a focal point for active and passive recreation, they promote community interaction and help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The basic aim of the Parks and Public Open Space Strategy is to understand the supply and demand for open spaces and the provision of recreation within our parks; to identify deficiencies, to secure new provision, and to improve quality through efficient and effective management. The spatial elements of the strategy will feed into local development plans and can be of consideration in the determination of planning applications.

The Parks and Public Open Space Strategy is currently underway and is being delivered in tandem with the County Development Plan review and the Green Infrastructure Strategy, (which is a complementary strategy). The Parks and Open Space Strategy will have a separate public consultation period which will occur at the draft strategy stage later this year.

### **Q2/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update in relation to practical efforts being made and actions taken, to implement the Council's disability policy.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under all relevant legislation and policy including:

* The Disability Act 2005, particularly Part 3 - section 26 (access to facilities and services), section 27 (procurement of accessible goods and services) and section 28 (access to information and communication)
* Irish Sign Language Act 2017
* Equal Status Acts 2000 - 2015
* Employment Equality Acts 1998 - 2015
* Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, particularly Section 42 (Public Sector Human Rights and Equality Duty)
* National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017 – 2021
* National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities 2011 – 2016 (re-affirmed under ‘Rebuilding Ireland’, the Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, and extended to 2020 to deliver on its aims)

We are also committed to working with, and within, the framework of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD).

**SDCC actions to meet our responsibilities under the legislation / policy listed above include:**

* Commitment to develop SDCC Human Rights and Equality Framework detailed in SDCC Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 (Appendix One);
* Council policies and plans equality, access and plain English proofed on an ongoing basis;
* COVID-19 related actions equality, access and plain English proofed on an ongoing basis;
* Changing places accessible toilet facilities installed in [County Hall](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/our-council/about-us/customer-care/changing-places/changing-places.html) and [North Clondalkin Library](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/libraries/join-library-login/find-a-library/north-clondalkin/changing-places-facilities.html) during 2020, with a third facility currently under construction in the new Lucan Swimming Pool;
* Changing Places toilet facility included in planned expansion and upgrade of Tallaght Stadium;
* Participated in the annual Make Way Day of action (September 2020), to promote safe pedestrian access, free from obstacles such as wheelie bins, advertising boards, temporary street furniture and vehicles on pavements;
* Promoted access awareness across SDCC social media and website during National Accessibility Week 2020;
* SDCC Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 achieved National Adult Literacy Association (NALA) Plain English accreditation;
* Providing ongoing secretariat support to the South Dublin County Disability Advisory and Consultative Panel;
* South Dublin County Council is the first [JAM Card friendly](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/our-council/jam-card-friendly/jam-card-friendly.html) local authority in the State. The **JAM Card©** allows people with a communication barrier tell others they need ‘Just A Minute’ discreetly and easily;
* Ongoing implementation of the Council’s Literacy friendly Action Plan;
* Ongoing implementation of the SDCC Housing Strategic Plan for Disabled People.

### **Q3/0321 QUESTIONS: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update in relation to actions being taken to combat the problem of dog fouling in public areas and, specifically, would he consider introducing bins as per the photograph attached?

**REPLY:**

Surveys have been carried out in 4 Parks around the county to accurately ascertain the level of dog fouling in those parks.

The report indicates that dog fouling levels are relatively low in the context of the numbers visiting the parks surveyed.

However, it is proposed to install measures to deter dog fouling such as increased signage and audio devices, at specific problematic areas.

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

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

SDCC have continued to raise awareness of the issue of Dog fouling and has mounted a number of campaigns on radio, newspapers and on social media in that regard.

The Green Dog Walkers Programme is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change people's attitudes about dog fouling.  It is a community based scheme where volunteers in the community can adopt and promote in their own area.  Members of the public can apply through Social Credits at [www.socialcredits.ie](http://www.socialcredits.ie/)

Volunteers who become Green Dog Walkers are provided with an armband and bone shaped bag dispenser and commit to the following -

* wear the armband or put the Green Dog Walker collar on their dog when out walking
* clean up after their dog
* carry extra dog waste bags
* be happy to be approached to lend a dog waste bag to those without
* be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs

A review of litter bins was carried out and previously reported to the Area Committee Meetings.

This review concluded that the provision of dog litter specific bins would require a major change to the existing collection operation, as well as an increased budgetary provision.

It is not Council policy to provide separate bins for separate types of waste and no change is proposed in that regard.

Every bin provided by the Council, of which there are in excess of 650, whether on street or in a public park is available for the disposal of light litter including dog waste and is considered the best approach.

### **Q4/0321 QUESTIONS: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out, in tabular form by area, the number of applications for DPG works made in 2019 and 2020, the number of which were successful, and the average time between date of application to date of completion of works, in respect of the successful applications.

**REPLY:**

The Council approved a total of 357 Housing Adaptation Grants in 2019 and a further 389 grants in 2020.  All grant applications received were successful and approvals for each grant are valid for 6 months (with provision for time extensions in exceptional circumstances) and the responsibility for completion of works rests with the applicant and works are generally completed within this period.

As part of preparations for the introduction of the integrated housing system, reporting of new grant applications by local electoral area commenced from November 2020 with details as follows for November and December 2020 and are set out in the table below:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Local Electoral Area (LEA) | Applications received Nov 2020 | Applications received  Dec 2020 |
| Clondalkin | 8 | 7 |
| Firhouse-Bohernabreena | 0 | 3 |
| Lucan | 6 | 6 |
| Palmerstown-Fonthill | 2 | 1 |
| Rathfarnham-Templeogue | 13 | 9 |
| Tallaght Central | 10 | 11 |
| Tallaght South | 1 | 2 |
| **Totals** | **40** | **39** |

### **Q5/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Patrick Pearse Holohan**

To ask if South Dublin County Council has a full breakdown of the total number of funds allocated to the DHRE and if it is aware what these funds were used for within the DHRE

**REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is the lead statutory authority with responsibility for co-ordinating responses to homelessness in the four Dublin Local Authorities. It operates a shared service arrangement which provides support to the regional management of homeless services in the four Dublin Local Authorities through the  Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE).

Provision of €2.5 million was made in the Council’s 2021 Annual Revenue Budget in respect of a contribution to Dublin City Council for the costs of operating the shared Dublin Regional Homeless Executive service and associated costs for the provision of homeless accommodation/services.  This is South Dublin County Council’s contribution to the overall cost of provision of homeless services, and includes the funding of voluntary and private service provision in addition to delivering core homeless services to people in the region including:

* Operation of emergency accommodation
* Delivery of the Homeless Housing Assistance Payment for those households in emergency accommodation or at risk of homelessness
* Operation of the Housing First Programme
* Monitoring of standards in emergency accommodation

### **Q6/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Patrick Pearse Holohan**

To ask the Chief Executive for a full breakdown of social housing units delivered from 2019 to date in the South Dublin County Council LEA's of: • Tallaght • Clondalkin • Lucan • Citywest • Firhouse-Bohernabreena • Rathfarnham-Templeogue • Palmerstown-Fonthill

**REPLY:**

A breakdown of newly built social housing delivered through Local Authority Build, Approved Housing Body Build and Part V across the Local Electoral Areas in the County during 2019 and 2020 is shown in the following table:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Local Electoral Area** | **LA Build 2019** | **AHB Build 2019** | **Part V 2019** | **Total Build 2019** | **LA Build 2020** | **AHB Build 2020** | **Part V 2020** | **Total Build 2020** | **Overall Totals** |
| Clondalkin | 63 | 23 | 24 | **110** | 109 | 148 | 24 | **281** | **391** |
| Lucan | 34 | 0 | 56 | **90** | 0 | 0 | 35 | **35** | **125** |
| Tallaght Central | 0 | 12 | 1 | **13** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **13** |
| Tallaght South | 9 | 103 | 31 | **143** | 0 | 1 | 46 | **47** | **190** |
| Rathfarnham- Templeogue | 40 | 0 | 15 | **55** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **55** |
| Palmerstown- Fonthill | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 7 | 0 | **7** | **7** |
| Firhouse- Bohernabreena | 0 | 9 | 8 | **17** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **17** |
| **Total Build** | **146** | **147** | **135** | **428** | **109** | **156** | **105** | **370** | **798** |

The above figures were supplemented by 126 acquisitions (i.e. purchases of second hand properties of which there were 93 and 33 in 2019 and 2020 respectively) and 172 long-term leases (49 and 123 in 2019 and 2020 respectively) while an allowance of voids (21 and 10 respectively for 2019 and 2020) were also included in the final end of year housing supply figures for the County approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.  This resulted in overall additional social housing supply of 591 new homes in 2019 and a further 536 new social homes for 2020.

The final housing delivery outturns for 2019 and 2020 were reported to the Housing SPC and are available to view at these links for [2019](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/65925) and [2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69191) respectively.

Reporting from 2021 now provides for a full breakdown of all housing delivery (LA Build, AHB Build, Part V, Acquisitions & Leasing) across Local Electoral Areas and delivery to date in 2021 is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Local Electoral Area** | **LA Build** | **AHB Build** | **Part V** | **LA Acquisition** | **AHB Acquisition** |  **Leasing** | **Total** |
| Clondalkin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | **6** |
| Lucan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | **3** |
| Tallaght Central | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | **2** |
| Tallaght South | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | **7** |
| Rathfarnham- Templeogue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Palmerstown- Fonthill | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | **1** |
| Firhouse- Bohernabreena | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | **1** |
| **Grand Total** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **18** | **20** |

### **Q7/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to produce a report on housing allocations in 2020 in a tabular format including a breakdown of Nth/Sth of Naas Rd, number of beds and type of housing (ie new direct build, existing council property, AHB, Part V or leasing)?

**REPLY:**

The table below gives the breakdown of the 498 new tenancies created in 2020 categorised by the supply type, bedroom size and area (North or South of the Naas Road):

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2020 Allocations** | **SDCC Re-Let** | **AHB Re-let** | **Acquired SDCC** | **Acquired AHB** | **Part V SDCC** | **Part V AHB** | **New Lease** | **New Build SDCC** | **New Build AHB** | **Totals** |
| 1 Bed | 8 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 2 Bed | 24 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 60 |
| 3 Bed | 14 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 25 | 12 | 23 | 85 | 182 |
| 4 Bed | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| **North** | **47** | **6** | **5** | **13** | **20** | **31** | **16** | **32** | **96** | **266** |
| 1 Bed | 13 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 59 |
| 2 Bed | 27 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 77 |
| 3 Bed | 28 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 39 | 92 |
| 4 Bed | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| **South** | **69** | **22** | **1** | **17** | **14** | **24** | **11** | **0** | **74** | **232** |
| **Totals** | **116** | **28** | **6** | **30** | **34** | **55** | **27** | **32** | **170** | **498** |

A comprehensive report was presented to the Housing SPC on the 11th February, which gave detailed figures for the Housing List, Allocations, Homeless presentations and exits for 2020. The full report can be found [here](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69215)

### **Q8/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the average time on list for new allocations in 2020 broken down by number of beds and Nth/Sth of Naas Rd?

**REPLY:**

The table below shows the average time on the list in years in respect of all 498 applicants from the housing list that were allocated accommodation in 2020, broken down by home size and area of allocation (either North of the Naas Road (NNR) or South of the Naas Road (SNR)):

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2020 Allocations** | **All** | **NNR** | **SNR** |
| 1 Bed | 7.9 | 6.11 | 8.3 |
| 2 Bed | 8.9 | 8.86 | 9 |
| 3 Bed | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 |
| 4 Bed | 10.6 | 11.4 | 8.46 |
| **Overall** | **8.9** | **9** | **8.9** |

Choice Based Letting (CBL) has been the Council’s primary method of housing allocation since October 2011.  CBL allows applicants to remain on the housing list until they secure an allocation in a property in an area that they are interested in and therefore average waiting times as shown above do not necessarily reflect the time on the housing list of all applicants.

### **Q9/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

This council welcomes that over 50 playspaces have been installed as part of the SDCC Playspaces Programme. Can you list by each of the seven electoral areas, the numbers of playspaces that have been installed in each?

**REPLY:**

The Playspace Programme in South Dublin County commenced in 2014. The provision of playgrounds in the recent past concentrated on large, formally equipped and defined playgrounds with highly specialised equipment. The playspace programme aims to provide opportunities to play. This type of play allows children to develop their imagination, challenge their abilities, deal with risk and, critically, adapt their own environment.

The Play Space programme was established following the identification of a deficit of play areas for children in this county. This was documented in the policy document ‘Developing play in South Dublin County’ adopted by the Council in June 2006. However the development of play areas / playgrounds did not result in the immediate aftermath, due to the economic downturn and lack of development generally.

In recent years there has been an emphasis on the physical and mental well-being of children. Over the past 20 years there has been a significant rise in levels of obesity, childhood diabetes, high levels of stress and increasing sedentary lifestyles. A report the National Taskforce on Obesity estimates that 300,000 children in Ireland are now obese.

Due to a variety of factors children are less likely to wander far from their own homes. A study in the UK documented the distance children travelled from home for play; the results showed that the distance children roam from home on their own has shrunk by 90% since the 70s; 43% of adults think a child shouldn't play outdoors unsupervised until the age of 14. So children are increasingly confined to the immediate environs of their homes.

**Delivery of Playspace Programme 2014-to date.**

The Play Space Programme is in the final stages of completion. The programme has been very successful to date and has progressed through the significant active involvement from elected members and local communities, and direct engagement with children; this Council is recognised favourably for creating new play opportunities close to where children live. A new type of play space delivery has been achieved – using the concepts of Natural Play and where children can create their own play opportunities.

The delivery of the playspace programme was primarily focused on the creation of new natural playspaces. During the programme the Council also incorporated the refurbishment, retro-fitting and upgrade of pre-existing playgrounds, acknowledging that the benefits accruing from the development of natural playspaces could be extended to popular and well used existing playgrounds. This work continues where possible.

The following is the list of playgrounds and playspaces in the county; with imminently planned playspaces listed at the end.

**PLAYSPACES**

**Lucan**

Griffeen Avenue

Hermitage Park

Sarsfield Park

Lucan Demesne

Willsbrook Park

**Palmerstown / Fonthill**

Waterstown Park

Collinstown Park

**Clondalkin**

Knockmitten

Rathcoole Park

**Tallaght Central**

Avonbeg

Bancroft Park

Killinarden

Aylesbury

Kingswood

Kilnamanagh Tree Park Road

Kilnamanagh Parkhill

Ballymount Park

**Tallaght South**

Brookview

**Firhouse / Bohernabreena**

Firhouse

Ballycragh Park

Whitechurch

**Rathfarnham/Templeogue**

Beechfield Park

Glendoher

Tymon Limekiln

Glendown

Perrystown

Greenhills

**REFURBISHMENT / EXTENSION OF EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS**

**Tallaght Central**

Sean Walsh Park Playground

**Palmerstown / Fonthill**

Quarryvale Park

**Rathfarnham/Templeogue**

Tymon Park Playground Willington Entrance

**REFURBISHMENT OF REGIONAL PLAYGROUNDS:**

**Tallaght Central**

Tymon Regional Park

**Lucan**

Griffeen Valley Regional Park

**Clondalkin**

Corkagh Regional Park

**EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS BUILT PRIOR TO PLAYSPACE PROGRAMME**

**Rathfarnham/Templeogue**

Tymon Park Woodland Playground

Rathfarnham Park Playground

Rathfarnham Park Woodland Playground

**Tallaght South**

Kiltalown Park Playground, Tallaght

Jobstown Community Centre Playground,

Brookfield Community Centre Playground

Fettercairn Community Centre Playground

Carrigmore Park

**Lucan**

Adamstown Playground

**Clondalkin**

Camac Valley Caravan Park Playground

Clondalkin Leisure Centre Playground

**Palmerstown / Fonthill**

Balgaddy Junior & Senior Playground

**PLAYSPACES FACILITATED DURING THE PROGRAMME BUT NOT CURRENTLY OWNED/ MANAGED BY PUBLIC REALM:**

**Clondalkin**

Newcastle Cairn Homes Site Newcastle Boulevard

**COMMUNITY CENTRE BASED:**

**Firhouse Bohernabreena**

Whitechurch Community Centre Garden Playspace

**PLAYSPACE CONSTRUCTION IMMINENT (COVID LOCKDOWN DELAY)**

**Tallaght Central**

Old Bawn Part 8 Playspace A

**Firhouse Bohernabreena**

Mt Carmel Part 8 Playspace B

Cherryfield Part 8 Playspace C

### **Q10/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive how many inspections of residential properties for suspected violation of the Air Pollution Act (1987) were carried out in both 2019 and 2020?

**REPLY:**

We received the following number of domestic property air pollution complaints in 2019 and 2020 and carried out for following number of visits and letters in relation to these complaints.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | Number of Complaints | Number of Visits | Number of Letters |
|   |   |   |   |
| 2019 | 56 | 54 | 29 |
| 2020 | 46 | 19 | 48 |

### **Q11/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of voters on the new Voting Register and will he give details in respect of each electoral area

**REPLY:**

The Live Register for 2021/22 was published on 01/02/2021 and came into force on the 15/02/2021.

There are currently 195,291 Electors on the 2021/22 Register of Electors, broken down into each Electoral Area as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Local Electoral Area** | **No. of Electors Registered** |
| Clondalkin | 29,668 |
| Firhouse - Bohernabreena | 26,086 |
| Lucan | 22,095 |
| Palmerstown - Fonthill | 25,149 |
| Rathfarnham- Templeogue | 40,525 |
| Tallaght- Central | 29,230 |
| Tallaght - South | 22,538 |
| **Total:** | **195,291** |

### **Q12/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of homeless cases presented so far this year; the actions taken in the matter and will he also state what additional measures are in place to deal with the added challenges of those who are homeless and will he make a statement

**REPLY:**

As of 1st February 2021, there were 6,714 applicants on the Council’s social housing list of which 496 were in homeless services.  Currently, due to Covid-related restrictions, presentations in person to the homeless clinic are strictly by appointment and only where absolutely necessary with all other advice and supports being provided over the phone.  20 new households contacted the Homeless unit during January 2021 advising that they were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.  These and other families in homeless services continue to be supported in seeking Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) tenancies including through the enhanced HAP support.  In addition, the provision of emergency accommodation and other supports are ongoing through the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive.

A comprehensive report was presented to the Housing SPC on the 11th February, which gave detailed figures for the Housing List, Allocations, Homeless presentations and exits for 2020. The full report can be found [here](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69215)

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

In addition, proposals for significant housing delivery on large Council owned sites at Kilcarbery,  Killinarden, Belgard Square North, Clonburris and Rathcoole are progressing and will form a major part of future housing supply in the County.  Additional opportunities for further housing delivery continue to be explored where possible through existing landbank, possible land acquisition, turnkey house purchase etc.

The Council's target from DHLGH for new housing supply in 2021 is 598 homes across build, acquisitions and leasing but our ability to meet these targets will be impacted considerably due to the current Covid-related restrictions on all non-essential construction with only work on social housing projects with imminent completion dates in early 2021 allowed to continue.  The Council has a target of 700 allocations in 2021 which will include new builds and casual relets and a significant percentage of these allocations will be provided to homeless households.

### **Q13/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the ongoing plans to improve Cycling and Walking infrastructure throughout our County and will he make a statement

**REPLY:**

 The draft Cycle South Dublin: A Programme for Work, was presented for public consultation on Tuesday 17th November 2020 until 18th December 2020. The draft programme identifies four cycle priorities;

1. Existing - on going upgrades to the existing network
2. Now - projects to be delivered over the next four years
3. Soon - projects between years four to eight, and
4. Later - projects between years eight to ten.

The NTA are fully supportive of the draft Cycle South Dublin: A programme for Work, and have allocated over €20 million for cycling and walking schemes in South Dublin County Council.

The Chief Executive is preparing a report on the consultation and will bring the report and any proposed changes to the draft Cycle South Dublin: A Programme for Work, to the Council Meeting in April 2021.

### **Q14/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has completed repairs to our open spaces damaged during last years bonfire season and will he confirm the final total cost of the whole operation and will he make a statement

**REPLY:**

The details relating to Halloween bonfires in 2020 are as set out below.  The figure of €150,000 given for the total cost associated with these is still an estimated figure, as final reinstatement of sites which require this treatment cannot be carried out until weather and ground conditions improve.   It is expected that such reinstatement work will be carried out in March and April.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|   | 2020 |
| Waste removed prior to Halloween (tonnes) | 237 |
| Waste removed after Halloween | 355 |
| Total waste removed | 592 |
| Cost | €150,000 |
| Number of bonfires | 283 |

### **Q15/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has given consideration to the criticism directed at the Council in respect of the granting of section 254 applications; will he present a full report detailing changes he has made and proposes in respect of section 254 applications and will he give assurances regarding notice and proper public consultations and will he make a statement

**REPLY:**

Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) was amended by the Communications Regulation Act, 2002. The amended Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 enables a licence application for overground electronic communications infrastructure and any associated physical infrastructure to be lodged as licenses along public roads.

 Section 254(7) states that ‘Development carried out in accordance with a licence under this section shall be exempted development for the purposes of this Act.’

The Chief Executive acknowledges the concerns that have been raised in relation to Section 254 Licence decisions. At the outset, it is important to outline that there is an appeal process available under Section 254 for any person to appeal a decision of the Planning Authority.

It is noteworthy that this appeal process is not time limited in the legislation.

(6) ( *a*) Any person may, in relation to the granting, refusing, withdrawing or continuing of a licence under this section or to the conditions specified by the planning authority for such a licence, appeal to the Board.

Notwithstanding the appeal option, the Planning Department has sought to improve the S254 process through the following actions:

* Preparation of a S254 application form to be made available on the SDCC website;
* S254 licences for telecommunication structures are now mapped on the Planning register;
* S254 licences determined and received by Planning Authority are included on the Weekly list published on the Council website;
* S254 licence applications for telecommunications structures are scanned and available on website;
* A new S254 information section on the Planning Page of the SDCC website;
* Continued referral of S254 licence applications to relevant internal sections for reports

The question queries the public consultation process for the Section 254 Licenses, and Section 254 legislation / regulation does not provide for public consultation and the legislation does not list submissions as a relevant consideration. As such, the Planning Authority has no legal basis in this statutory decision making process to take account of submissions.

It is noted that a granted Section 254 Licence deems a proposal exempt from planning permission under Section 254(7).  The approach of the Planning Authority in relation to public consultation on a S254 Licence is therefore similar to that of a Section 5 Declaration of Exempted Development application.

The Planning Authority has permitted 12 licenses under Section 254 for telecommunication equipment. 2 applications were refused, 1 application was withdrawn and there is 1 decision pending. Some of these decisions to grant are under appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

The list below provides the reference number, date received, address, decision and decision date for the each of the relevant applications

* S25419/01 14/03/2019 Oldcourt Road, Ballycullen, Dublin 24 GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 15/07/2019
* S25419/02 21/05/2019 St Peters Road, Greenhills, Dublin 12 REFUSE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 20/09/2019
* S25419/03 06/08/2019 Orwell Road, Templeogue, Co. Dublin GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 24/09/2020
* S25419/04 06/08/2019 Knocklyon Road, Co. Dublin GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 24/09/2020
* S25419/05 06/08/2019 Grifeen Avenue, R136 Junction, Lucan, Co. Dublin GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 14/09/2020
* S25419/06 06/08/2019 Sylvan Drive, Kingswood, Co. Dublin GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 24/09/2020
* S25419/07 10/09/2019 Bawnogue Shopping Centre, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 24/09/2020
* S25419/08 30/09/2019 Tymon North, Dublin 24 GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 24/09/2020
* S25419/09 02/10/2019 Junction of Templeogue Road & Cypress Grove Road, Templeogue, Dublin 6W GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 24/09/2020
* S25419/10 31/10/2019 Deansrath, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 24/09/2020
* S25420/01 06/01/2020 Neilstown Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 19/10/2020
* S25420/02 01/04/2020 Cheeverstown, Fettercairn, Dublin 24 GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 23/09/2020
* S25420/03 08/04/2020 Ballyowen Road, Co. Dublin GRANT LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 23/09/2020
* S25420/04 03/07/2020 Spiddal Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION 05/08/2020
* S25420/05 11/08/2020 Westbourne Lodge, Ballyboden, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 REFUSE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 254 04/01/2021
* S25420/06 23/11/2020 Ballycullen Avenue, Firhouse Pending Decision 04/04/2021

### **Q16/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into housing needs in SDCC that outlines how many are on each list? and a breakdown of preferred area ?

**REPLY:**

As of 1st February 2021, there were 6,714 applicants on the Council’s social housing list.  The table below shows the respective areas of first preference (either North of Naas Road or South of Naas Road) for these applicants:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Housing List** | **North Naas Road** | **South Naas Road** | **Totals** |
| **1-bed** |  1,649 |  1,584 | 3,233 |
| **2-bed** |  1,347 |  954 | 2,301  |
| **3-bed** |  620 |  437 | 1,057 |
| **4 -bed** |  79 |  44 | 123  |
| **Totals** |  3,695  |   3,019 | 6,714  |

A comprehensive report was presented to the Housing SPC on the 11th February provided the latest detailed figures for the housing list, allocations, homeless presentations and exits.  The full report can be found [here](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69215).

### **Q17/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update report into the Rebuilding Ireland Scheme, to include how many applied and where granted the scheme, how many waiting for funds? how much funds allocated for 2019? 2020? 2021?

**REPLY:**

Since January 2019, 400 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan applications have been received and assessed to date as included in the table below:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **Total** |
| Applications received | 243 | 136 | 21 | 400 |
| Applications approved | 63 | 69 | 2 | 134 |

32 applications are currently on hand and due for assessment by the underwriters and/or the Council's Credit Committee.

The South Dublin allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans in 2019 was included in the initial allocation of €28,066,378 to the Council upon commencement of the scheme in 2018.  This funding subsequently covered both 2018 and 2019.  The initial 2020 allocation was €10,192,572 (subsequently increased by 2,408,700 in December 2020 to €12,601,272) and the recently notified 2021 allocation is €16,990,000.

### **Q18/0321 QUESTIONS: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into scramblers and quads and what can SDCC do to deal with this issue? To also ask if the Chief Executive is aware of any planned changes in legislation to deal with scramblers and quads?

**REPLY:**

On the 16th February 2021, it was announced that the Minister for Transport will be introducing proposals to amend the forthcoming Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Bill, aimed at tackling the antisocial use of scrambler bikes and other off road machines, such as Quads,in spaces such as Public Parks.

The legislation will introduce three specific measures:

• Use of a MVP will be prohibited on public or private land, except in cases where there is permission from the landowner. This proposed new offence will cover places such as parks, green areas, waste ground, beaches and others, while the use of vehicles on private lands (such as farms) will not be affected.

• An Garda Síochána will be given powers to detain a vehicle used in a location where permission from the landowner has not been received.

• An Garda Síochána will also be enabled, on foot of a warrant, to enter a private premises and remove a vehicle suspected of having been used contrary to the new offence.

### **Q19/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into if the Rainbow charter (Motion Item ID: 66057) was considered in the context of the Council's Equality and Human Rights Framework which was to be developed last year to meet our council responsibilities under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) Act 2014. ? Also was the Council's Equality and Human Rights Framework done? and if so can a copy of same be circulated to elected members via email ?

**REPLY:**

The Council’s Equality and Human Rights Framework is set out in the 2020 - 2024 Corporate Plan which was approved by Council at its meeting of December 2019. The Corporate Plan is available on the Council's website. The Framework recognises the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity, and protect the human rights of service users and staff.
It presents an assessment of human rights and equality issues to be considered in carrying out the Council’s functions and services, and states how these issues are being or will be addressed.

Within the Clondalkin Rainbow Charter there are five suggested areas for actions. These are:

1. We recognise the importance of visually sending a message that we are an LGBT+ friendly and aware place;
2. We proof our organisation, its policies and procedures to ensure the consideration and inclusion of the LGBT+ community in all aspects of our work;
3. We ensure that staff and volunteers are aware of including and welcoming members of the LGBT+ community in all our work;
4. We ensure that we have relevant information available for and about members of the LGBT+ community, our families and friends;
5. We raise awareness of the LGBT+ community among the people we work with.

South Dublin County Council has demonstrated a strong commitment to LGBTQ+ equality and the LGBTQ+ community through a variety of actions. Provided below is a sample of the actions that we are taking that meet the Rainbow Charter suggested areas for action:

* The Pride Flag is flown over County Hall and Civic Offices Clondalkin in recognition of Pride Week each June. SDCC participated in the first Dublin Digital Pride in June 2020. The council will participate again in 2021.
* In recognition of International Transgender Day of Visibility, SDCC will fly the Transgender Pride Flag for one month starting 31 March. The flag will also be flown on 20 November for International Transgender Day of Remembrance.
* SDCC LGBTQ+ Staff Network will, in partnership with Dublin City Council’s LGBT+ Staff Network, be hosting a webinar titled ‘Trans PRIDE at Work’ on Wednesday, 31 March 2021. The Networks hosted a related webinar titled ‘Out at Work’ in September 2020.
* Council policies, plans and staff forms are equality proofed on an ongoing basis.
The South Dublin County Council LGBTQ+ Staff Network, was founded in October 2017 by members of staff of South Dublin County Council. Anyone who identifies on the LGBTQ+ spectrum who is directly employed by the Council is eligible to join. Membership is also open to retired and former employees. The Network provides a staff LGBTQ+ information page through the Council’s Intranet. The Council’s Equality Officer supports the Executive of the Network.
* Through the Social Inclusion Unit, the council is supporting the establishment of a South Dublin County LGBT+ Network. The Equality Officer and the current chair of the LGBTQ+ Staff Network are participating in this process.

The Clondalkin Rainbow Charter will be considered in the context of the Council’s Equality and Human Rights Framework, as set out in the 2019 - 2024 Corporate Plan, which is ongoing work to ensure we meet our responsibilities under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) Act 2014.

### **Q20/0321 QUESTIONS:** **Councillor Joanna Tuffy**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the amount of money spent in responding to illegal dumping in 2020, in particular for the removal of illegal dumping in South Dublin County broken down by electoral area, and what is the estimated expenditure on removal of illegal dumping for 2021 and if he will make a statement on the matter

**REPLY:**

The total expenditure in 2020 on the Public Realm Section's response to illegal dumping is €2.9m across the entire county.  The total tonnage of waste collected in 2020 from illegal dumping blackspots, estate open spaces, laneways and other areas affected by illegal dumping was 6,760 tonnes and this represents a substantial increase on the 2019 figure of 6,026 tonnes. It should be noted that both the tonnage and cost figures given here include the tonnage and cost in relation to the Council's response to Halloween bonfires.  The budget provision for illegal dumping in 2021 is €3.08m.

It is not possible to give this information broken down by electoral area.  Council clean up crews and other resources are not assigned to electoral areas, they cross the electoral boundaries regularly in carrying out their work and remove waste from multiple locations spread across the electoral areas on a daily basis.  It is not possible to determine either the quantity of waste collected by electoral area and the cost of it's disposal as the materials are mixed together with other wastes in the collection truck prior to going to the waste transfer station.

### **H7/0321 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS - FOR APPROVAL**

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

### **H8/0321 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

### **H9/0321 MANAGERS REPORT** - **FOR NOTING**

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

[HI 9 a) Chief Executive Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69494)
[HI 9 b) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69378)
[HI 9 c) Finance Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69435)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. McMahon, G. O’Connell, J. Tuffy, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. Ó Broin, C. King, L. Dunne, and K. Mahon, raising queries in relation to online library services, LED programme stats, PEL, the Rates waiver scheme, rent arrears, Approved Housing Bodies, social housing construction, housing voids and maintenance, essential building works, and Tidy Towns.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive responded to the Members queries by providing updates on each of the issues raised.

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H10/0321 RAISING OF LOANS FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED HOUSING - FOR APPROVAL**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. R. FitzGerald, Head of Finance and was **CONSIDERED:**

**REPLY:**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has provided a Capital Allocation for Publicly Funded Housing Loans in the sum of €16,990,000.

The County Council is empowered to borrow from the Housing Finance Agency for the purpose of carrying out its functions under the Housing Acts.

Approval is now sought for authority to raise loans to a limit of €16,990,000 from the Housing Finance Agency plc for New Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans.

[H10 (b) SDCC 2021 Allocation Letter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69421)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. Bailey, G. O’Connell, M. Johansson, and E Ó Broin, including clarification sought on the New Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan, timeframes involved, support for housing agencies, sufficient funding to accommodate requests and information on annual new purchase in relation to renovations.

Mr. R. FitzGerald, Head of Finance, and Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development, responded to the Members queries, informing of the annual allocation, drawdown of loans and timeframes, and applications received.

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

**“**That approval is given for South Dublin County Council to raise loans to a limit of €16,990,000 from the Housing Finance Agency plc for New Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans.”

### **H11/0321 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR APPROVED HOUSING BODIES IN 2021 UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6, HOUSING MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992 - FOR APPROVAL**

### 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:**

**REPLY:**

The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) to provide accommodation through construction or acquisition to meet specific categories of housing need, particularly in situations where tenancy supports and low to medium care is required. In many cases, AHBs provide a housing model and a range of on-site supports not normally associated with more mainstream local authority social housing schemes. The eligible categories or persons covered under CAS are:

* Elderly persons
* Homeless persons (including "care leavers" exiting State care on reaching the age of 18).
* People with a disability, with a particular emphasis on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting into community-based living.

Under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 it is a reserved function of the Council to approve such assistance and any associated terms and conditions under which that assistance is provided. If approved, funding is then provided by way of a grant to AHBs and is not repayable provided that the accommodation continues to be let to eligible categories of persons and is properly maintained.

At the January 2020 Council Meeting, CAS funding of €10 million was approved by the Council and that funding is now committed for funding of a specific construction project and the acquisition of various properties to meet the housing needs of applicants within the specific categories covered under CAS.

With a range of additional potential CAS applications identified by AHBs in the County, to ensure preparedness for further such applications in accordance with the provision made in the Council's Three Year Capital Programme 2021-2023, and for the Council to be responsive to such CAS applications to meet the housing needs of such priority categories of applicants, an additional approval in the sum of €10 million is now proposed.

All properties acquired, constructed, and funded through CAS will continue to be reported to each Area Committee as part of the quarterly housing delivery update.

Accordingly, the following Motion is proposed:

"That this Council hereby approves assistance by way of grants up to the total sum of €10 million to various Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme for the acquisition and/or construction of appropriate housing units in South Dublin County in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992.”

Councillor C. Bailey queried the criteria of eligibility for the CAS scheme.

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

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

"That this Council hereby approves assistance by way of grants up to the total sum of €10 million to various Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme for the acquisition and/or construction of appropriate housing units in South Dublin County in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992.”

### **H12/0321 ROAD AND FOOTPATH PROGRAMMES 2021 – FOR APPROVAL**

### 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:**

[H12 RWP 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69579)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. Moynihan, D. Ó Brádaigh, C. King, C. Bailey, D. O’Donovan, L. O’Toole, E Ó Broin, D. McManus, K. Mahon, and M. Duff. Councillors spoke in favour for the report and commended the Director and staff for their hard work. Queries were raised in relation to inclusion of further areas and timeframe for works on the programme.

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation, and Mr. T. O’Grady, Senior Engineer, responded to the Members queries informing that Work Programmes are prepared for proactive works following an annual assessment, essential maintenance is carried out separate to the programme, as the need arises, works will commence in accordance with Covid19 restrictions.

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

“That the Road and Footpath Programme for 2021 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

### **H13/0321 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOR REMEDIAL WORKS AT 5 NO. FOOTBRIDGES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL - FOR APPROVAL**

### 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:**

**REPORT:**

Transport Infrastructure Ireland’s (TII) Regional Bridge Manager for Leinster who is employed by Kildare County Council and is based in the Kildare National Roads Office in Kildare County Council has identified the need to carry rehabilitation works at the following structures within the South Dublin County Council administrative area:

1. SD-M50-023.90 Scholarstown Pedestrian Footbridge
2. SD-N81-005.00 St. Dominic’s Road Footbridge
3. SD-M50-014.00 Tymon Park Footbridge
4. SD-N07-002.00 Tay Lane Footbridge
5. SD-N04-008.00 St. Loman’s Footbridge

It is proposed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland that the afore-mentioned works be undertaken by Kildare County Council for the following reasons:-

The TII Regional Bridge Manager who is an employee of Kildare County Council, will be Project Manager for this scheme therefore Kildare County Council would be best placed to administer the contract.

The TII Regional Bridge Management Section, located in Kildare County Council, have vast experience in project managing and administering bridge rehabilitation and improvement contracts on National Roads therefore Kildare County Council would be the most experienced Authority, in terms of in-house resources, to undertake these works.

Considerable cost savings would be made if all works were carried out under a single works contract i.e. economies of scale.

Considerable cost saving would be made in design and procurement as only one Tendering process would be required as opposed to four for a contract let by the four individual Local Authorities

There would be considerable time savings as a consequence of only having to go through a single tendering processes for the footbridge works and only having to assess a single contractor for the role of Project Supervisor Construction Stage.

[Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2001/act/37/section/85/enacted/en/html) allows for an agreement to be put in place regarding the carrying out of functions by one local authority on behalf of another.

 As the making of an agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 is a reserved function, it will be necessary for the following motion to be passed by this Council.

 “***That South Dublin County Council enters into an agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 with Kildare County Council for the provision of rehabilitation works at 5 bridges within the South Dublin County Council administrative area at the locations referred to in the foregoing report.***

[H13 (b) Section 85 Agreement](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69343)

A discussion followed with Councillors M. Duff, C. Bailey and A. Hayes with queries raised in relation to the nature of works to be carried out, Members input to the programme, and the proposed Silver Bridge.

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation and Mr. T. O’Grady Senior Engineer responded to the Members queries.

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

 “That South Dublin County Council enters into an agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 with Kildare County Council for the provision of rehabilitation works at 5 bridges within the South Dublin County Council administrative area at the locations referred to in the foregoing report.”

### **H14/0321 NTA FUNDING FOR 2021 TO SUPPORT CYCLE SOUTH DUBLIN.**

### 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:**

**REPLY:**

Following Council consideration of the proposed 'Cycle South Dublin - Draft programme of work' in November 2020, a 4-week public consultation was held. This consultation ran from 17 November to 18 December 2020. A total of 457 responses were received and the team are currently reviewing these responses. The intention is to bring a final Cycle South Dublin programme to Council for agreement shortly.

In January 2021, the Government committed 1.8 billion of funding towards active travel measures across the Country to be spent over the next 5 years. Subsequently, the NTA have now committed to fund the majority of the projects identified in the Cycle South Dublin programme, where they accord with their objectives of promoting walking and cycling, where they accord with their design standards and where they can be delivered over the next 5 years. This funding commitment is now being considered and will inform the updated Cycle South Dublin programme.

As part of this funding commitment the NTA have allocated 20.7m of funding to the Council for 2021. This funding will be used to support the design and delivery of a numbers of projects included in the Cycle South Dublin programme. If the Council is successful in progressing the identified works in 2021 there will be scope to secure further increased funding in future years.

Attached is the full funding breakdown for 2021.

[H14 (b) NTA 2021 funding allocation to support Cycle South Dublin](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69510)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. O’Toole, E. Murphy, C. Bailey, and L. Dunne, who welcomed the report and raised queries in relation to a meeting of the Dodder Greenway Committee, promotion of cycle tracks, cycle parking, and fencing to protect cycle tracks in Jobstown and the Whitestown stream.

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation responded to the Members queries and to convening a meeting of the Doddery Greenway Committee.

The Report was **NOTED.**

### **H15/0321 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE TALLAGHT DRUG & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR C. KING - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

A vacancy exists on the Tallaght Drug & Alcohol Task Force following Councillor C. King's resignation and it is a matter for the Council to nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy.

This is now before the Council for consideration.

[H15 (b) Cllr King's resignation from Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Task Force](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69568)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, M. Duff and C. O’Connor. Councillors C. King’s work with the task force was recognised and appreciated.

It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor A. Edge, and **AGREED** that Councillor E. Murphy be appointed to the **Tallaght Drugs & Alcohol Task Force** to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the resignation of Councillor C. King on the 3rd February 2021.

### **H16/0321 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE CLONDALKIN DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR D. Ó BRÁDAIGH - FOR APPROVAL**

**REPLY:**

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

A vacancy exists on the Clondalkin Drug & Alcohol Task Force following Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh's resignation and it is a matter for the Council to nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy.

This is now before the Council for consideration.

[H16 (b) Cllr Ã' BrÃ¡daigh resignation from Clondalkin Drugs and Alcohol Task Force](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69551)

It was proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne, and **AGREED** that Councillor W. Carey be appointed to the **Clondalkin Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force** to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the resignation of Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh on the 2nd March 2021.

### **H17/0321 AUDIT COMMITTEE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H17 (a) Annual Report 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69441)
[H17 (b) Audit Committee Charter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69442)
[H17 (c) Annual Work Programme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69443)
[H17 Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69444)

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

“That the Audit Committee Annual Report, Charter & Works programme be **ADOPTED and APPROVED.**”

### **H18/0321 BROOKMOUNT PLEBISCITE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

A motion to conduct a plebiscite to change the name of Brookmount to Brookmount Drive was approved at the Council Meeting held on 11th January 2021.

Following approval at January Council meeting an advertisement was placed in the local papers on 21st January 2021 and on the Council's Social Media Platforms informing that South Dublin County Council propose to conduct a Plebiscite to establish the consent of Qualified Electors to change the name of the street Brookmount to Brookmount Drive, an information leaflet was also sent to each dwelling concerned.

The list of Qualified Electors for the purposes of conducting the plebiscite had been prepared and was available for public inspection on the Council's Consultation Portal for the consultation period of three weeks, commencing  21st January 2021 and closing 11th February 2021.  One submission was received with amendment to the register which was updated on February 15th 2021.

The number of Qualified Electors currently listed on the Register of Electors 2021/2022 for this Plebiscite area is 35.  In accordance with  [Section 76](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1946/en/act/pub/0024/sec0076.html#zza24y1946s76) of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended) four-sevenths of the ratepayers i.e. electors of the area need to consent to the name change, this being 20 for the purpose of this Plebiscite.

It is now a matter for this Council to formally adopt the List of Qualified Electors and to proceed immediately thereafter with the taking of the plebiscite.

[H18 (b) Plebiscite Brookmount boundary map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69447)

**REPLY:**

 The following Motion was PASSED at the January 2021 County Council Meeting:

"The procedure to conduct a plebiscite was initiated following the meeting of the County Council held on 9th November 2020 where the following motion was PASSED:

That this Tallaght Area Committee calls on the CEO to initiate the process to change the name of Brookmount in Tallaght to Brookmount Drive,Tallaght, as requested by residents in the following petition: "We the residents of Brookmount need to change our address to Brookmount Drive as our address of solely 'Brookmount' has been unrecognised on Google Maps for many years. Emergency Services can never find our road and this could turn into a life and death situation. Many postal deliveries never reach their destination due to not being able to find our road. It is endless with the complications. Brookmount as a road name does not suffice, therefore, we propose that it be renamed 'Brookmount Drive' and be placed on Google Maps to avoid any more confusion and prevent unnecessary dangers to our families" Will he confirm the position and make a statement

The statutory procedure to change the official name of a street, place or locality is set out in the [**Local Government Act, 1946**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1946/en/act/pub/0024/index.html), the [**Local Government (Changing of Placenames) Regulations 1956**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1956/en/si/0031.html), as amended by [**S. 67 LG Act 1994**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1994/en/act/pub/0008/sec0067.html). Changes to the name can only be done by way of conducting a plebiscite of the qualified electors in the area and the consent of the majority of qualified electors is required for any change to be made by resolution of the Council.

In accordance with [**S. 67 of the Local Government Act 1994**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1994/en/act/pub/0008/sec0067.html#zza8y1994s67) "Qualified Electors" means:

- every person who in relation to the urban district, town, townland, non-municipal town, street or locality,  as the case may be is registered as a local government elector in the register of local government electors for the time being in force, or

- not being so registered is the rated occupier of a hereditament other than a hereditament the valuation of which attracts an allowance equal to full abatement of rates pursuant to [**section 3**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1978/en/act/pub/0035/sec0003.html#sec3) of the [**Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1978/en/act/pub/0035/index.html) .

A map of the plebiscite area (see attached) has been drawn up based on the estates/premises as outlined in the motion –

The number of electors currently listed on the Register of Electors 2020/2021 for the plebiscite area is 38. Any persons within the plebiscite area who made an application for inclusion on the supplement to the Register of Electors will also be included.

To date the following addresses have been identified on the Register of Electors Book GK and the rate account holders within the Plebiscite area:

**Register of Electors Book GK:**

Brookmount

**Rate Account Holders:**

**None**

The timeline for the completion of a Plebiscite is as follows:-

\*The Draft List of Qualified Electors must be advertised and put on display for a period of three weeks.

\*Submissions/objections/additions to the register received are updated to the Register of Electors.

\*The list of qualified Electors (Electoral Roll) for the Plebiscite is brought to the next Council meeting for adoption by Council.  Following adoption the Plebiscite is initiated.

\*Ballot Papers and information are issued by post to qualified Electors with return within 14 working days by prepaid post.

\*Declaration of Results brought to the next Council meeting for Noting.

It is proposed to commence this process on 21st January 2021, so that the outcome of the plebiscite would be adopted at the April 2021 Council meeting."

[H18 (d) Plebiscite Brookmount Addresses](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69452)

A discussion followed by Councillors M. Duff, C. O’Connor, C. Bailey, and C. King who thanked the Director and staff for their work.

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

**“That this Council formally adopts the List of Qualified Electors and proceeds immediately thereafter with the taking of the plebiscite.”**

### **H19/0321 KILLINARDEN PARK UPGRADE UPDATE - FOR NOTING**

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

[H19 Killinarden Park Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69531)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, A. Edge, P, Holohan, L. Dunne, K. Mahon, E Ó Broin, L. Sinclair, D. Richardson, C. O’Connor, M. Duff, T. Costello, B. Pereppadan, S. Fay and R. McMahon. All Councillors spoke in support of the report and commended the Director and staff for their hard work on the project, they encouraged continued consultation with the community, school, local businesses and the local GAA club. The issue of illegal dumping in the Whitestown river was raised with suggestions put forward to help alleviate the issue.

Ms. T. Walsh Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change, responded to the Members queries and thanked them for their positive comments, and informed of the intention to continue consultation with all stakeholders throughout the process. She confirmed that ecological surveys and AA Screening assessments will be carried out as part of the Part 8 process, which will commence in April.

The Report was **NOTED.**

### **C1/0321 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a)** Correspondence dated 2nd February 2021 from the Limerick City & County Council regarding a motion passed at their recent Council meeting calling for the suspension of statutory time period for the preparation of the Draft Limerick Development Plan 2022 - 2028.

**(b)** Correspondence dated 2nd February 2021 from the Limerick City & County Council regarding a motion passed at their recent Council meeting calling on all Councils to write to the Government to request a national day of recognition be established for the women and children impacted by the mother & baby homes

**(c)** Correspondence dated 15th February 2021 from Tipperary County Council regarding a motion passed at their recent Council meeting calling for a 75% rebate in PSO Levy on ESB bills for Community Halls and Facilities.

**(d)**Correspondence dated 15th February 2021 from Tipperary County Council regarding a motion passed at their recent Council meeting calling for extra supports be made available to regional newspapers.

**(e)**Correspondence dated 16th February 2021 from Kerry County Council regarding a motion passed at their recent Council meeting calling on the Government to use its position on the United Nations Security Council to "deliver statehood for the Palestinian people"

**(f)**Correspondence dated 16th February 2021 from Kerry County Council regarding a motion passed at their recent Council meeting inviting Ms. Samantha Power to address Kerry County Council at a future date

**(g)**Correspondence dated 19th February 2021 from the Irish Congress of Trade Unions in response to motion 2 (Duffy/Cahill Report) at the January 2021 Council meeting.

(a) [Correspondence dated 2nd February 2021 from the Limerick City County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69402)
[(b) Correspondence dated 2nd February 2021 from the Limerick City County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69403)
[(c) Correspondence dated 15th February 2021 from Tipperary County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69404)
[(d) Correspondence dated 15th February 2021 from Tipperary County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69405)
[(e) Correspondence dated 16th February 2021 from Kerry County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69406)
[(f) Correspondence dated 16th February 2021 from Kerry County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69407)
[(g) (i) Correspondence dated 19th February 2021 from the Irish Congress of Trade Unions](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69408)
[(g) (ii) Letter sent by SDCC](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=69409)

The Correspondence was **NOTED**.

In accordance with Standing Order no. 15 (5) the Mayor, Councillor E. O’Brien

proposed and the members unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders in order to allow Councillor C. O’Byrne to address the Chamber following tendering of her resignation.

Councillor C. Byrne addressed the chamber highlighting the lack of maternity leave for Councillors as the reason for her resignation. She commended Councillor E. Murphy on bringing the motion on the establishment of a Women’s Caucus. She thanked her colleagues and friends in the Green Party for their support and also all Members of the Council, management, and staff.

Councillors P. Kavanagh. L. Sinclair, Y. Collins, L. Donaghy, A. Edge, G. O’Connell, M. Johansson, F. Timmons, D. O’Donovan, S. O’Hara, L. Dunne, E. Murphy, C. Bailey, C. King, P. Holohan, S. Fay, L. O’Toole, E. O’Brien, and J. Tuffy all wished Councillor C. O’Byrne and her family well and spoke of their disappointment at her resignation and the reason for it.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, thanked Councillor O’Byrne on behalf of the executive for her contribution to the work of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Tuffy to take Councillor E. Murphy’s Motion **(M5)** next in respect of International Women’s Day.

In accordance with Standing Order no. 15 (5) the Mayor, Councillor E. O’Brien

proposed and the members unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders in order to deal with Motion **(M5).**

### **M5/0321 WOMENS CAUCUS**

### **It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor C. O’Byrne**

That South Dublin County Council recognises and supports the formal establishment of a Women's Caucus for elected members of this Council.

**REPORT:**

South Dublin County Council currently has a gender balance of 40 / 60% female / male councillors which is significantly higher than the gender balance achieved nationally in the 2019 local elections of only 24%, and the EU28 average of 32% in local politics.

The executive has been working to directly promote female participation in politics through the successful submission of funding for the making of a video promoting female political participation in 2020, in which all of the female councillors were invited to participate and have again been successful in receiving further funding for a research project in 2021.

The National Women’s Council of Ireland published a report in November 2019 titled ‘Women Beyond the Dáil: More Women in Local Government’ which contains a number of recommendations to support greater female participation, including that national government should ‘Support the development of regional and local women’s caucuses to support women councillors’. No information on the consideration of any such government support is available at the time of writing this report

A Women’s Parliamentary Caucus was established in 2017 to ‘bring together women members of the Oireachtas from all parties and none’, and where the membership is agreed as ‘Every current and previous woman member of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann will be a member of the Women’s Caucus unless she opts out.’

Limerick City and County Council have also formally supported a Women’s Caucus, and if the motion is passed a similarly strong public message of support for female participation in politics will also be sent by this local authority.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Murphy, C. Bailey, Y. Collins, L. Donaghy, T. Costello, S. Moynihan, J. Tuffy, S. Fay, L. O’Toole, C. O’Connor, and V. Casserly in support of the motion highlighting the invaluable support it would provide for all female Councillors. It was agreed to invite all former Councillors to participate in the Caucus.

Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management responded to the Members advising that the Corporate Section would support and work with the Caucus. Ms. L. Maxwell also expressed best wishes to Councillor C. O’Byrne on behalf of the executive.

The Motion was **AGREED.**

### **M1/0321 IVF TREATMENT**

### **It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor, and AGREED that Motion 1 (M1) be MOVED without Debate**.

That this Council writes to the Government welcoming proposals to ensure that public funding is provided for those seeking IVF treatment in this Country as outlined in the Programme for Government

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed a letter will be issued to the Minister for Health and a response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

### **M2/0321 HATE LEGISLATION**

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

That this Council agrees to write to the Minister for Justice and ask for an update on Hate Legislation following the public consultation and to ask when we can expect to see robust Anti-Hate legislation introduced. We also ask Would the Minister also outline the delays in enacting appropriate legislation?

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed a letter will be issued to the relevant bodies named in the motion and a response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, G. O’Connell, C. King, P. Kavanagh. M. Johansson and K. Mahon. All Councillors spoke in support of the Motion and highlighted the abuse of the Lord Mayor of Dublin City, Councillor Hazel Chu.

At this point in the meeting The Mayor Councillor E. O’Brien proposed to suspend Standing order No. 5 to complete Motion 2. (M2) and the Members **AGREED**.

The discussion continued with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, A. Edge, B. Lawlor, P. Kearns, and E. O’Brien. All Councillors spoke in support of the motion and commended Councillor F. Timmons for bringing the Motion forward.

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

 The Motion was **AGREED**.

### **M7/0321 ECO-GRAVEYARD**

**It was proposed by Councillor C. Bailey, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, and AGREED that Motion 7 be MOVED without debate**

That the Chief Executive will engage in a feasibility study to look into the provision of an eco-graveyard to be established within the County. There is significant demand for not only a non-religious graveyard but also a natural burial ground that would act to develop native Woodland and wildflower meadows.

**REPORT:**

A review of the Council's Burial Ground provisions will be initiated in 2021, consideration will be given to current capacity, future needs and requirements.

It should be noted that (with the exception of the Newcastle Muslim section) that SDCC managed Burial Grounds are secular in nature.

### **M8/0321 ALLOTMENTS**

**It was proposed by Councillor P. Gogarty, seconded by Councillor G. O’Connell, and AGREED that Motion 8 be MOVED without debate**

That the Chief Executive reports on the number of allotments currently managed by the Council, listed in terms of geographic area, numbers of plots and waiting lists associated with each site; Under takes to provide and outlines the timescale for additional allotments in recognised population centres that do not already have them (Eg North Clondalkin, Lucan/Adamstown, The 4 Districts), especially where there are large numbers of housing units with no gardens or smaller gardens than traditional housing; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**REPORT:**

There are currently 412 allotments in our administrative area spread across four (4) locations, two (2) North of the N7 and two (2) South. See table below, information at 31st January 2021;

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Location** | **No. of allotments** | **No. on waiting list** | **No. of Vacant plots** |
| Corkagh Park | 39 | 44 | 1 |
| Friarstown | 298 | 67 | 2 |
| Mill Lane | 74 | 19 | 1 |
| Tymon Park | 13 | 45 | 1 |

There are a total of 171 on the waiting lists (some are on multiple lists).  Vacant plots will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Allotment terms and conditions state that an allotment is rented to an allotment holder for the purpose of recreational gardening and/or the cultivation of herbs, flowers, fruit and vegetable crops for consumption by the allotment holder and his/her family and for no other purpose. The allotment holder shall not use the allotment for residential or commercial purposes.

A full review of the Council's Allotments Policy was initiated at the Environment, Water and Climate Change SPC on 16th February 2021.  As part of this review, capacity and supply & demand will be examined.

### **M13/0321 POLLINATOR PLANTING SCHEME**

**It was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, and AGREED that Motion 13 be MOVED without debate.**

This Council calls on Chief Executive to pilot a Pollinator Planting Scheme similar to that of the bulbs not bonfires initiative whereby community groups can avail of planting to plant in green spaces in their respective estates.

**REPORT:**

The Bulbs not Bonfires Scheme continues to run annually as part of the Council's response to issues arising at Halloween.  This is part of the wider Social Credits Scheme which is operated by the Council's Environmental Awareness Section.  In response to the suggestion here, and to similar requests received, consideration is being given to changing the type of bulb provided to participants in the scheme.  To date the Council has issued daffodil bulbs only and these can continue to be provided to community groups who request these.  Where a group requests pollinator friendly bulbs it is proposed that crocus, snowdrop, allium and other bulbs can be supplied.  The Council policy is to map areas of biodiverse planting and in time this mapped information will be made available to the public.  The assistance of community groups who plant such areas will be requested in this mapping process, so that the Council's grass cutting programme can be organised to work around the areas which are planted by community groups.

The Council's work to increase biodiverse planting and to provide pollinator friendly areas is continuing in accordance with the actions and objectives set out in the Pollinator Action Plan.  A total of 145 hectares of parkland will receive reduced and managed grass cutting in 2021 and this is an increase of approximately 50% on the area managed in this way three to four years ago.  The Public Realm Section will carry out further pollinator planting schemes in 2021 to add to those planted in recent years.  Seven such schemes have been included in the 2021 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme which was agreed by the Council at the February meeting.

### **M16/0321 EU BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**

### The following Motion which was proposed by Councillor G. O’Connell and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon was **WITHDRAWN** at the request of Councillor G. O’Connell, with the agreement of the Members, in accordance with Standing Order No 20.

This Council welcomes the EU's Biodiversity Strategy and it's declared commitment to join the international effort to designate a third of the Earth as a protected area by 2030, and calls on the Chief Executive to bring before the members at the earliest time, proposals on how significant areas such as the Liffey Valley, the Dodder Valley, and other areas of the County can be brought under the additional protection of the Third of the Earth 2030 Initiative as part of Irelands contribution.

**REPORT:**

The EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 set the EU biodiversity policy framework for the period 2011-2020. The evaluation of the Strategy is ongoing with public consultation open until 5th April 2021. In May 2020, the Commission published a Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. One of the core commitments in the Strategy is to propose, by the end of 2021, a legally binding instrument setting EU targets to restore damaged ecosystems by 2030.

The strategy aims to put Europe's biodiversity on a path to recovery by 2030 and contains specific actions and commitments. It is the proposal for the EU’s contribution to the upcoming international negotiations on the global post-2020 biodiversity framework.

The strategy aims to build our societies’ resilience to future threats such as the impacts of climate change, forest fires, food insecurity and disease outbreaks - including by protecting wildlife and fighting illegal wildlife trade.

A number of actions are set out in the strategy including:

**1. Establishing a larger EU-wide network of protected areas on land and at sea**

The intention is to enlarge existing Natura 2000 areas, with strict protection for areas of very high biodiversity and climate value. This will be a matter for the NPWS.

**2. Launching an EU nature restoration plan**

Through specific commitments and actions, the EU aims to restore degraded ecosystems by 2030 and manage them sustainably, addressing the key drivers of biodiversity loss. As part of this plan, the Commission will propose binding nature restoration targets by the end of 2021.

**3. Introducing measures to** **enable the necessary transformative change**

The strategy highlights unlocking funding for biodiversity, and setting in motion a new, strengthened governance framework to

* ensure better implementation and track progress
* improve knowledge, financing and investments
* better respecting nature in public and business decision-making

**4. Introducing measures to tackle the** **global biodiversity challenge**

These measures will demonstrate that the EU is ready to lead by example to address the global biodiversity crisis. In particular, working towards the successful adoption of an ambitious global biodiversity framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Any binding nature restoration targets which are set by the end of 2021 will have to be taken account of through the appropriate mechanisms within member states and implemented at the relevant levels of government, including local authorities where appropriate.

The County Development Plan, as the land use plan for the county, is being prepared in line with biodiversity strategies, both EU and National, as they stand to date. There will be a strong commitment to Green Infrastructure and ecosystem services through themes including climate change, surface water and biodiversity. Our river corridors are a critical part of this green infrastructure and in recognising their value to biodiversity and ecosystem services, policy will be included to promote their protection and enhancement.

The river corridors are also protected through appropriate zoning restrictions. The Liffey Valley also has the SAAO protection, largely transposed in the development plan through relevant zoning and related policy.

The Plan will also include an Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Directive to ensure that areas protected through the European network of Natura sites will not be subject to any significant environmental impact by any proposals in the Development Plan.

Meeting Finished @ 19:07

**Motions Not Reached**

### **(M3) IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED ANIMALS**

### **Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief executive that going forward staff responsible for the removal of dead dogs and cats from public areas be equipped with scanning equipment so microchipped animals can be scanned and identified and owners notified that they are deceased

### **(M4) PUBLIC NOTICEBOARDS**

###  **Councillor Y. Collins**

That the Chief Executive considers installing a public noticeboard/public digital noticeboard on the main street of each of our historic villages, and also in the principal shopping areas where population growth has occurred outside of the historic villages. The purpose of these noticeboards would be to draw the attention of the public to pending public consultations, details of Council and local services, and important public events.”

### **(M6) TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVIDERS**

 **Councillor P. Holohan**

I am calling upon South Dublin County Council to consider and prioritise the installation of these traffic safety dividers when installing bicycle tracks. Dublin City Council and DLR have successfully implemented these barriers to ensure extra safety of cyclists and school children when travelling to school whilst travelling alongside motor vehicles. I think we can massively increase the usage of these tracks by school aged children and workers giving both of them and parents peace of mind that the tracks are safely and physically separated from the traffic. I have attached photos showing these in action in DCC.

### **(M9) PRESERVATION OF OLD STONE WALLS**

### **Councillor J. Tuffy**

That steps will be taken to record old stone walls in the County, particularly old stone walls that feature in our villages are part of the landscape of villages, and to have a plan in relation to the preservation of old stone walls in the county.

### **(M10) CASUAL STREET-TRADERS LICENCE**

### C**ouncillor W. Carey**

That this council agrees that in response to the trading restrictions imposed by government, that holders of casual street-traders licence should be offered reduced fees of 50% or more for the coming year. This motion takes cognisance of the fact that Dublin City council have already agreed to such a measure and this motion is also considered, in light of, the council's response to question 6 at Council meeting Jan11th 2021. Also, that such measures remain in place whilst trading restrictions are imposed by government and that the council seek a similar response from government on behalf of licence holders as those business that have been compensated by way of rates waiver.

**(M11) OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE ACT**

###  **Councillor B. Lawlor, Councillor D. McManus**

That this Council writes to the Minister for Justice to express its support for the renewal of the Offences against the State Act this year by the Oireachtas and the continued operation of the Special Criminal Court to tackle terrorism and organised crime.

**(M12) DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR FOR DUBLIN**

### **Councillor Liam Sinclair**

That this council writes to the Ministers for Housing, Local Government & Heritage and Public Expenditure and Reform to request that a timeline is put in place to initiate the process of instituting a directly elected Mayor for Dublin. Once agreed this is circulated to Fingal County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, and Dublin City Council.

**(M14) FREEPOST SYSTEM**

###  **Councillor L. O'Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will introduce a freepost system for people wishing to write to South Dublin County Council, to encourage greater participation in local democracy, for people returning official documents, such as grant applications, housing applications sending in submissions on planning applications etc.

**(M15) LITTER POLLUTION ACT**

### **Councillor B. Pereppadan, Councillor S. O'Hara**

South Dublin County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment Eamonn Ryan T.D to amend the Litter pollution Act 1997 and the waste management act 1996 to provide a clear statutory framework for the use of CCTV by local Authorities to deter and prosecute litter offences within their administrative areas.

**(M17) ILLEGAL USE OF QUADS/SCRAMBLERS**

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

That this Council writes to the Government welcoming the decision to introduce and progress legislation to deal effectively with the ongoing menace of the illegal use of Quads/Scramblers which has been raised many times on this Council's agenda and the Joint Policing Committee and will the Chief Executive take the opportunity to update members in respect of his efforts to deal with the matter.

**(M18) CYCLING FACILITIES**

###  **Councillor P. Kavanagh**

This council calls for the introduction of minimum standards for cycle parking and cycling facilities for various land uses in South Dublin County, in all public buildings and in all new developments, and for the publication of a manual of these standards.

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Mayor

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