SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



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

**HELD VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS ON THURSDAY 27th May, 2021 at 5.30p.m.**

### **PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Liam Sinclair (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr Baby Perappadan | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr Eoin Ó Broin | John Hegarty | A/Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Paul Nicholas Gogarty | Hazel Craigie | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Shane Moynihan | Jason Frehill | Senior Planner |
|   |  Anne Hyland | Senior Executive Planner |
|  |  Siobhan Duff | Senior Executive Planner |
|  | Stephen Willoughby | Executive Planner |
| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Ahern | PPN |  |

### At the commencement of the meeting Chair Cllr. Liam Sinclair welcomed new SPC Member Cllr Baby Parappadan who has replaced Cllr David McManus.

### Apologies were received from Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh who was unable to be in attendance.

### **H-1 (1) Item 70133 Minutes of 27th February, 2021 SPC**

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Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC 27th February, 2021 were proposed by

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

**H-1(2) Item 70335 County Development Plan – Green Infrastructure & Open Space**

[2021 27-05-21 GI SPC LUPT Compressed.pptx](2021%2027-05-21%20GI%20SPC%20LUPT%20Compressed.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Anne Hyland, Senior Executive Planner who advised that the Plan is running in conjunction with the Open Space Strategy which is being developed by colleagues in Public Realm (EWCC Dept).

The presentation focused on

* What Green Infrastructure is
* Strategy would “form the basis for the identification, protection, enhancement and management of the GI network within the County.
* Climate action and biodiversity loss
* Policy context
	+ National Planning Framework
	+ Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
* Strategy 5 key themes
* Biodiversity
* Sustainable water management
* Climate resilience
* Recreation and amenity
* Landscape (natural and cultural heritage)

GI strategy corridors including

* Dodder River
* M50
* Grand Canal corridor
* Liffey valley corridor
* Camac River
* Rural fringe
* 17 Secondary corridors

The GI Strategy Implementation will include for the policies and objectives in the Development Plan tailored to the GI network which will be derived from the 5 key themes, case studies and the cores and corridors and stepping stone locations.

Planning Applications will now need to be accompanied with a GI Infrastructure Plan to include:

* Site location plan, site survey and analysis to identify existing GI within the site and to include for linkages to the wider GI network.

The Implementation Assessing proposals will be assessed against the various policies and objectives contained in the Development Plan and to include for the Greening factor which is set out in the plan.

Going Forward the GI strategy will develop a GI scoring approach which is based on habitat mapping of the county which in turn will deliver different ecosystem services which will allow for a comprehensive analysis and calculation of GI value across the county.

A conversation ensued with contributions from Cllrs Ó Broin and Sinclair about the links such as Ballymount to Corkage etc, New bridge over M50 at Red Cow to include for pedestrians and animals, and the management of relationship with other Local Authorities.

Ms Hyland responded to queries and advised that various workshops had been held and that Kildare County Council had similar policies to SDCC.

Ms Craigie informed the meeting that there is still a lot of work to do and that some funding may be made available from the EU for ECO bridges.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 70336 County Development Plan – Sustainable Movement**

[**Sustainable Movement Presentation to SPC 27.5.21.pptx**](Sustainable%20Movement%20Presentation%20to%20SPC%2027.5.21.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Siobhan Duff, Senior Executive Planner

This element of the Development Plan is contained in Section 7

The vision is to increase numbers of people cycling, walking, and using public transport to reduce the dependence on car journeys. This should result in a healthier and active community. The public realm will be more attractive, street less congested, lower carbon emissions and a positive climate impact.

Ms Duff outlined elements of National and Regional Planning Policy which requires for developments to be planned and designed in such a way that facilitates all sustainable modes of transport in a safe and attractive way for all.

The positive benefits include:

* Quality of place
* Reduction in traffic congestion
* Increase in road safety
* Healthy and active population
* Improved air quality

The figures in the Census 2016 show a very low number of people cycling and using public transport.

There are plans to extend the dart along the Kildare line, extend the Luas to Lucan, improve transport interchanges, and improve light rail to the west of the county.

The County targets for travel mode share were to increase the percentage of use as follows

Walk 13% - 15%

Cycle 5% to 10%

Bus 17% to 20%

Train 3% to 5%

Vehicles (cars

Vans etc) 62% to 50%

Studies have been carried out in each of the seven Neighbourhood areas with the support of the NTA. This was done to get a picture of the movement issues within each area and identify measures to increase active transport moves and public transport. These studies have informed the policies and objectives on sustainable transport within the Development Plan.

Cycle South Dublin which is included in the plan provides for 260km of cycle routes as part of the Council network and this is to be delivered over the next ten years. This is being funded mainly by the NTA.

Other objectives include for the

* Support of the NTA GDA transport Strategy
* Promoting compact growth and design of safe permeable street environments to facilitate sustainable modes
* Increase in EV charging facilities across the county
* Car parking – maximum rates taking account of location with lower requirements in urban areas well serviced by public transport
* Promotion of active travel to school – School Streets, Green School iniatitive

Cllr Sinclair thanked Ms. Duff for a very good report and a discussion followed with contributions from Cllr Shane Moynihan and Eoin Aherne particularly relating to anti-social behaviour in some areas after 6.p.m which needs to be addressed.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Item 70338 Naas Road Planning Framework**

[Naas Road Presentation.pptx](Naas%20Road%20Presentation.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Jason Frehill, Senior Planner

Mr. Frehill advised how the plan will aid development of new mixed-use urban quarter as an organic extension to Dublin City.

Three development scenario are currently being explored with different briefs, however they follow the same core objectives.

There is a role for a commercial centre in the Naas area.

Mr. Frehill advised of the timeframe involved with development of the Masterplan and it is hoped to have a workshop in September and have the plan finalised by year end.

The following are draft examples of structuring components

* Tymon to Phoenix Park
* Orbital Public Transport
* Kylemore Heavy rail station
* Luas station
* Naas Road/Nangor Road/Longmile Road intersection
* Flagship Park
* Camac naturalisation
* Management of pylons
* Grand canal
* Energy and SUDS

The structuring components to be made of major commercial centre, enterprise and urban industry led mixed use and residential led mixed use.

Examples of these were presented from across the EU to the meeting.

A discussion ensued with contributions from Cllr Liam Sinclair and Eoin Ahern referencing the hamburger junction, Luas red line, bus connects at the Red Cow interchange. Mr. Frehill responded.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (5) Item 70339 – Clonburris Progress Update**

As the time for the rising of the meeting ( 7.00p.m.) had been reached, it was agreed that this item would be considered at the next (Sept 2021) meeting.

This was **AGREED**

The meeting concluded at 7.00p.m.