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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2021 County Council Meeting held virtually through Microsoft 365 Teams on Monday 14 June 2021

### **PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bailey, C. |  | McEneaney, S. |
| 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’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. |  | Sinclair, L. |
| Kearns, P. |  | Timmons, F. |
| King, C. |  | Tuffy, J. |
| Lawlor, B. |  | Whelan, L. |
| Mahon, K. |  |  |

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function  A/Head of Function  Head of Finance  County Architect | L. Maxwell, T. Walsh, M. Mulhern, C. Ward  L. Leonard  R. FitzGerald  E. Conroy |
| Senior Executive Officers  Senior Executive Architect  Senior Parks Superintendent | C. Hurson, B. Pierce  T. Pender  S. Furlong |
| Administrative Officers | M. Reilly |
| Senior Staff Officer  Staff Officer  Assistant Staff Officer  Clerical Officer  IT. Support  Sord | L. Abbey  A. Mallon  A. Hagan  D. Murphy  R. Saiz  A. O’Brien |

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

Apologies were received from Councillor D. Richardson

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.

### **H1/0621 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the March Council meeting on 10th March 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 E. Murphy.

1. [- May Council Meeting 10th May 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70842)

### **H2/0621 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR S. FAY**

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

**REPLY:**

As a result of the resignation of former Councillor Sandra Fay from South Dublin County Council on Tuesday April 27th 2021, a casual vacancy has occurred on South Dublin County Council (Tallaght South Electoral Area).

[**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0019.html) provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the Local Authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

Ms. Leah Whelan has been duly nominated by People Before Profit - Solidarity, being the registered political party who nominated Councillor Fay, and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Ms. Leah Whelan's written consent to their proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-option of Ms. Leah Whelan at today’s meeting.

[H2 (b) S. Fay Resignation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70673)  
[H2 (c) People Before Profit - Solidarity Nomination - L. Whelan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70677)  
[H2 (d) People Before Profit - Solidarity Nomination - L. Whelan Acceptance](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70675)

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor K. Mahon seconded by Councillor M. Johansson and **AGREED.**

“That Ms. L. Whelan be co-opted to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the resignation of Councillor S. Fay on the 27th April 2021.”

Former Councillor S. Fay thanked management, staff, and her colleagues for their help during her time as Councillor and wished newly appointed Councillor L. Whelan best wishes.

Councillor L. Whelan gave a speech accepting her new position as a Councillor,

Councillor M. Johansson, K. Mahon, C. King, B. Lawlor, A. Edge, L. Sinclair, C. Bailey, M. Duff, C. O’Connor, E. Ó Broin and J. Tuffy thanked former Councillor S. Fay for all her work and welcomed Councillor L. Whelan to the Council.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, thanked former Councillor S. Fay and welcomed Councillor L. Whelan to the Council.

The Mayor Councillor E. O’Brien thanked former Councillor S. Fay for her work and welcomed Councillor L. Whelan to the Council.

In accordance with **Standing Order No. 13** it was **AGREED** with the consent of the Members to vary the sequence of business and to take **H12** first.

### **H12/0621 LCDC ANNUAL REPORT - FOR NOTING**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Prof. M. Corcoran Chair of the LCDC Committee and was **CONSIDERED:**

[H12 Draft LCDC Annual Report 2020](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70790)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Hayes. C. King, K. Mahon, E Ó Broin and D. McManus. Councillors thanked Prof. Corcoran, her team, and the volunteers for all their hard work. A query was raised regarding KPI’s and allocation of funds.

Prof. Mary P Corcoran, Chairperson of the LCDC responded to the Members queries.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, thanked Prof. Corcoran for her work with the LCDC.

### **H3/0621 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

**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.

### **H4a/0621 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**June 2021**

**\*\*Please Note:- All Meetings will take place remotely, unless communicated otherwise.**

**This may change dependant on Government announcements**

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| Mon. |  |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 1st June |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 2nd June |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 3rd June |  |  |  |
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| Mon. | 7th June | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 8th June | **CPG Meeting**  **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2.00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 24/5/2021 |
| Wed. | 9th June |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 10th June |  |  |  |
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| Mon. | 14th June | **Council Meeting** | 3:30PM – 7:00PM | 28/5/2021 |
| Tue. | 15th June |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 16th June | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 1/6/2021 |
| Thur. | 17th June | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Clondalkin)**  **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena)**  **Development Plan Meeting** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 8:30pm |  |
| Fri | 18th June | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm – 8:30pm |  |

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| Mon. | 21st June | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Tallaght)  **Development Plan Meeting** | 2:15pm – 3:00pm  3:30pm – 8:30pm |  |
| Tue. | 22nd June | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin) | 2:15pm – 3:00pm |  |
| Wed. | 23rd June | **Development Plan Meeting (Provisional)** | 3:30pm – |  |
| Thur. | 24th June | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm – |  |
| Fri | 25th June | **Annual Meeting** | 3:30pm – |  |

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| Mon. | 28th June | **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 14/6/2021 |
| Tue. | 29th June | **Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 15/6/2021 |
| Wed. | 30th June |  |  |  |

**July 2021**

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| Thur. | 1st July |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 2nd July |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 5th July | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 6th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 7th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 8th July |  |  |  |
| Fri | 9th July |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 12th July | **Council Meeting** | 3:30PM – 7:00PM | 28/6/2021 |
| Tue. | 13th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 14th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 15th July |  |  |  |
| Fri | 16th July |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 19th July |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 20th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 21st July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 22nd July |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 26th July |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 27th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 28th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 29th July |  |  |  |
| Fri | 30th July |  |  |  |

**No Meetings in August**

**September 2021**

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| Mon. |  |  |  |  |
| Tue. |  |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 1st Sept | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 30/7/2021 |
| Thur. | 2nd Sept |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 3rd Sept |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 6th Sept | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 7th Sept | **Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 5/8/2021 |
| Wed. | 8th Sept | **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)**  **Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 3:00pm – 4:30pm    5.30pm - 7.00pm | 6/8/2021 |
| Thur. | 9th Sept | **Housing SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 9/8/2021 |
| Fri | 10th Sept |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 13th Sept | **Council Meeting** | 3:30PM – 7:00PM | 30/8/2021 |
| Tue. | 14th Sept | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 31/8/2021 |
| Wed. | 15th Sept | **Audit Committee**  **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 8:00am – 9:30am  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 1/9/2021 |
| Thur. | 16th Sept |  |  |  |
| Fri | 17th Sept | **JPC** | 10:00am |  |

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| Mon. | 20th Sept |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 21st Sept | ***Social, Community & Equality SPC*** | 5:30pm - 7.00pm | 19/8/2021 |
| Wed. | 22nd Sept |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 23rd Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena)**  **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Clondalkin)**  **OP&F**  **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 6:00pm  5.30pm - 7.00pm | 9/9/2021  23/8/2021 |
| Fri | 24th Sept |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 27th Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Tallaght)  **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 13/9/2021 |
| Tue | 28th Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin)  **Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 14/9/2021 |
| Wed | 29th Sept |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 30th Sept |  |  |  |
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Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor M. Duff

### **H4b/0621 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

The following report went to the May Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting 20th May 2021:

Councillors David McManus and Baby Pereppadan have submitted a joint request to interchange their membership of the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC and Housing SPC, respectively. The proposal as follows is for agreement by Members: Councillor David McManus will move from the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC to the Housing SPC. Councillor Baby Pereppadan will move from the Housing SPC to the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor, and **AGREED** that Councillor D. McManus be appointed to the **Housing SPC** as a replacement for Councillor B. Pereppadan.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor, and **AGREED** that Councillor B. Pereppadan be appointed to the **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC** as a replacement for Councillor D. McManus

This is now before Council for approval.

Change of membership on LUPT and Housing SPC was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor M. Duff

### **H4c/0621 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

The following report went to the March 2021 OP&F meeting -

At the South Dublin County PPN Plenary Meeting the following nominee was elected as a representative to the Social, Community and Equality Strategic Policy Committee.

* Daire Hennessy - Social, Community & Equality SPC

This nomination is now before the Council for ratification.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor, and **AGREED** that Daire Hennessy be appointed as the PPN Representative to the Social, Community & Equality SPC.

Ratification of PPN Representatives was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

### **H4d/0621 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

The following report went to the March 2021 OP&F meeting -

Vacancies exist on the following committees/statutory bodies previously held by ex-Councillor C. O'Byrne who recently resigned her position of Councillor on South Dublin County Council and subsequently disqualified from membership of these committees.

* **Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly**
* **Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC**

It is a matter for the Council to appoint a replacement(s) to the above positions and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Sinclair, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, and **AGREED** that Councillor S. McEneaney be appointed to the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Donaghy, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, and **AGREED** that Councillor S. McEneaney be appointed to the Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly

This is now before Council for approval.

Filling of Vacancies on various Committees / Statutory Bodies was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

### **H5/0621 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 - 5th May 2021

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| Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair) | Cllr. Guss O’Connell |
| Cllr. Teresa Costello | Cllr. Peter Kavanagh |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Alan Hayes, Cllr. Kenneth Egan, Ms. Freda Manweiler, and Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara.

**Officials present:**

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms. Lorna Maxwell, Director of Service

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| **Headed Item 1.1 Minutes Arts SPC 24th February 2021**  **Minutes from the Arts SPC meeting of 24th February 2021 were proposed by Cllr. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Guss O’Connell.**  **Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.**  **Headed Item 1.2 Report from Joint ACGH&L & EDET**  **Report from the Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries and Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development meeting of 21st April 2021 was proposed by Cllr. Guss O’Connell and seconded by Cllr. Peter Kavanagh.**  **Matters arising Cllr. Kavanagh raised the issue of scheduling meetings so that they did not clash with ACMs on the same date.**  **The matter was noted.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Update on Coiste na Gaeilge**  **Ms. Lorna Maxwell updated the SPC members on the terms of reference (Téarmaí Tagartha) for the Coiste na Gaeilge (the Irish Language Committee of the County). It was outlined that nominations from Council were to be on the Coiste Gaeilge, along with representatives from the Public Participation Network, Conradh na Gaeilge, Áras Chrónáin, and Gaelphobal Tamhlachta. The sub committee will devise a workplan and report back to the next Arts SPC.**  **The Terms of Reference (Téarmaí Tagartha) was proposed by Cllr. Mick Duff and seconded by Cllr. Peter Kavanagh. Cllr. Kavanagh also gave his thanks to Ms. Lorna Maxwell for her ongoing support for Coiste na Gaeilge.** |
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| **Headed Item 3: Updates on Library re-opening including new branches**  Ms. Bernadette Fennell gave a report on the re-opening of branch libraries from 10th May 2021 in line with government lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. She also outlined ongoing work in North Clondalkin Library (NCL) including the development of a Creative Studio, and the final snagging completion which is taking place at Castletymon Library.  It was suggested by Cllr. Peter Kavanagh that the next Arts SPC should take place in the new NCL, guidelines permitting.  Following contributions from Cllr. Mick Duff, Cllr. Peter Kavanagh and Cllr. Teresa Costello, the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Review of, and discussion on, the Joint SPC meeting on 21st April 2021**  Ms. Orla Scannell updated the Members on both the current Covid related Arts sector financial supports and the use of Outdoor Public Space- both built and public realm.  Cllr. Peter Kavanagh noted his delight at the receipt of 29 applications, spread across the county, for the Artist Resilience Bursary.  Following contributions from Cllr. Peter Kavanagh and Cllr. Mick Duff the reports were **noted**. |
| **Headed Item 5: AOB**  There were no items under AOB**.**  **The meeting concluded at 6.25pm.** |
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(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 24th February 2021

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| **In Attendance:** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| Cllr. L. McCrave |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |
| J. Kiberd\*\* Observing only |

**Did Not attend:**

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| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| Cllr. S. Fay |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |
| S. Brennan |
| J. McDonnell |
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**Officials present:**

F. Nevin, Director of Services

L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer.

T. Rooney, Head of Enterprise

J. Mulhern, Senior Enterprise Development 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 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 ended at 6.33p.m.**  **Cllr C. King concluded the meeting** |

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting - 4th May 2021

In attendance:

Elected Members Sectoral Members

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) Una Ruddock

Councillor Francis Timmons Deirdre Mooney

Councillor Alan Edge

Councillor Yvonne Collins Guest

Councillor Madeleine Johansson Hugh Coughlan

Councillor Dermot Richardson

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

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness

Officer Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer

Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 16th February 2021

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 16th February 2021 were proposed by Councillor Timmons, seconded by Councillor Collins and agreed.

Item 2: Update on the New Waste Management Plan & WERLA Priorities

Hugh Coughlan, Regional Coordinator, Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Planning Office presented a report to the committee.

Councillors Johansson, Edge and Collins raised queries and commented on the report. Sectoral member Una Ruddock also queried the report. Hugh Coughlan responded to the queries raised.

The Report was NOTED

Item 3: Report from the Joint EWCC &LUPT Biodiversity Action Plan subcommittee

Councillor Edge presented a verbal report on the actions to date. It was noted that a meeting of the subcommittee will take place in May and a formal report will be presented to the Committee at its meeting in September.

The Report was NOTED

Items 4: Living with Trees review and update on review of new plan

Máire Ní Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent provided an update on the Living with Trees review to the Committee.

It was agreed to form a subcommittee of four members to contribute to the finalisation of the Draft Plan for presentation to the Committee following the conclusion of the non-statutory consultation process.

The Report was NOTED

Item 5: Update on Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer and Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer presented an update on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 to the Committee

The Report was NOTED

Item 6: Update on Decarbonising Zones

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer and Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer presented and update on Decarbonising Zones

Councillor Johansson raised queries on the report. The Senior Engineer responded to the queries The Report was NOTED

Item 10: Update on River Basin Management Plan (3rd Cycle)

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer presented an update on the River Basin Management Plan

The Report was NOTED

Item 8: Sports Pitch Strategy Update

Item 9: Green Infrastructure Strategy & Parks and Open Spaces Strategy Updates

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented updates on the Sports Pitch Strategy and on the Green Infrastructure Strategy & Parks and Open Spaces Strategy.

Councillors Timmons and Edge raised queries and commented on the reports. Sectoral member, Una Ruddock also commented on eth reports. The Senior Parks Superintendent responded to queries raised.

The Reports were NOTED

Item 7: Update on Air and Noise Plans

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services provided a verbal update to the Committee on the Air Quality Plan and the Noise Plan for the Dublin Local Authority agglomeration.

The Report was NOTED

Item 11: Any Other Business

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services provided a verbal report to the Committee on proposals to provide additional temporary litter bins in the parks and to increase scheduled collections at weekends.

Councillors Timmons, Johansson, Edge and Collins raised queries on the report. The Director of Services responded to the queries raised

Councillor Edge raised a query in relation to Public Toilets; the Director of Services responded to the query.

1. - Minutes of Meeting - 16th February 2021

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 a detailed overview of the EV Charging Update prepared by consultants for the 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.

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 Motion referred to the SPC by the Clondalkin ACM regarding the Rathcoole Woodlands would be on the SPC agenda. Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) explained it would be reviewed for the May 2021 meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 7.13pm.

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

**c) Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

(i) - Report ofMeeting - 12th May 2021

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns (acting Chair) | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| Cllr. L. McCrave | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole | Justin Mulhern | Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
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| **Representatives:** | | |
| John Kiberd, Public Participation Network | | |
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| **Apologies:** | | |
| Cllr. C. King- | | |
| Cllr. S. Fay | | |
| S. Reid | | |
| S. Brennan | | |
| J. McDonnell | | |

**In the absence of Cllr C. King, the committee agreed to appoint an Acting Chair in accordance with Standing Orders.**

**Cllr P. Kearns was proposed as Acting Chair by Cllr. E. O’Brien and was seconded by Cllr L. Dunne**

**Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 10th February 2021.**

1. The Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting of 10th February 2021 were proposed by Cllr P. Kearns and seconded by Cllr. R. McMahon and **AGREED**.
2. The report from Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries and Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC – held on the 21st April 2021 was **NOTED.**

**Headed Item 2: Updates on economic input to Statutory Plans. (Including upcoming LECP process.)**

Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer** presented a report updating members on the status of Statutory Plans which included -

* **South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 – 2028**

Members were advised of the next steps and the timeline of activities to be undertaken through to the plan’s adoption.

The mandatory objectives that would be at the core of the plan were identified.

Input into the plan was open to all to make submissions and would help informing policy. Members were encouraged to actively promote engagement in the process.

* **Local Economic & Community Plan 2022 - 2027**

Member were advised that the goals and objectives of the current LECP 2016-2021 were currently being evaluated.

Guidelines for the 2022 – 2027 plan were currently being drafted and are expected to be issued in June 2021 with timelines for work on the plan to be available in July 2021.

Following the contributions, Acting Chair Cllr P. Kearns invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. L. Dunne, Cllr. P. Kearns and Cllr R. McMahon.

Laura Leonard and Tom Rooney responded to questions raised.

The Reports were Noted.

**Headed Item 3: Review of, and discussion on, joint ACGHL and EDET SPC meeting held on 21st April 2021.**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** revisited the activities currently being undertaken by the Local Enterprise Office in relation to the people working in the creative economy

The recent formation of the South Dublin Creative Economy Network (SCENe) was noted. The network is a collaborative initiative undertaken by LEO with input from various stakeholders including SDCC Arts Office, Visual Artists Ireland, Design & Craft Council of Ireland and The Creative Ireland Programme.

Members were advised of the current activities of the network including information about LEO supports that may apply to people in this sector and also about the network event for members to contribute to the direction of the Network.

Cllr R. McMahon and Cllr L. O’Toole commended the LEO on the initiative.

Following the contributions, Acting Chair Cllr P. Kearns invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr. P. Kearns, Cllr. L. McCrave and Cllr L. Dunne

Laura Leonard and Tom Rooney responded to questions raised.

The Report was Noted.

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

Cllr. P. Kearns invited members to raise any other business items.

Cllr. R. McMahon asked a question in relation to current status of the Innovation Centre.

Tom Rooney responded to the question raised

**The meeting ended at 6.28p.m.**

Acting Chair, Cllr P. Kearns concluded the meeting

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 21st April 2021

**Draft Report of Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries and Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

**Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 5:30pm Via Microsoft Teams**

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| **In Attendance:** |
| Cllr. Cathal King (Chair EDET) - EDET |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole - EDET |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne - EDET |
| Cllr. Lynn McCrave – EDET |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns – EDET |
| Cllr. Ronan McMahon - EDET |
| Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair ACGH&L) ACGH&L |
| Cllr. Guss O Connell - ACGH&L |
| Cllr. Peter Kavanagh - ACGH&L |
| Mr. John Kiberd – EDET |
| Ms. Sherri Brennan – EDET |
| Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara - ACGH&L |
| Ms. Freda Manweiler - ACGH&L |
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| **Did Not Attend:** |
| Cllr. Ed O’Brien (Mayor) - EDET |
| Cllr. Sandra Fay – EDET |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes - ACGH&L |
| Cllr. Kenneth Egan - ACGH&L |
| Cllr. Teresa Costello - ACGH&L |
| Mr. Damien Roche – EDET |
| Mr. Sean Reid – EDET |
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| **Officials Present:** |
| Bernadette Fennell - County Librarian |
| Frank Nevin – Director of Service |
| Justin Mulhern – Snr. Enterprise Development Officer |
| Laura Leonard – Snr. Executive Officer |
| Orla Scannell - Arts Officer |
| Ralph McGarry – Administrative Officer |
| Tom Rooney – Head of Enterprise |

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| The meeting was co-Chaired by Cllr C. King & Cllr M. Duff  Frank Nevin, **Director of Service**, noted that the meeting would be conducted as a workshop rather than a full SPC. The approach for the meeting would be an overview of supports and how they are being rolled out. |
| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 10th February 2021 & Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Tourism SPC 24th February 2021.**  Frank Nevin Director of Service, the Chair of the Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC – Cllr C. King and the Chair of the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Tourism SPC – Cllr M. Duff all agreed that the minutes of the respective SPC’s previous meetings would be addressed at the next separate SPC meetings in May.  **AGREED**. |
| **Headed Item 2: Review of current COVID related Arts sector financial supports**  Orla Scannell, **Arts Officer** presented a report on Arts and Cultural Sectoral supports. The reports covered points from the Service Adapt Renew (June 2020) Report of the Expert Advisory Group to the Arts Council. It included the announcement from the Arts Council of a €130 million investment across Ireland in 2021 and the initiative being putting in in place that would be supported. Orla also outlined the increased funding that would be received by South Dublin in a number of areas.  Orla then covered a Report from the Arts & Culture Recovery Task force – Life Worth Living 2020 – commissioned by the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media that sought to examine the challenges to the sector and make recommendations on how best it could adapt and recover. Some key outcomes were the Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021 and increased support through Creative Ireland.  Orla conclude this element of the meeting with an overview of the sustained supports from South Dublin County Council.  Following this contribution questions were invited from the members.  Questions were raised by Cllr C. King and Cllr L. McCrave  Frank Nevin and Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.  **The Report was Noted.** |
| **Headed Item 3: Non-Covid specific business / enterprise supports available to the Creative activity / industry.**  Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented a report on the Local Enterprise Office led, collaborative network for people working in the creative economy in South Dublin. SCENE (South Dublin Creative Economy Network). Launched on the 8th of April, the network uses a steering group made up of stake holders – Arts Officer, Visual Artists Ireland, Design and Craft Council of Ireland and The Creative Ireland Programme. The group, working together, will schedule a calendar of Events for members balancing the unique characteristics of the various creative activities and adding the LEO Business supports element.  Following this contribution questions were invited from the members; no questions were raised.  Cllr C. King and Cllr L. O’Toole acknowledged LEO supports to businesses.  The Reports were Noted. |
| **Headed Item 4: Opportunities in the return and potential growth of tourism in the County for creative activity / industry.**  Ralph McGarry, **Administrative Officer**, presented a report on the potential growth of tourism in the county. Ralph noted the impact on the hospitality sector of the on-going restrictions but with sight of restrictions easing there will be opportunities for the restart of cultural and heritage activity.  Ralph noted the €17m outdoor dining scheme from government and that this was being managed through the County Promotion Unit. The 2018 County Promotion Unit Tourism / Event & Festival Grant is being recalibrated for outdoor activity. Plans are under way to pivot opportunities for events.  Promotion of the Shop Front Grant is continuing.  Round Tower visitor centre will have their exhibition space refreshed.  Heritage app – currently working on Tallaght as the net iteration.  Tom Rooney and Frank Nevin Responded to the questions raised.  Following this contribution questions were invited from the members.  Questions were raised by Cllr P. Kavanagh, Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr C. King, Cllr M. Duff, Cllr L Mc Crave, Cllr G. O’Connell and Cllr P. Kearns.  Frank Nevin, Ralph McGarry and Orla Scannell responded to questions raised. |
| **Headed Item 5: Use of existing space – both built and public realm.**  Orla Scannell, **Arts Officer** presented a report on the Outdoor Public Realm Space Scheme. As part of the Life Worth Living 2020 Report of the Arts & Culture Recovery Taskforce on behalf of the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media.  Tasked with examining the challenges of the sector and make recommendations on how best the sector can adapt. It was recommended that an accelerated public realm capital improvement programme to fund local authorities to adapt, equip or otherwise improve outdoor public spaces for arts & culture events and also festivals, taking account of public health guidelines.  Up to €250k per local authority for a single project, grant available will be 90% of eligible costs. It must be made available for arts and cultural activities.  Currently looking at option - Open Air Tallaght: Working Title, An architectural intervention to adapt and improve the use of Chamber Square Tallaght, part of the Re-imagine Tallaght Creative Consultation 2018-2019. It would involve underground and overground infrastructural changes and installation of equipment to facilitate outdoor events.  Frank noted that Failte Ireland are also involved.  Ralph McGarry, **Administrative Officer**, expanded on the use of existing space - both built and public realm, specifically the Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme aimed at tourism and hospitality.  Businesses apply to the Local Authority for a grant of up to a max of €4k (75% of costs, ex VAT). The expenditure can be from 01/04/2020 to 30/09/21 0 this is to ensure those who already action this type of activity will not be disadvantaged.  There may be licencing requirements depending on ownership of space to eb used. Applications to be made online through the County Promotion Unit.  Following these contribution questions were invited from the members.  Questions were raised by Cllr C. King, Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr P. Kearns, Cllr L. McCrave, Cllr M. Duff.  Frank Nevin, Ralph McGarry and Orla Scannell responded to questions raised. |
| **Headed Item 6: Next Steps**  Frank Nevin, Director of Service, concluded the presentations for the meeting and noted that each SPC will deal with respective items raised. |
| **Headed Item 7: AOB**  Frank Nevin, Director of Service, noted that this would be his last SPC meeting as he is due to retire shortly.  All members of the SPC acknowledged and thanked Frank for his work and commitment and were sorry to hear this news but wished him well. |
| **The meeting ended at 7.15p.m.**  Frank Nevin, Cllr C. King and Cllr M. Duff concluded the meeting |
| **Useful Links to items discussed –**  Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021. [gov.ie - Re-imagining our Outdoor Public Spaces (www.gov.ie)](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.ie%2Fen%2Fpress-release%2F14d5d-re-imagining-our-outdoor-public-spaces%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjmulhern%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ce97c0e904cd740e8c54b08d908af96e1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637550372505034834%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2B9kRcOQTBoGPIi8hJuv6aXEEG%2BEmx7eyTbwzyYF5bhg%3D&reserved=0)  Outdoor Seating and Accessories Scheme  [Outdoor Seating and Accessories Scheme - SDCC](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/business-support/outdoor-seating-and-accessories-scheme/)  Shop Front Grant  [Shop Front Grant - SDCC](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/business-support/shop-front-grant/) |

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

**d) Housing SPC**

(i) - Report ofMeeting - 13th May 2021

**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).

**Apologies:**

Cllr. K. Mahon.

**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, formally welcomed Mr. G. Stockil as the new PPN member on the Housing SPC.

**HI.1 Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 11th February 2021.**

The minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of 11th February 2021 were **AGREED**.

**HI.2 Matters Arising**

None.

**HI.3 Update on Council-led Housing Developments**

C. Ward provided an update on current housing projects, setting out tenure mix and stage of development for each project and asked for members views and feedback.

There were contributions by Cllr. C. O’Connor, Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. O’Donovan, Cllr. L. Donaghy, S. Harty and G. Stockil which were responded to by C. Ward.  It was agreed that an analysis of the demand for social housing and a breakdown of the delivery pipeline will be provided at the next SPC meeting and the report was **NOTED**.

**HI.4 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (pre-record).**

E. Leech provided a pre-recorded presentation setting out details of the national Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme (EERP) 2021 and its application within South Dublin County Council along with an update on the progress of the Planned/Cyclical Maintenance Programme and its alignment with the EERP delivery.

There were contributions by Cllr. C. O’Connor, Cllr. L. Donaghy, Cllr. O’Donovan, Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. Tuffy, Cllr. J. Tuffy, S. Harty and G. Stockil which were responded to by E. Leech and the report was **NOTED**.

**HI.5 Disability Steering Group: Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability.**

N. Hanly provided a brief overview of the South Dublin Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability 2021 – 2026 which had been circulated to SPC members in advance of the meeting. Members were asked to review the document and revert with feedback within the next week.

There were contributions from Cllr. C. O’Connor, Cllr. D. O’Donovan, Cllr. L. Donaghy, S. Harty and G. Stockil which were responded to by N. Hanly.  The document was **AGREED in PRINCIPLE** in advance of feedback by members within 7 days and the published version along with feedback will be brought before members at next meeting.

**HI.6 Allocations and Homeless Update (pre-record).**

N. Hanly provided a pre-recorded update on Housing allocations and homeless data, including housing list numbers, with a breakdown and analysis from 2018 to-date and an update on Rightsizing transfer applications.

There were contributions from Cllr. D. Donovan, Cllr. L. Donaghy, Cllr. C. O’Connor and S. Harty which were responded to by N. Hanly. Members paid tribute to N. Hanly and Allocation’s team for work done and the report was **NOTED**.

**HI.7 Overview of AHBs in South Dublin (pre-record)**

M. Staunton provided a pre-recorded presentation on the role, financing, operation and regulation of Approved Housing Bodies along with an overview of AHB housing delivery channels and projections for 2021/22 in South Dublin.

There were contributions from Cllr. C. O’Connor, Cllr. L. Donaghy, Cllr. J. Tuffy, and S. Harty which were responded to by M. Staunton and C. Ward. Members conveyed their appreciation of the standard of presentations and the quality of information conveyed.

The report was**NOTED.**

**HI.8 Implementation of Integrated Housing System (pre-record)**

N. Hanly provided a pre-recorded presentation on the recently introduced Integrated Housing System setting out the current status, the major impact the new system will have on how the Housing Department does its business and the benefits that will accrue for customers, members, management and staff.

Following contributions from Cllr. O’Donovan, Cllr. W. Carey and G. Stockil, which were responded to by N. Hanly and C. Ward, the report was **NOTED**.

**HI.9 A.O.B.**

C. Ward advised that it is intended that updates will be provided at the next SPC meeting on the SDCC Housing Delivery Pipeline versus Housing demand and the Affordable Housing Bill, while the new Healthy Homes officer due to be shortly appointed will make a presentation to the Committee in September. Members were advised that they may submit items for consideration to be included on future agendas.

E. Leech updated members with details of stats that were recently provided for the 2020 NOAC return. Full details are provided in the table below.

The overall summary @31/12/2020 of our total Housing Stock (including leased units) is as follows:

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| Dwellings owned and managed by Local Authority | 9575 |
| Dwellings owned by LA but managed and maintained by AHB’s | 415 |
| Dwellings used for Community/Estate Management /Administration | 11 |
| Traveller specific group housing | 118 |
| Leased Units | 278 |
| **Total** | **10,397** |

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 11th February 2021

**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.

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

**e) Social, Community & Equality SPC**

(i) - Report ofMeeting -  18th May 2021

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

Also Present: E. Hendrick (PPN)

Apologies:  Cllr. P. Holohan & D. Hennessy (PPN)

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

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February were noted and agreed.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Sports Partnership Overview**

T. McDermott, Sports Partnership Co-ordinator presented an overview of the structure, funding, objectives, activities and future plans for the Sports Partnership. Following contributions and questions from Cllrs. Casserly, Bailey, Murphy and Gilligan, which were responded to by C. Ward and T. McDermott, the report was noted and it was agreed that T. McDermott would follow up by providing a further report to the Committee members on issues raised.

**4. Capital Projects Updates**

An update was provided by P. Mc Alerney and C. Purdy on progress to date and plans on various community and leisure capital projects across the County.  Contributions from Cllrs O’Hara, Gilligan, Murphy and Casserly were responded to by C. Ward, P. McAlerney and C. Purdy and the report was noted.

**5. Equality & Access Update**

C. Purdy presented a report updating the committee on various current equality and access initiatives and further plans for 2021. Following contributions from Cllrs. Bailey, Casserly and Murphy, the report was noted.

**6. Age Friendly Programme Update**

A pre-recorded presentation providing an update on the Age Friendly Programme was made available for review in advance of the meeting and noted by the Committee.

**7. Keep Well Programme**

A pre-recorded presentation highlighting recent initiatives under both the Keep Well campaign and under the Healthy County Steering Group was provided for reviewed in advance of the meeting by Committee members and the report was noted.

**8. Bealtaine Programme of Events**

A pre-recorded presentation for this item had been provided giving a timetable of Bealtaine events and identifying selected highlights and reviewed in advance and noted by the Committee.

**9. Any Other Business**

a.) Part 8’s on new housing for rightsizing are due to be published in the coming weeks.

b.) The final version of the Residents’ Handbook has been printed and a photocall is being arranged with the Mayor.

c.) A poll of preferred meeting days and times would be circulated in advance of the next Committee meeting.

d.) Members were advised by C. Ward that it was unlikely that an Endeavour Awards event would happen this year given the circumstances and the proposed review of the event.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 16th February 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.

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

**f) Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC**

(i) - Report ofMeeting - 27th May 2021

**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**

[Mins of Feb 2021 meeting](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/70474)

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/70604)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/70605)

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/70580)

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.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 25th February 2021

### **PRESENT**

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

### At the commencement of the meeting Chair Cllr. Liam Sinclair extended a welcome to the new SPC Members Cllr Ó Brádaigh and Eoin Ahern. 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](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**

[Report to Feb SPC on Material Alterations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69325)[Report to Feb SPC on Material Alterations.docx](file:///C:\Users\local_marymaguire\INetCache\Content.Outlook\8BEMXHKY\Report%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 Final](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/69437)

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 Strategy 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**

[**2021 02 25 LUPT SPC GI Update**](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.

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

**g) Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries and Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee**

(i) - Report of Meeting - 21st April 2021

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| **Members:** | **Council Officials:** | |
| Cllr. Cathal King (Chair EDET) - EDET | Frank Nevin | Director of Service |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole - EDET | Bernadette Fennell | County Librarian |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne - EDET | Justin Mulhern | Snr. Enterprise Development Officer |
| Cllr. Lynn McCrave – EDET | Laura Leonard | Snr. Executive Officer |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns – EDET | Orla Scannell | Arts Officer |
| Cllr. Ronan McMahon - EDET | Ralph McGarry | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair ACGH&L) ACGH&L | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. Guss O Connell - ACGH&L |  |  |
| Cllr. Peter Kavanagh - ACGH&L |  |  |
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| **Representatives** | | |
| Mr. John Kiberd – EDET | | |
| Ms. Sherri Brennan – EDET | | |
| Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara - ACGH&L | | |
| Ms. Freda Manweiler - ACGH&L | | |
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| **Not in Attendance** | | |
| Cllr. Ed O’Brien (Mayor) - EDET | | |
| Cllr. Sandra Fay – EDET | | |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes - ACGH&L | | |
| Cllr. Kenneth Egan - ACGH&L | | |
| Cllr. Teresa Costello - ACGH&L | | |
| Mr. Damien Roche – EDET | | |
| Mr. Sean Reid – EDET | | |

**The meeting was co-Chaired by Cllr C. King & Cllr M. Duff**

Frank Nevin, **Director of Service**, noted that the meeting would be conducted as a workshop rather than a full SPC. The approach for the meeting would be an overview of supports and how they are being rolled out.

**Headed Item 1: Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC Meeting of 10th February 2021 & Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Tourism SPC 24th February 2021.**

Frank Nevin Director of Service, the Chair of the Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC – Cllr C. King and the Chair of the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Tourism SPC – Cllr M. Duff all agreed that the minutes of the respective SPC’s previous meetings would be addressed at the next separate SPC meetings in May.

**AGREED**.

**Headed Item 2: Review of current COVID related Arts sector financial supports**

Orla Scannell, **Arts Officer** presented a report on Arts and Cultural Sectoral supports. The reports covered points from the Service Adapt Renew (June 2020) Report of the Expert Advisory Group to the Arts Council. It included the announcement from the Arts Council of a €130 million investment across Ireland in 2021 and the initiative being putting in in place that would be supported. Orla also outlined the increased funding that would be received by South Dublin in a number of areas.

Orla then covered a Report from the Arts & Culture Recovery Task force – Life Worth Living 2020 – commissioned by the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media that sought to examine the challenges to the sector and make recommendations on how best it could adapt and recover. Some key outcomes were the Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021 and increased support through Creative Ireland.

Orla conclude this element of the meeting with an overview of the sustained supports from South Dublin County Council.

Following this contribution questions were invited from the members.

Questions were raised by Cllr C. King and Cllr L. McCrave

Frank Nevin and Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: Non-Covid specific business / enterprise supports available to the Creative activity / industry.**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented a report on the Local Enterprise Office led, collaborative network for people working in the creative economy in South Dublin. SCENE (South Dublin Creative Economy Network). Launched on the 8th of April, the network uses a steering group made up of stake holders – Arts Officer, Visual Artists Ireland, Design and Craft Council of Ireland and The Creative Ireland Programme. The group, working together, will schedule a calendar of Events for members balancing the unique characteristics of the various creative activities and adding the LEO Business supports element.

Following this contribution questions were invited from the members; no questions were raised.

Cllr C. King and Cllr L. O’Toole acknowledged LEO supports to businesses.

The Reports were Noted.

**Headed Item 4: Opportunities in the return and potential growth of tourism in the County for creative activity / industry.**

Ralph McGarry, **Administrative Officer**, presented a report on the potential growth of tourism in the county. Ralph noted the impact on the hospitality sector of the on-going restrictions but with sight of restrictions easing there will be opportunities for the restart of cultural and heritage activity.

Ralph noted the €17m outdoor dining scheme from government and that this was being managed through the County Promotion Unit. The 2018 County Promotion Unit Tourism / Event & Festival Grant is being recalibrated for outdoor activity. Plans are under way to pivot opportunities for events.

Promotion of the Shop Front Grant is continuing.

Round Tower visitor centre will have their exhibition space refreshed.

Heritage app – currently working on Tallaght as the net iteration.

Tom Rooney and Frank Nevin Responded to the questions raised.

Following this contribution questions were invited from the members.

Questions were raised by Cllr P. Kavanagh, Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr C. King, Cllr M. Duff, Cllr L Mc Crave, Cllr G. O’Connell and Cllr P. Kearns.

Frank Nevin, Ralph McGarry and Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

**Headed Item 5: Use of existing space – both built and public realm.**

Orla Scannell, **Arts Officer** presented a report on the Outdoor Public Realm Space Scheme. As part of the Life Worth Living 2020 Report of the Arts & Culture Recovery Taskforce on behalf of the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media.

Tasked with examining the challenges of the sector and make recommendations on how best the sector can adapt. It was recommended that an accelerated public realm capital improvement programme to fund local authorities to adapt, equip or otherwise improve outdoor public spaces for arts & culture events and also festivals, taking account of public health guidelines.

Up to €250k per local authority for a single project, grant available will be 90% of eligible costs. It must be made available for arts and cultural activities.

Currently looking at option - Open Air Tallaght: Working Title, An architectural intervention to adapt and improve the use of Chamber Square Tallaght, part of the Re-imagine Tallaght Creative Consultation 2018-2019. It would involve underground and overground infrastructural changes and installation of equipment to facilitate outdoor events.

Frank noted that Failte Ireland are also involved.

Ralph McGarry, **Administrative Officer**, expanded on the use of existing space - both built and public realm, specifically the Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme aimed at tourism and hospitality.

Businesses apply to the Local Authority for a grant of up to a max of €4k (75% of costs, ex VAT). The expenditure can be from 01/04/2020 to 30/09/21 0 this is to ensure those who already action this type of activity will not be disadvantaged.

There may be licencing requirements depending on ownership of space to eb used. Applications to be made online through the County Promotion Unit.

Following these contribution questions were invited from the members.

Questions were raised by Cllr C. King, Cllr L. O’Toole, Cllr P. Kearns, Cllr L. McCrave, Cllr M. Duff.

Frank Nevin, Ralph McGarry and Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

The Reports were Noted.

**Headed Item 6: Next Steps**

Frank Nevin, Director of Service, concluded the presentations for the meeting and noted that each SPC will deal with respective items raised.

**Headed Item 7: AOB**

Frank Nevin, Director of Service, noted that this would be his last SPC meeting as he is due to retire shortly.

All members of the SPC acknowledged and thanked Frank for his work and commitment and were sorry to hear this news but wished him well.

**The meeting ended at 7.15p.m.**

Frank Nevin, Cllr C. King and Cllr M. Duff concluded the meeting.

**Useful Links to items discussed –**

Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021.  
[gov.ie - Re-imagining our Outdoor Public Spaces (www.gov.ie)](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.ie%2Fen%2Fpress-release%2F14d5d-re-imagining-our-outdoor-public-spaces%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjmulhern%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ce97c0e904cd740e8c54b08d908af96e1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637550372505034834%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2B9kRcOQTBoGPIi8hJuv6aXEEG%2BEmx7eyTbwzyYF5bhg%3D&reserved=0)

Outdoor Seating and Accessories Scheme

[Outdoor Seating and Accessories Scheme - SDCC](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/business-support/outdoor-seating-and-accessories-scheme/)

Shop Front Grant

[Shop Front Grant - SDCC](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/business-support/shop-front-grant/)

The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H6/0621 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q26 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/0621 QUESTION: Councillor C. Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive for more information in relation to the winning tender for the SDCC dog pound services, in particular who has been awarded the contract, their experience and any information that would help allay fears around animal welfare, location of the pound, rehoming policy etc.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council published an Invitation to Tender on the 4th January 2021 for the Provision of Dog Pound and Related Services.

Five tenders were received by the closing date for receipt of tenders, 10th February 2021.

The award criteria were set out in the invitation to tender and all facilities were inspected by Council Officials as part of the evaluation process. Facilities which did not meet the minimum score required under Criterion D (Facilities) were eliminated from the competition.

The evaluation of the Tenders received was completed and the successful tenderer designate was Midland Animal Care Ltd.

Midland Animal Care Ltd. withdrew from the process and discussions were opened with the remaining listed tenderer, Dublin Animal Welfare Pound Partnership.

Dublin Animal Welfare Pound Partnership have been given a deadline of 14th June to submit the documentation and confirm their ability to deliver the contract under the terms tendered, to enable us to initiate the contract.

An update will be issued to all Members to advise of the next stage in the process.

### **Q2/0621 QUESTION: Councillor Y. Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has considered using a continuous white line as an alternative to raised cycle paths and bollards on cycle tracks?

**REPLY:**

The Council does and will continue to use continuous white lines on roads to denote cycle lanes. Where this is used motorists should not cross the white line and drive into cycle lanes. However, research indicates that a continuous white line, whilst beneficial, does not provide the highest standard of safety for cyclists in particular vulnerable cyclists as it is not enough of a deterrent to encourage motorists not to encroach on cyclepaths. Whilst the Council will continue to use continuous white lines, the preferred approach is to provide safer, segregated cycle lanes to encourage all users.

### **Q3/0621 QUESTION:** Councillor Y. Collins

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to units and/or properties in relation to which planning permission has been sought and granted as "build to sell", can a developer subsequently and unilaterally decide not to place these units on the open market but rather retain them and rent them out i.e. effectively changing the use from "build to sell" to "build to rent" and if so, what is the statutory basis for this please?

**REPLY:**

**Context - Apartment Guidelines (2020) – Established policy framework for Build to Rent Tenure**  
The Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2020) includes a Section 5.0 Build-To-Rent and Shared Accommodation/Co-living Sectors Build-To-Rent Housing.  
‘Build-to-Rent’ (or BTR) can be defined as: ‘Purpose-built residential accommodation and associated amenities built specifically for long-term rental that is managed and serviced in an institutional manner by an institutional landlord.’  
The Guidelines promote BTR development through specific BTR planning and design policies and standards. Residential development may be proposed as a specific BTR development in the planning process at planning application stage and can avail of the specific standards set out in SPPR 8 of the Guidelines, namely:  
(i) No restrictions on dwelling mix and all other requirements of these Guidelines shall apply, unless specified otherwise;  
(ii) Flexibility shall apply in relation to the provision of a proportion of the storage and private amenity space associated with individual units as set out in Appendix 1 and in relation to the provision of all of the communal amenity space as set out in Appendix 1, on the basis of the provision of alternative, compensatory communal support facilities and amenities within the development. This shall be at the discretion of the planning authority. In all cases the obligation will be on the project proposer to demonstrate the overall quality of the facilities provided and that residents will enjoy an enhanced overall standard of amenity;  
(iii) There shall be a default of minimal or significantly reduced car parking provision on the basis of BTR development being more suitable for central locations and/or proximity to public transport services. The requirement for a BTR scheme to have a strong central management regime is intended to contribute to the capacity to establish and operate shared mobility measures.  
(iv) The requirement that the majority of all apartments in a proposed scheme exceed the minimum floor area standards by a minimum of 10% shall not apply to BTR schemes;  
(v) The requirement for a maximum of 12 apartments per floor per core shall not apply to BTR schemes, subject to overall design quality and compliance with building regulations.

**Under Specific Planning Policy Requirement (SPPR) 7, BTR development must be described in the public notices associated with a planning application specifically as a ‘Build-To-Rent’ housing development that unambiguously categorises the project (or part of thereof) as a long-term rental housing scheme, to be accompanied by a proposed covenant or legal agreement further to which appropriate planning conditions may be attached to any grant of permission to ensure that the development remains as such.**

**Summary**  
The Planning Authority is generally only aware of the specific tenure of a proposal at planning application stage if the applicant avails of the different apartment standards available under SPPR 8 for the Apartment Guidelines and advertises the proposed development as a Build to Rent scheme as required by SPPR 7. Subject to specific individual planning conditions to control certain developments with different amenity/ design needs, such as student accommodation or retirement homes, there are generally no restrictions on a developer obtaining planning permission for an apartment/ residential scheme (not advertised as BTR) and subsequently renting them out.

### **Q4/0621 QUESTION: Councillor Y. Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in tabular form by area the number of voids which are expected to be returned to suitable housing supply together with a projected timeframe in relation to same.

**REPLY:**

The breakdown and status of the 103 currently vacant properties in the Council's housing stock at 31st May 2021 that are undergoing or have recently completed re-let repairs is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **Ready for Allocation** | **Works Ongoing** | **Tender Process** | **Total** |
| Clondalkin | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Lucan | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Rathfarnham/Templeogue | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Palmerstown/Fonthill | 10 | 4 | 16 | 30 |
| Firhouse/Bohernabreena | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7 |
| Tallaght Central | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Tallaght South | 14 | 3 | 27 | 44 |
| **Total** | **34** | **12** | **57** | **103** |

The 34 properties ready for allocation are in the process of being tenanted through CBL and other allocations processes and will be occupied as soon as tenants accept offers and/or are in a position to take up occupancy.

All Council owned dwellings are subject to detailed inspection by our technical staff upon becoming vacant and relevant works are then procured by contractors on frameworks for re-let works before being allocated to eligible applicants from the social housing list.   Properties with "works ongoing" or "tender process" status are at various stages of procurement or undergoing works and as the required works progress an allocation process will commence for each.

The refurbishment and allocation of vacant housing stock remains a priority to ensure that as many social homes as possible are made available to qualified households.  Under the 2021 Voids Programme, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) has provisionally approved maximum funding of approximately €2.23million in respect of 150 vacant homes (voids) for South Dublin.  The works allowed during standard refurbishments of vacant properties include inspection, repair, replacement, safety and cleaning works subject to maximum funding of €11k per unit.  The allocation recognises that a small percentage of vacated properties require a significant investment to bring them into compliance with the minimum letting standards, and accordingly, DHLGH have provided for the refurbishment of 15 such properties for South Dublin (10% of overall number of homes approved for this Council) at an average recoupment value of €50k per unit.

The allocation breakdown is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2021 Voids Funding** | **Standard Refurb** | **Non-Standard Refurb** | **Total** |
| No. of Homes | 135 | 15 | 150 |
| Average Cost | €11k | €50k | €14.9k |
| Maximum Total Funding | €1.485m | €750k | €2.235m |

### **Q5/0621 QUESTION: Councillor Y. Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive to what extent anti-graffiti paint is used on surfaces in public areas which have been defaced, or are deemed at risk of being defaced, and how effective is it in preventing further graffiti?

**REPLY:**

Anti graffiti paints/coatings are used to form a layer over a surface to prevent graffiti from attaching to that surface. Graffiti can then be removed used power hoses from surfaces that are treated in such a way. The addition of the paint/coating does not prevent further graffiti, however it does make the area affected easier to clean.

SDCC has used some anti graffiti paints in a limited number of areas such as some boundary walls and bridges.

We have also recently procured a specialist contractor who can remove graffiti from surfaces that require specialist remove techniques  (such surfaces include natural stone walls or porous surfaces). The same contractor can also apply anti graffiti coatings to such surfaces. Due to the higher cost, assessments on the need for anti graffiti coatings will be made on a case by case basis.

SDCC will continue to take immediate action to remove or cover offensive or politically motivated graffiti once a report is received.

SDCC has an MoU with the ESB and some other utility companies, who have agreed to remove graffiti from their premises/assets once reported to them.

### **Q6/0621 QUESTION: Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how long is the current waiting time for processing of Housing List Applications.

**REPLY:**

Unfortunately due to our practice of accepting the submission and acceptance of incomplete forms by housing applicants during Covid restrictions many of which required follow-ups in relation to the submission of additional information and/or documentation, combined with additional factors including some short-term staff vacancies along with the transition to a new integrated housing system amidst staff on a roster of partially remote-working, the current processing times for social housing applications is averaging 12 weeks.

The pending introduction of online application forms and processes including for social housing applications in the coming weeks as part of the integrated housing system is anticipated to reduce the turnaround time for processing applications.  Additionally, in advance of online application processes being introduced, the Allocations section will not be accepting incomplete applications - these will be returned to the prospective applicant to be re-submitted fully completed and with all relevant required documentation – which will allow a focus on processing completed applications to reduce processing times.

### **Q7/0621 QUESTION:** **Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the manager how much SDCC Public Realm Dept has spent in 2019 / 2020 / YTD repairing damage caused by anti social behaviour

**REPLY:**

Works carried out by Public Realm to repair damages caused by Anti Social behaviour can be broken down into the following areas;

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 (YTD to 8th June) |
| Graffiti | €22,309 | €30,374 | €15,795 |
| Pitch Maintenance/Repairs | €10,000 | €10,000\* | €5,000\* |
| Illegal Dumping | €1,595,711 | €1,535,190 | €614,916 |
| Playground Maintenance | €39,037 | €40,000\* | €15,000\* |
| Halloween related costs | €150,000 | €120,000 | N/A |

 It should be noted that the maintenance costs listed \* above are estimates as the costs are not recorded in a way that is easily subdivided.

### **Q8/0621 QUESTION: Councillor L. Donaghy**

To ask the Chief Executive what new measures have been introduced since Easter to manage increased demand on litter bins in public spaces?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council parks have seen a large increase in footfall and usage of facilities during the various periods and levels of Covid 19 restrictions, particularly during those periods where movement has been restricted to within a 5km radius of home. This has resulted in an increase in usage of litter bins and unfortunately an increase in litter in parks in general.

South Dublin County Council put in place increased cleaning and litter bin servicing in April/May 2020 and this has remained in place at all times throughout the pandemic, at a substantial increase in cost to the Council. The servicing of litter bins in parks at weekends is a relatively new aspect of the cleansing and litterbin service, it was introduced in the first instance on bank holiday weekends in the four main parks and was then increased in the early days of Covid 19 restrictions to cover all park litter bins being serviced once over each weekend as well as on bank holidays when they occur. In light of ongoing issues regarding overflowing bins in a number of park locations, arrangements are being made for the installation of additional bins at these locations, a commitment has been given to the installation of 30 additional litter bins mostly in park locations and these bin installations have now been completed. These additional bins are considered a temporary measure and may be removed or relocated at a later date when restrictions are eased and usage of the park and park litter bins returns to normal.   A commitment was also given to a trial of 1,100 litre wheeled containers in car parks at Tymon, Corkagh, Griffeen and Dodder Valley Parks in a response to the need for additional capacity to handle litter and waste in parks in the current circumstances.  It is planned that these containers will be in place ahead of the June bank holiday weekend, a total of 9 such containers are to be provided, one at each of 9 car park locations at the parks listed above.  The situation will continue to be monitored over the coming days and weeks and further measures will be considered if required.

It is clear that litter is at times being left beside and on top of litter bins by people using the parks for legitimate purposes. It is most likely the case that users see this as responsible disposal of waste items such as coffee cups etc however these items usually end up on the ground, scattered around the park and contributing to the litter problem. The Council would like to appeal to all park users as follows –

* If a litter bin is full, please do not leave litter or bagged dog waste beside the bin or on top of it. Instead please either take your waste home or put it in another litter bin.
* Weekends are particularly busy in our parks during lockdown. While the parks litter bins are serviced over the weekends and at bank holidays, it is not always possible to service bins before they become full nor is it possible to service them multiple times in one day.
* The Council would like to appeal to park users to apply the 'Leave no trace' principle and to take their waste home for disposal if at all possible and to deal with their waste items in a responsible manner.

The Council would like to direct members of the public to the [**www.mywaste.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mywaste.ie%2F&amp;data=04%7C01%7Clmagee%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C45f74cc11d3a42c3698b08d90afe78b1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637552910322826957%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&amp;sdata=Iseb4Zu045GUvNneuePj7TMNcHl%2Fwq63O7U%2BT%2Fx1%2Fhw%3D&amp;reserved=0) website as well as to the Council website [**www.sdccc.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdccc.ie%2F&amp;data=04%7C01%7Clmagee%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C45f74cc11d3a42c3698b08d90afe78b1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637552910322836954%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&amp;sdata=83p8deTXCAPWMYM22B31VuPNXbGH%2FgDWrL7%2BxCTOy50%3D&amp;reserved=0) for information and tips on good environmental practice in the management and recycling of waste.

### **Q9/0621 QUESTION: Councillor L. Donaghy**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on whether this local authority has been sought funding under the Woodland Creation on Public Lands scheme and/or Native Woodland Conservation Scheme, and what projects are under consideration should funding be granted.

**REPLY:**

The purpose of the Woodland Creation on Public Lands Scheme is to encourage Public Bodies to establish new native woodlands on suitable bare land.

Native woodlands are an important part of Ireland’s natural heritage, history and culture, and are unique in terms of their biodiversity. They are home to specialised woodland animals, birds, insects and plants, including red squirrel, pine marten, great spotted woodpecker, narrow-leaved helleborine and wood millet, to name but a few. They provide numerous ecosystem services, including the protection and enhancement of water quality, wider habitat linkage, landscape enhancement, opportunities for outdoor recreation and interpretation, and carbon capture.

The Scheme aims to conserve nature by developing permanent, non-commercial woodlands on public land that will deliver the following benefits:

* Recreation of lost native woodland habitats, rich in biodiversity and cultural significance.
* Reverse the fragmentation of other habitats and the loss of biodiversity corridors within the wider landscape.
* Carbon sequestration from forests that will exist in perpetuity.
* Protection and enhancement of water and associated aquatic ecosystems.
* Provision of attractive woodland amenities, to promote health and well-being and opportunities for outdoor learning amongst local communities.
* Enhancing air quality in urban and peri-urban areas.
* Soil protection and the reclamation of former landfill and brownfield sites.

The first step in the process is to identify a potential site or sites within the public land bank, which if developed into a native woodland, would advance SDCC’s own targets regarding the Sustainable Development Goals, corporate social responsibility, climate targets, etc. The site must also be suitable from a ‘silvicultural’ perspective to grow a new woodland, and also from an environmental perspective, so that negative impacts of other valuable habitats and species are avoided.

South Dublin County Council have recently commenced a Green Infrastructure Strategy and a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy for the county that will map areas of Green Infrastructure at a strategic level and help the council identify the optimal locations for retention and protection of existing elements of Green Infrastructure (including woodlands), the reinforcement of existing elements that require augmentation or the creation of new Green Infrastructure links and hubs (which can also include woodlands). The Parks and Open Spaces strategy will also examine our public lands at the county wide level and make similar recommendations on how we best develop and manage lands within public ownership and provide the optimal balance between our provision of active and passive recreation and provision and protection of visual amenity and protection and enhancement of biodiversity and environmental habitats.

The Council’s tree management strategy for the period 2015 to 2020 ‘Living with trees’ is being reviewed at present and will be replaced with a new policy document from 2021.  The strategy currently deals with the planting and maintenance of trees in on-street locations, it does not consider trees in park or urban woodland settings.  These areas will be included in the scope of the review of the strategy and will form part of the new strategy.  Work is due to be carried out to establish the extent of existing woodlands in SDCC ownership, these areas will be mapped in the strategy and this will help to identify areas where there is potential for urban woodlands to be extended or newly developed. The conversion of any open space area to woodland has to be carefully assessed and managed to ensure unintended consequences do not result. Quite a number of SDCC’s parks and open spaces contain species-diverse meadowlands that are important from a biodiversity point of view and support species that do not thrive in a woodland setting; such as protected flora and fauna species, ground nesting birds etc.

The Council's Climate Change Action Plan contains a number of actions under the Nature Based Solutions section which will help to increase tree canopy cover in the County into the future.  These include the following actions -

* To develop an urban woodland management strategy and action plan, and
* To increase tree canopy cover in the County through annual planting and maintenance.

The Public Realm Section seeks to balance the improvement of the environment and increase in bio-diversity and tree planting with the requirement to provide and manage active recreation and safe movement through our parks and open spaces. SDCC plants in the region of 1,500 trees in on-street and open space locations with a budget of approximately €150,000 provided annually for this work.  This planting is intended to be additional to that planned tree planting programme, details of which are presented to the Council's area committees in October and November.

South Dublin County Council has adopted a tree management policy that seeks to manage existing trees appropriately and reduce the amount of trees being removed from public open space for non-essential reasons.  The council manages a large quantity of public trees within the streetscape; which presents its own challenges, so the management and retention of these trees is also an important facet in the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan.  Tree and hedgerow protection and retention of mature trees is arguably as important as new tree planting, as it serves to retain a mature tree canopy that already supports an established ecosystem and existing ecological corridors.

All proposed schemes are examined for opportunities for new tree planting. For example - 500 trees were planted as part of the Ogham Tree trail in Dodder Valley, 367 trees were planted as part of Phase 1 of the upgrading of N81, and there are plans in Sean Walsh Park to implement some mini-woodlands in autumn 2021.

South Dublin County Council is a founding member of the Dublin Mountains Partnership (DMP); and the DMP in tandem with Coillte Nature recently announced the Dublin Mountains Conversion Programme as outlined below. SDCC are delighted to partner with Coillte in this proposal through the Dublin Mountains Partnership.

Dublin Mountains Conversion Programme and the Native Woodland Conservation Scheme grant:

"Coillte owns and manages around half of the forests in the Dublin Mountains, with the remainder managed by private forest owners. When this land was first planted with trees between the early 1940s and late 1960s, Dublin was a much smaller city and nobody thought much about outdoor recreation in forests. Today, these forests are among the most important recreational sites for a growing urban population seeking fresh air and green space: Coillte’s most popular forest, Ticknock, sees over 550 visits a day. Until now, Coillte have managed these areas for commercial purposes first, and for recreational purposes second. But because of their popularity and proximity to the city, it’s time to put people’s needs much higher up the agenda. Through the Dublin Mountains Makeover, nine Coillte forests will transition away from the clearfell and replanting cycle towards a different model. Multi-generational forests managed under ‘Continuous Cover Forestry’ (CCF) principles will maintain their green canopy on a permanent basis, and in areas where this isn’t possible, non-native Sitka spruce and lodgepole pine trees will be removed and replanted with native species such as Scots pine, birch, rowan, oak, holly and willow to provide habitat for nature and bring autumn colours to the hills."

Work started on the Dublin Mountains Makeover in June 2020 and continues over the coming years, Collite are moving towards a new ‘continuous cover’ approach to forestry that maintains a permanent forest canopy. In areas where this is not possible, they are clearfelling small areas of conifer plantations and replanting them with native woodland within the same year. This will enhance and create habitats for wildlife, enrich the forests’ recreational appeal for people and improve the wider landscape’s aesthetic value. The aim of the Dublin Mountains Makeover is to improve biodiversity, climate resilience and recreation. Over the next 20 years the plan is to increase broadleaf from 5% to 25% (equivalent of about 180ha).

The replanting with native woodland in the Dublin Mountains will be partly funded through the Forest Service Native Woodland Conservation Scheme grant on many of the sites but this grant does not cover the full cost of replanting the sites with native woodland particularly the high cost of  deer protection (fencing required).

The Dublin Mountains represent a significant resource in terms of Green Infrastructure, and the conversion of existing coniferous woodland to broadleaf woodland is considered by the partners to be a significant contribution to the development of native woodland in Ireland. South Dublin County Council will continue to engage with Coillte and our other partners in the development of this programme and examine if further co-ordinated and complementary actions  can complement and enhance the proposed actions regarding the transition to broadleaf, mainly native woodlands.

### **Q10/0621 QUESTION: Councillor T. Gilligan**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline for 2020, the houses built private and public by LEA

**REPLY:**

A total of 370 new build homes were delivered for social housing in 2020. These were delivered through the PPP project at Corkagh Grange, at various developments through Approved Housing Bodies and through Part V requirements in private developments.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **LA/PPP Build** | **AHB Build** | **Part V** | **Total** |
| Clondalkin | 109 | 148 | 24 | 281 |
| Lucan | 0 | 0 | 35 | 35 |
| Palmerstown- Fonthill | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Tallaght South | 0 | 1 | 46 | 47 |
| **Total** | **109** | **156** | **105** | **370** |

### **Q11/0621 QUESTION:** **Councillor T. Gilligan**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to contact Leitrim County Council in regard to their scheme to monitor the DNA of dog poo; when do they intend to carry out such a worthwhile activity? Have they any findings to date and has there been any local reaction or success?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is aware of the project underway in Leitrim and will examine the recommendations and costs from this pilot when they are available.

### **Q12/0621 QUESTION: Councillor P. Kavanagh**

To ask the Chief Executive what additional measures have been taken to tackle dumping in our public parks during weekends and periods of high demand and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council parks have seen a large increase in footfall and usage of facilities during the various periods and levels of Covid 19 restrictions, particularly during those periods where movement has been restricted to within a 5km radius of home. This has resulted in an increase in usage of litter bins and unfortunately an increase in litter in parks in general.

South Dublin County Council put in place increased cleaning and litter bin servicing in April/May 2020 and this has remained in place at all times throughout the pandemic, at a substantial increase in cost to the Council. The servicing of litter bins in parks at weekends is a relatively new aspect of the cleansing and litterbin service, it was introduced in the first instance on bank holiday weekends in the four main parks and was then increased in the early days of Covid 19 restrictions to cover all park litter bins being serviced once over each weekend as well as on bank holidays when they occur. In light of ongoing issues regarding overflowing bins in a number of park locations, arrangements are being made for the installation of additional bins at these locations, a commitment has been given to the installation of 30 additional litter bins mostly in park locations and these bin installations have now been completed. These additional bins are considered a temporary measure and may be removed or relocated at a later date when restrictions are eased and usage of the park and park litter bins returns to normal.   A commitment was also given to a trial of 1,100 litre wheeled containers in car parks at Tymon, Corkagh, Griffeen and Dodder Valley Parks in a response to the need for additional capacity to handle litter and waste in parks in the current circumstances.  It is planned that these containers will be in place ahead of the June bank holiday weekend, a total of 9 such containers are to be provided, one at each of 9 car park locations at the parks listed above.  The situation will continue to be monitored over the coming days and weeks and further measures will be considered if required.

It is clear that litter is at times being left beside and on top of litter bins by people using the parks for legitimate purposes. It is most likely the case that users see this as responsible disposal of waste items such as coffee cups etc however these items usually end up on the ground, scattered around the park and contributing to the litter problem. The Council would like to appeal to all park users as follows –

* If a litter bin is full, please do not leave litter or bagged dog waste beside the bin or on top of it. Instead please either take your waste home or put it in another litter bin.
* Weekends are particularly busy in our parks during lockdown. While the parks litter bins are serviced over the weekends and at bank holidays, it is not always possible to service bins before they become full nor is it possible to service them multiple times in one day.
* The Council would like to appeal to park users to apply the 'Leave no trace' principle and to take their waste home for disposal if at all possible and to deal with their waste items in a responsible manner.

The Council would like to direct members of the public to the [**www.mywaste.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mywaste.ie%2F&amp;data=04%7C01%7Clmagee%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C45f74cc11d3a42c3698b08d90afe78b1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637552910322826957%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&amp;sdata=Iseb4Zu045GUvNneuePj7TMNcHl%2Fwq63O7U%2BT%2Fx1%2Fhw%3D&amp;reserved=0) website as well as to the Council website [**www.sdccc.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdccc.ie%2F&amp;data=04%7C01%7Clmagee%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C45f74cc11d3a42c3698b08d90afe78b1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637552910322836954%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&amp;sdata=83p8deTXCAPWMYM22B31VuPNXbGH%2FgDWrL7%2BxCTOy50%3D&amp;reserved=0) for information and tips on good environmental practice in the management and recycling of waste.

### **Q13/0621 QUESTION: Councillor P. Kavanagh**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on outstanding planning enforcement complaints and if he will make a statement on any COVID-related delays to ongoing investigations.

**REPLY:**

Currently there are 711 ongoing planning enforcement complaints. Although there were significant delays due to the onset of the covid-19 pandemic in 2020, presently there are no covid related delays to ongoing investigations. A risk assessment is carried out before an inspection is conducted.  There have been instances where respondents have requested that we hold processes until they get their vaccine/ are in isolation due to being a close contact /are infected with covid 19.  There have also been delays when respondents had difficulty sourcing personnel to carry out work particularly during the construction ban.

Planning enforcement are working on a priority basis, and getting through the complaints as quickly as they can. Sometimes issues arise where a complaint has to be immediately investigated, and this can impact caseload but this would be because of its priority. The number of complaints has increased significantly during the pandemic as people are working from home and are more aware of planning issues, which they may have previously ignored.  There has been an increase in residential building activity during part of lockdown which may not be planning compliant. The commercial response to the pandemic of business owners is to adapt to the situation which may not be planning compliant. This extra volume has to be factored in also.

### **Q14/0621 QUESTION: Councillor C. King**

To ask the Chief Executive how much has been spent on the Windows and Doors Programme County wide and by ACM, quarter by quarter since Budget 2020 and how many Households have benefited from same.

**REPLY:**

Approval weas given by the Council in 2019 for a planned maintenance programme including replacement or painting of windows and doors in selected older Council rented dwellings.  Following this, a procurement process commenced for a framework for contractors to replace original single glazed and/or poor performing aluminium windows and doors in older properties.  A protracted procurement was completed in January 2020 with the appointment of contractors and, although some surveys/measurements of properties had been undertaken, due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions, works under the framework could not progress any further.

The easing of Covid-19 related restrictions on construction works in May 2021 has allowed the completion of surveys and measurements of an initial 50 properties scheduled for works under the programme.  Fabrication works are now underway and installations will now commence in the coming weeks.  It is anticipated that approximately two hundred homes will have windows and doors upgrades completed in 2021 under the programme in Allenton, Avonbeg, Airlie, Arthur Griffth, Dunawley, Foxdene estates along with selected additional priority cases at an average cost of €8,000 per home.

Following recent announcements of funding to the Council from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under a national Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme, the windows and doors programme will now be co-ordinated with that programme by our planned maintenance team.

### **Q15/0621 QUESTION: Councillor K. Mahon**

There are at least 2,243 identified properties in the South Dublin County Council area that are in the possession of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) or other large scale venture capital corporations. Can the manager clarify what income is accrued to the Council through the Rates System from Real Estate Investment Trusts? Can the Chief Executive clarify what local taxation measures are used by South Dublin County Council to accrue income from Real Estate Investment Trusts? Can the manager comment on what income has been generated to the local authority directly from Real Estate Investment Trusts?

**REPLY:**

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are companies whose income is derived from the rental of

1. Commercial and, or
2. Residential property

A REIT may be a single company or a group of companies. If a company intends to become a REIT, it must notify Revenue. The relevant legislation is contained in Part 25A – sections 705A to 705Q of the Taxes Consolidation Act (TCA) 1997. Sections 153(4A), 172D(3B), 617(1) and 739W TCA may also be of relevance.

1. **Commercial property:** South Dublin County Council has a number of trusts rated and they do pay Rates to the Local Authority. However, whether these trusts are classified as REITS by Revenue is not disclosed to the Council. It should also be noted that Rates are assessed on occupiers of properties and not owners, accordingly there may be properties owned by REITS in South Dublin but occupied by businesses which are classified as Retail, Manufacturing etc.. For these reasons it is not possible to identify what income is accrued to the Council through the Rates system from REITS.
2. **Residential property:** There are no specific exemptions for REITS from Local Property Tax (LPT). Accordingly a property would be liable for LPT if it was a residential property on the [valuation date](https://www.revenue.ie/en/property/local-property-tax/is-your-property-liable-lpt/what-are-the-key-dates-for-lpt.aspx) of 1 May 2013. Recently announced proposals to include properties constructed after 2013 and reduce the number of exemptions applicable to LPT may lead to an increased income from this source, however as Revenue do not provide details of LPT assessed on REITS it is not possible to state what income is accrued to the Council through LPT from REITS.

Local Authorities do not categorise or generate income by “ownership type” such as Real Estate Investment Trusts. This type of information is not freely available to the Council and is not necessary in the calculation of any of its charges. Therefore there are no specific taxation measures used by South Dublin County Council to accrue income from REITS nor is it possible to comment on what income has been generated to it by REITS other than to say that any income receivable from REITS is promptly pursued by the Council until fully discharged.

### **Q16/0621 QUESTION: Councillor D. McManus**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the average length of time involved for direct build social housing by South Dublin County Council for every stage of the process; from design, public consultation, Part 8 planning and approval from the Department of Housing to procurement and construction completion?

**REPLY:**

The Council has completed a total of 358 direct build housing units on twelve schemes over the period 2016 to 2019 inclusive.  The average length of time for design is difficult to quantify as a record is not kept of the timeline for the design stage which can depend on the range of other projects being managed by our Architectural Services Department and can also often be in process for a considerable period or can involve revisiting previously developed designs for specific sites.

Timelines on the developments completed in the period outline were recorded from when the Part 8 public consultation stage commences - the Part 8 stage can take up to 20 weeks under legislation but for which the average period for these projects was 85 just less than three months.  The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) four-stage approval process must be followed for each construction project with the Council is required to seek approval from DHLGH at capital appraisal stage, pre-planning stage, pre-tender stage and post-tender stage but in relation to some of the twelve schemes planning approval had been obtained prior to rather than during this DHLGH approval process.  The average overall time for approval through the DHLGH four-stage approval process for these projects was just over 19 months.

Upon receipt of stage 4 post-tender approval from DHLGH, the Council then appoints a contractor to deliver the construction project and the average time from final DHLGH approval to completion of the developments in this was approximately 18.75 months.

### **Q17/0621 QUESTION: Councillor S. Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all the community centres in the county, by electoral area, and the population in the catchment area served by each.

**REPLY:**

The current community and neighbourhood facilities provided and/or supported by the Council's Community Development team are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LEA** | **Community Facilities** | **Neighbourhood Facilities** | **Electoral Division** | **ED Population (2016)** |
| Lucan | Adamstown | Kishogue Park | Lucan St. Helens | 10,658 |
|  | Griffeen | Lucan Esker | 32,236 |
| Palmerstown Fonthill | Ballyowen | Earlsfort |
|  | Manor Road | Palmerston Village | 3,625 |
| Palmerstown  Quarryvale |  | Palmerston West | 7,521 |
| Neilstown | Weaver Court | Clondalkin Rowlagh | 4,096 |
| The Bush | Tor an Ri  Lynch’s Park | Clondalkin Cappaghmore | 2,581 |
| Rowlagh | Liscarne Court | Clondalkin Moorfield | 6,376 |
| Rathfarnham Templeogue | Ballyroan |  | Rathfarnham Ballyroan | 2,612 |
| Greenhills |  | Terenure St. James | 2,568 |
| Perrystown |  | Terenure Greentrees | 2,872 |
| Clondalkin | Bawnogue St Ronans |  | Clondalkin Dunawley | 11,323 |
| Knockmitten | Mayfield | Clondalkin Monastery | 11,316 |
| Brittas | Saggart | Saggart | 4,640 |
| Rathcoole |  | Rathcoole | 5,009 |
| St Finians |  | Newcastle | 4,257 |
|  | Belgard Heights |  | Tallaght Belgard | 1,692 |
| Tallaght Central | Dominic's |  | Tallaght Avonbeg | 1,538 |
| Kilnamanagh |  | Tallaght Kilnamanagh | 4,386 |
| Kingswood |  | Tallaght Kingswood | 3,996 |
| St Aonghus | Tymon North | Tallaght Tymon | 4,956 |
| Tymon Bawn |  | Tallaght Kiltipper | 8,478 |
| Tallaght South |  | Deerpark | 8,478 |
| Killinarden |  | Tallaght Killinardan | 3,958 |
| Brookfield Ave Brookfield Fettercairn Fettercairn Horse Project  St. Marks | Ard Mor Brookfield Court Brookview Avenue | Tallaght Fettercairn | 8,380 |
| Jobstown | Kiltalown  MacUiliam | Tallaght Jobstown | 17,824 |
| Firhouse Bohernabreena | Firhouse The Park |  | Firhouse Village | 12,214 |
| Knocklyon |  | Firhouse Knocklyon | 3,505 |
| Whitechurch  Whitechurch Library |  | Edmondstown | 5,757 |
| Glenasmole | Bohernabreena | Bohernabreena | 4,496 |

In addition, provision is made in the current Three-Year Capital programme 2021-2023 for further community facilities as follows:

* Adamstown
* Balgaddy
* Ballycullen LAP
* Belfry Neighbourhood Centre
* Clonburris
* Kilcarbery
* Killinarden JV Community/Sports Centre
* Newcastle LAP
* Orchard Lane (Age Friendly Centre)
* Old Schoolhouse/Saggart
* Rathcoole Courthouse
* Templeogue (Intergenerational Facility)

### **Q18/0621 QUESTION: Councillor S. Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the installation of electronic booking systems in Council community centres.

**REPLY:**

Funding was awarded to the Council, through the Sports Partnership office, for the development of an electronic booking system for the use of community centres in South Dublin from the Dormant Accounts Fund under a Sports Ireland Innovation Fund with strong support for such a system shown by a 98% positive response to such a system in a survey conducted by South Dublin Public Participation Network.

While it was originally considered that the tender could comprise an extension of the online booking system for pitches and pavilions, procurement advice was that this approach was not possible as the value of the subsequent tender would exceed the original tender and therefore a new and separate tender was required.

The new tender is currently being drafted having regard for Office of Government Procurement guidance and with input from the Council's Information Systems, Procurement, Data Protection and Law Departments.  It is anticipated that the tender will be finalised for issue this month with a view to being in a position to pilot the service in some community centres later this year.  This would be followed by a phased roll-out across community centres throughout 2022.

Planning for the associated training and promotional aspects of the pilot and the roll-out will be undertaken by the Community Development and Sports Partnership teams.

### **Q19/0621 QUESTION:** Councillor S. Moynihan

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of Derelict Sites inspections undertaken, by year and LEA, over the past three years in the county and the outcomes of each inspection.

**REPLY:**

The number of derelict sites inspections carried out throughout the County from January 2018 to date (8th June 2021) is as follows:

2018:     173

2019:     161

2020:     200

2021:     71

LEA data is not currently recorded.

The outcome from an inspection will vary and be site specific; this could be issuing a warning letter, serving a statutory notice under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, or closing of the file as it is not a derelict site as defined in the Act.

### **Q20/0621 Councillor S. Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the average relet time for void housing units for each month for the past three years and to account for the variation in same.

**REPLY:**

Within the Council’s housing stock, 103 properties were vacant at 31st May and at various stages of the re-let process.  These 103 homes represented just over 1% of our housing stock, compared with a national average of 3.15% for the 2019 National Service Indicators.

The table below shows the monthly average relet time from January 2018 to December 2020 as reported in the Chief Executive’s Report – these statistics are calculated based on the current number of vacant properties divided by the number of weeks they are currently vacant and includes casual vacancies, acquired properties and Traveller specific accommodation with time taken for re-letting usually determined by the level of repair/refurbishment works required and the number of offers/refusals to housing applicants prior to allocation.  In certain instances, additional factors have variously impacted the time taken for re-letting and these include estate management considerations, fire damage to properties, legal proceedings relating to prior tenancy etc. We are also encountering increasing numbers of older properties being re-let after long-term tenancies that require significantly enhanced levels of refurbishment while Covid-related restrictions have also resulted in changed work practices over the last fifteen months.  The increasing number of vacant properties in recent years (an average of 61 in 2018 increasing to 98 in 2020) is also reflective of increased housing delivery which results in more current tenants transferring to more appropriate accommodation after awaiting transfers for overcrowding, rightsizing, medical or other reasons.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2020** | **Jan-20** | **Feb-20** | **Mar-20** | **Apr-20** | **May-20** | **Jun-20** | **Jul-20** | **Aug-20** | **Sep-20** | **Oct-20** | **Nov-20** | **Dec-20** | **Avg** |
| No. of Voids | 99 | 106 | 111 | 95 | 94 | 100 | 101 | 97 | 90 | 89 | 97 | 98 | 98.08 |
| Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks) | 19.21 | 19.23 | 19.65 | 19.43 | 19.12 | 20.56 | 20.66 | 19.71 | 19.84 | 18.56 | 19.22 | 19.43 | 19.55 |
| **2019** | **Jan-19** | **Feb-19** | **Mar-19** | **Apr-19** | **May-19** | **Jun-19** | **Jul-19** | **Aug-19** | **Sep-19** | **Oct-19** | **Nov-19** | **Dec-19** | **Avg** |
| No. of Voids | 82 | 80 | 85 | 88 | 83 | 82 | 68 | 80 | 84 | 86 | 87 | 99 | 83.66 |
| Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks) | 23.13 | 18.43 | 20.59 | 20.07 | 21.45 | 19 | 18.84 | 17.57 | 14.46 | 15.27 | 15.07 | 16.81 | 18.39 |
| **2018** | **Jan-18** | **Feb-18** | **Mar-18** | **Apr-18** | **May-18** | **Jun-18** | **Jul-18** | **Aug-18** | **Sep-18** | **Oct-18** | **Nov-18** | **Dec-18** | **Avg** |
| No. of Voids | 46 | 42 | 42 | 58 | 52 | 52 | 61 | 76 | 71 | 72 | 76 | 87 | 61.25 |
| Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks) | 8.14 | 16.69 | 15.71 | 18.51 | 18.49 | 16.86 | 15.21 | 15.05 | 13.86 | 17.27 | 15.36 | 17.41 | 15.71 |

A significant element of the re-let process is the performance of contractors carrying out much of the works involved and the current contractors are coming to the end of the period of contract with submissions under a new procurement process for refurbishment of vacant dwellings currently being evaluated.  It is anticipated that performance under the new framework will improve turnaround times and value for money.

In conjunction with the new framework, a cross Housing Department working group is examining how to further improve and reduce the time frames and costs associated with re-let works to maximise the use of our housing assets by re-letting homes as quickly as possible.  This includes using the new integrated housing system to achieve improved interaction across allocations, estate management, housing maintenance and contractors to improve performance with a particular focus on reducing prolonged void periods or a high concentration of voids in certain areas.

National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) annual service indicators reports show the average time taken from vacancy of a standard Council property (excluding acquired or Traveller specific accommodation) to the date it is subsequently re-tenanted, which is different from the criteria reported in the monthly Chief Executive’s Report as outlined above, and for which the national average for 2019 was 28.17 weeks.

### **Q21/0621 QUESTION: Councillor S. Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an overview of how many derelict sites have been brought into Council ownership over the past five years, broken down by year and LEA.

**REPLY:**

The number of derelict sites acquired compulsorily by South Dublin County Council under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 is set out below:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **No.** | **Area** |
| 2016 (4) | 1 | Lucan |
| 1 | Tallaght |
| 2 | Clondalkin |
| 2017 | 2 | Clondalkin |
| 2018 | NIL | n/a |
| 2019 | NIL | n/a |
| 2020 | 1 | Lucan |

### **Q22/0621 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that work is progressing despite the restrictions on the new voting register for 2022

**REPLY:**

The work on the Draft Register 2022-2023 is ongoing, all RFA household forms received are duly processed.

Corporate Services are promoting a voter awareness campaign through the placing of an article on Valuing Your Vote in relation to the importance of voting and registering to vote in the South Dublin County Council newsletter which will be distributed to all households during the summer months.  Bus Stop advertisement spaces have been confirmed for the period from 20th September until 3rd October to promote the Draft Registration Campaign.

It is also proposed to run Voter Registration drives in IT Tallaght, secondary schools and shopping centres as part of the Draft Registration Campaign as well as supporting national campaigns led by the Department to promote and to alert citizens to check the register to reach as wide a target audience as possible, this is dependent on Covid19 restrictions at the time.

The Council's Communications Section will continue to promote Voter awareness, on the Council’s Website, on twitter, Instagram and all our media portals.

### **Q23/0621 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm his plans to refurnish and re-let units in 2021 following the announcement by Government of the new Housing Voids programme and may we have a statement?

**REPLY:**

Under the 2021 Voids Programme, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) has provisionally approved maximum funding of approximately €2.23million in respect of 150 vacant homes (voids) for South Dublin.  The works allowed during standard refurbishments of vacant properties include inspection, repair, replacement, safety and cleaning works subject to maximum funding of €11k per unit.  The allocation recognises that a small percentage of vacated properties require a significant investment to bring them into compliance with the minimum letting standards, and accordingly, DHLGH have provided for the refurbishment of 15 such properties for South Dublin (10% of overall number of homes approved for this Council) at an average recoupment value of €50k per unit.

The allocation breakdown is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2021 Voids Funding** | **Standard Refurb** | **Non-Standard Refurb** | **Total** |
| No. of Homes | 135 | 15 | 150 |
| Average Cost | €11k | €50k | €14.9k |
| Maximum Total Funding | €1.485m | €750k | €2.235m |

All Council owned dwellings are subject to detailed inspection by our technical staff upon becoming vacant and relevant works are then procured by contractors on frameworks for re-let works before being allocated to eligible applicants from the social housing list.

### **Q24/0621 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail his further actions and plans to deal with the challenge of Climate Change and will he make a statement.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is continuing to progress and deliver projects identified in the Climate Change Action Plan. In addition to progressing the CCAP, SDCC is working to ensure that its strategies align with the new energy efficiency and carbon emissions targets outlined in the national Climate Action Plan and the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021. The following provides an update of ongoing Climate Action projects across the 5 Action Areas identified the CCAP and citizen engagements.

**Tallaght District Heating Scheme**

Construction on the Tallaght District Heating Scheme has commenced with laying pipework in TUD. When fully operational, the Tallaght District Heating Scheme is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in South Dublin by 1,736 tonnes of CO2.

**Decarbonising Zone**

Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment Bill) 2021, each Local Authority was required to submit to the DHLGH by April 30th a potential area suitable as a decarbonising zone, (i.e. to implement a range of measures to reduce carbon by a minimum of 51% by 2030).

As the majority of carbon emissions in the county originate from the burning of fossil fuels for home heating, electricity generation and transport we needed to captured a broad mix of sectors including residential, industrial, commercial, municipal and community to allow us develop a range of strategies whilst adhering to the principle of ‘just transition’.

Having considered the options, it was established that either Clondalkin or Tallaght would emerge as the SDCC Decarbonising Zone. The pros and cons for each were considered, and finally, it was decided to submit both locations as our proposal.

Our next steps are to;

* Continue working with our energy agency (CoDEMA) to review the Spatial Energy Demand Analysis;
* Define the DZ boundaries
* Develop a baseline for Carbon emissions
* Identify the key stakeholders
* Identify funding sources
* Identify Carbon reducing measures in each Decarbonising Zone
* Prepare an implementation plan to be submitted to DHLGH and to form part of our Climate Change Action Plan

**Public Lighting Upgrades**

Phase 1 of the 55 W SOX replacement programme (2014-2020) has been completed. 9,689 SOX lighting units have been replaced with more efficient LEDs. Phase 2 of the programme is now underway and SDCC plan to replace 1,500 units in 2021. The energy performance of public lighting has improved by 34.5% since the baseline. This represents and absolute reduction of 9.8GWh of primary energy and 3,450 tonnes of CO2 (SDCC 2019 Energy review). Public lighting upgrades will be also included as potential works in our Decarbonising Zones.

**Office Lighting Upgrade**

Phase 1 of retrofitting LEDs in County Hall has been completed with a calculated annual saving of 37 tonnes of Carbon emissions.

Phase 2 of the replacement of office lighting with Energy Efficient LEDs is 99% complete with additional annual reductions in energy consumption of 40,189 Kwh and GHG emissions of 13.3 tonnes.

Phase 3 of the project has commenced and is at 50% completion.

**Energy Elephant**

With funding from the Climate Innovation Fund, SDCC have initiated a 2 year pilot project with Energy Elephant. Energy Elephant are in the process of setting up an energy use monitoring system across all of the Councils Operations. This process will facilitate reporting M&R to SEAI and prove useful for identifying areas where additional improvements and savings can be made. It will be a benefit to SDCC when we move towards acquiring ISO 50,001 certification.

**Active Travel Team**

An active travel admin team has recently been established to work with and support a technical team of engineers working on a range very exciting active travel projects over the coming years. The team will provide support on finance, communications, admin, as well as delivering their own projects such as free cycle parking for Schools/Sports clubs and an active travel website.

**Cycle South Dublin**

The Programme of works to progress 260km of new and improved cycle lanes across the county was approved at South Dublin County Council April meeting. The ‘Cycle South Dublin’ programme includes 63 projects to deliver a 260km space for both cycling and walking - an increase of nearly 50km from a programme that was publicly consulted on in late 2020.

The timeline of the project has been revised to a delivery within 8 years. The original project timeframe was 10 years.

The project will be funded with support from the NTA and the Department of Transport. The NTA has committed to increase the council’s active travel fund from €8.9m in 2020 to €20.7m for 2021.

**Flood Alleviation Schemes**

**Whitechurch** - Leave for a Judicial Review has been granted to the Ballyboden Tidy Towns Group. The Court date for November 2021 has been postponed. New date to be applied for by end of June

**Poddle** – The anticipated date for decision by An Bord Pleanala has been extended to 23rd July, 2021.

**Camac** - Stage 1 Preliminary Design is ongoing. Currently the CCTV surveying of culverts and Hydraulic Modelling are being progressed.

**Strategic Flood Risk Assessment**

Consultants have been engaged to carry out Strategic Flood Risk Assessments (SFRA) for all Local Area Plans, SDZs and Development Plans. The SFRA is currently being prepared by Roughan O’Donovan for the County Development Plan. The SFRA includes a hydrogeomorphological study to provide rational for a review of riperian buffer areas.  The draft SFRA will inform relevant policies in the CE Draft CDP.

**SuDS Guidance Documents and Training**

South Dublin County Council are developing a SuDS Explanatory, Design and Evaluation Guide in accordance with international best practice, emerging international guidance, SDCC’s County Development plan objectives and under target action areas detailed in SDCC’s Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Guidance document will be an “easy to follow” document that explains and promotes best practice Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) to architects, engineers, developers and local authority stakeholders involved with developments within the county of South Dublin. It will provide guidance on how to implement SuDS schemes. The Guide will facilitate pre-planning consultations and promote sustainable integrated developments in the county of South Dublin.

**Identification of potential sites for SuDS projects**

To compliment the SuDS Guidance suite of documents, SDCC are also currently identifying a number of possible locations where we can implement the strategies outlined in the SuDS guidance and present them as showcases and exemplar projects. This is also an action identified in the Climate Change Action Plan.

**Pollinator Bulbs**

As part of our commitment to meet the objectives set out in our Climate Change Action Plan, our Biodiversity Plan and our Pollinator Action Plan, SDCC planted 290,000 bulbs throughout the county in autumn 2020. 85% of the bulb mix are pollinator friendly species. Daffodils are interplanted with pollinator friendly bulbs such as Tulips, Cammasia & Alliums to define the locations of the pollinator bulbs and reduce the likelihood of mowing the spring bulbs as they emerge in April/May. Daffodil planting also allows long grass, wildflowers/dandelions, etc to grow, which act as habitat hubs, food sources & ecological corridors for bees and other pollinators.

Bulbs were planted at the following locations;

**Location 1:** Junction of Kennelsfort Road Upper & R148

**Location 2:** Cloverhill/Fonthill Road beside Greenford estate

**Location 3:** Adamstown Link Road roundabout

**Location 4:** roundabout on N81 between new landscape works and wilder area at top of bank

**Location 5:** Spawell Roundabout and raised bank off R137 between Spawell Roundabout and graveyard

**Location 6:** Wide verge alongside junction of R112 and R137 at Templeogue Village

**Location 7:** Two Killinniny Road Roundabouts

Funding for this project was provided through the Climate innovation Fund.

**Sustainable Energy Communities**

The Sustainable Energy Community programme is run by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Ireland’s national energy authority. South Dublin County Council is working with Sustineo, the appointed mentor for communities in South Dublin and Codema, Dublin’s Energy Agency to facilitate and support homeowners, sports clubs, community centres, local businesses and churches transition to Sustainable Energy Communities.

SDCC has agreed to provide bridging finance to communities to develop their Energy Masterplans. The cost will be recouped from the SEAI.

South Dublin County Council has also committed to providing financial support for sustainable energy projects identified in Energy Masterplans and deemed beneficial to communities under the SDCC Climate Innovation Fund.

**Benefits of joining an SEC**

* Lower Energy Bills
* Make homes and community buildings more comfortable
* Boost local employment opportunities
* Build community energy knowledge, confidence and capacity through experience
* Become a leader in sustainable energy and do your bit for the planet

Currently there are 8 Sustainable Energy Communities in South Dublin, including groups that have already initiated projects and groups who are at an early stage in developing their objectives.

**Sustainable Business Project**

South Dublin County Council and the Local Enterprise Office South Dublin are aiming to work with businesses in the county to reduce their environmental impact and become more sustainable. Businesses are being invited to a virtual information webinar on 31st March 2021 to find out more about the project and how they can take part. Ten businesses will be able to apply for onsite environmental reviews and grants are available to businesses who carry out improvements highlighted in the review.

**Climate Action Communications Strategy**

The Climate Change Team has developed a Communications Strategy to document and promote the Council’s numerous actions being carried out through day-to-day work and the Climate Change Action Plan. The Communications strategy will inform elected members and members of the public of ongoing Climate Action related works and upcoming events.

**Newsletter**

The first edition of the Climate Change Newsletter was published in January 2021 focussing on energy. The second edition was published in May and with a focus on Transport.

Our social media hashtag **(#SDCCClimateAction)** is now being used on all South Dublin County Council climate action social media posts.

**Website**

A SDCC Climate Action website is currently in development. The website will provide citizens direct access to the Climate Change Action Plan and it’s actions. The website will provide information and resources to citizens on current Climate Action projects and events. A web design company (PTools) has been engaged to deliver the website and provide training.

**Climate Action Week**

At the first meeting of the Dublin Climate Action Week Steering Group, it was discussed and agreed to schedule DCAW21 for Monday 13th to Sunday 19th September 2021. This is due to the current COVID-19 scenario and the further possibility for in person events later in the year etc. These dates will also overlap with EU Mobility Week 2021.

DCAW21 will be an opportunity for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities to promote climate awareness, showcase climate action projects and host workshops and discussions. The soft launch for Dublin Climate Action Week is set for Wednesday 16th June.

**Climate Action Awareness Training**

Under action 150 of The National Climate Action Plan a Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme is being delivered to all 29,000 Local Authority staff and elected members. The course is split into 3 modules, each 45-90min in duration. The training is mandatory to all staff and aims to increase knowledge, understanding and awareness of global climate change and the context for Ireland, for Local Authorities and for our citizens.

Limerick Institute of Technology have been appointed by the LASNTG to deliver the training programme to elected members and senior staff, including Chief Executives, Directors of Services, Senior Executive Officers, Senior Engineers/Planners and equivalent. Training for SDCC elected members and senior staff has been scheduled for 5th November 2021.

##### **Q25/0621 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if he is developing a new Tourism Plan for our County for the post lockdown period, will he appreciate the importance of the issue and make a statement.

**REPLY:**

The tourism, hospitality and creative sector have been among the worst affected sectors by the COVID-19 pandemic with tourism, museums, galleries and visitor experience businesses closed for lengthy periods. Consumer research undertaken by Fáilte Ireland during the pandemic has shown that the public and visitors remain interested in our key urban centres, but anxieties regarding personal safety continue. Level 5 restrictions had prevented indoor and outdoor activities, impacting on events and the event/creative sector. Despite recent and planned easing of restrictions, many remain and some parts of the tourism and hospitality sector are still not fully operational. It is in this context that Fáilte Ireland have provided a suite of focussed supports for the sector, which includes the €4,000 outdoor accessories grant which is being administered locally by the Council.

The Council’s Tourism Strategy, 'A Tourism Strategy for South Dublin County 2015-2020' was due to be reassessed during this time of upheaval in the tourism and hospitality sector however it was deemed prudent to hold off in this task until there was some certainty in how the sector would look following the easing of restrictions and health measures.

The Council is taking this opportunity to continue, where possible, to progress and implement items in the Tourism Strategy which were curtailed during the past 16 months.

A new tourism strategy for South Dublin will be developed and will guide the future development of tourism in South Dublin County. It will build upon the work undertaken during the first strategy and include a range of actions based on a full analysis of the tourism potential of the County. The Council expects to engage with relevant stakeholders to commence discussions around developing a renewed tourism strategy for the County when the conditions allow

##### **Q26/0621 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm his plans to facilitate the full re opening of all community centres throughout our County; will he detail assistance and resources being made available in that regard and will he make a statement

**REPLY:**

Current Government guidelines ([http://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/0bd80-new-public-health-measures-announced-the-path-ahead](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.ie%2Fen%2Fpress-release%2F0bd80-new-public-health-measures-announced-the-path-ahead&amp;data=04%7C01%7Ccward%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ccd269f7bbf034720b2d408d92a7260dd%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637587492999255206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&amp;sdata=%2Blj8xpGndDib3Cwvwkp4SXYGhZDg3zEIxl4rGs35vuU%3D&amp;reserved=0)) have not yet given a clear indication about the reopening of community centres.  From 5th July, organised indoor events are permitted with a maximum of 50 attendees subject to social distancing rules and strict public health measures and it is apparent that most of the community centres would not have space requirements to cater for such numbers in that context while there will also be significant  challenges for local voluntary Boards of Management in ensuring Covid proofing and enforcing adherence to the relevant guidance in indoor settings.

Government guidelines are also still provide that from 5th July, visitors from only up to 3 other households can meet inside the home and that the number of attendees for indoor fitness training/exercise/dance activities are restricted to up to 6 individuals.  In this context and with the Government advice for this summer being a "summer outdoors, community centre boards of management are examining the use of suitable outdoor space adjoining the buildings can best be utilised by local groups.  The community development team will advise and support on such usage and community grants remain open for applications to support both facilities re-opening as well as local community events and any new or innovative covid resilience initiatives.

We will continue to monitor the government and sectoral advice about further opening up measures particularly to allow active aged and other groups to utilise the community centres but in the meantime community groups should be advised to utilise outdoor spaces for events and initiatives in conjunction with support from the community development team.

##### **H7/0621 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**H8a/0621 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Leonard, A/Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development were **CONSIDERED:**

**GC 234 Proposed disposal of lands to Lens Media Limited at Grange Castle West, Grange Castle Business Park Complex, Clondalkin, Dublin 22**

The Council at its meeting on 11th May 2020, agreed to dispose of 48 acres or thereabouts to Lens Media Limited at Grange Castle West for the development of a Studio and Media Park.

During the design process which followed on from this approval, it was established that Lens Media Limited required additional lands due to the constraints arising from lands along the Grand Canal edge not being fully developable. Following on from discussions with Lens Media Limited it has been agreed that they require an additional 8 acres or thereabouts totalling 56 acres or thereabouts to develop their proposed Media facility at Grange Castle West Business Park.

It is proposed that the additional lands will be provided by extending into the southern boundary of the site. This takes account of the undevelopable portion along the boundary with the Grand Canal at the northern edge of the site. The South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 sets environmental and planning standards for development along the boundary of the canal that require development to be set back from the canal bank. The additional land proposed to be provided at the southern edge, addresses this requirement whilst accommodating the appropriate layout for the media park.

Following on from recent discussions and correspondence in relation to the above matters, I wish to confirm that the Chief Executive is prepared to recommend the disposal of lands totalling 56 acres or thereabouts at Grange Castle West Business Park to Lens Media Limited, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 by way of a 999-year Lease and subject to the following terms and conditions. This disposal if Agreed will supersede the previous disposal approved at Council meeting of 11th May 2020 and as set out in CE Order GC/11/20: -

1 (a) That the lands being disposed of in the first instance comprise approximately 56 acres or thereabouts. A formal disposal map shall be prepared in due course by the Council for inclusion with the legal documents but in the interim a draft plan for identification purposes only, Drawing No 17\_129 - CSE - GEN - XX - DR - C - 1192, is annexed showing the site outlined in red.

1. The Council will retain a 5-metre wayleave area along the boundaries of the site. These wayleaves will be required within the perimeter of the lands being disposed of to facilitate the existing and future servicing by the Council of this site and any other lands.
2. That the consideration due to the Council shall be calculated on the basis of the sum of €550,000 (five hundred and fifty thousand euro) per acre for the lands identified for disposal. For the lands subject to the constraints as set out in the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 -2022 and therefore undevelopable, and which amount to circa 8.3 acres or thereabouts, an ameliorated rate of €137,500 (one hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred euro) per acre (the “Purchase Price”) will apply. An exact mapping of the applicable lands will be prepared. Should these lands, or any part thereof, be subject to commercial development at any stage, then the full value indicated above will become payable to South Dublin County Council in respect of the lands involved. The purchase consideration will be payable as described at (a) and (b) below: -
   1. 10% of the Purchase Price on signing and exchange of a Contract for Sale in respect of the site. Such amount to be refunded in the event that the development proposed for the site does not receive full planning permission, and/or in the event of any of the terms and conditions of the disposal not having been satisfied.
   2. 90% of the Purchase Price on the grant of the Master Lease which shall occur at the time and in the manner set out in term 13 below.
3. That the Council shall be entitled to charge interest at a rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum on any outstanding sums in the event of failure by Lens Media Limited to pay the foregoing sums on the above dates. This interest rate penalty shall be calculated on a daily basis for any period of time deposits are outstanding without cause.
4. That utility services infrastructure providing for energy, water, wastewater and fibre installation (responsibility for which rests with Lens Media Limited) are provided to the boundary of the site. Connection to, and supply from the utility providers is a matter for the client.
5. That Lens Media Limited must apply for full planning permission (and if requested, provide an Environmental Impact Statement) for the development of the entire site not later than 6 months after the signing of the Contract for Sale or such other date as may be approved solely at the discretion of the Council. Lens Media Limited shall forward to the Council within six months of the date of final grant of planning permission, and in any event, no later than one month prior to Lens Media Limited commencing works on foot of the final grant of planning permission, a copy of the outline building programme for such works describing the key construction milestones.
6. That the planning application should detail and meet design standards and landscaping appropriate to its location in Grange Castle West Business Park.
7. That it will be a requirement of the Master Lease that within 9 months from the date of this Lease or such longer period as may be approved in writing by the Council - such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed due to force majeure or a restraint on construction activity due to Covid-19 or global pandemic - to have substantially commenced to build and erect upon the Demised Premises, a building(s) in accordance with plans, specifications and development proposals first approved of in writing by the Council or its nominated architect, engineer or surveyor and in accordance with all statutory requirements, regulations and bye-laws applicable thereto.
8. That the Council shall enter into a Contract for Sale in respect of the sale of the site to Lens Media Limited to give effect to these heads of terms, and which Contract shall allow Lens Media Limited to enter onto the site from the date thereof prior to the grant of the Master Lease, to carry out due diligence and site analysis (including, but not limited to geotechnical analysis and studies, soils testing, water analysis, site borings, environmental assessments, etc.) prior to the grant of final planning permission. The Contract for Sale/Master Lease shall contain further reasonable obligations upon Lens Media Limitedwith respect to that construction to ensure the satisfactory completion of the Media Park on the site.
9. That Lens Media Limited will be responsible for all planning levies and contributions payable in accordance with the Council’s Development Contribution Scheme made under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contributions under the Scheme are payable prior to commencement of the build or as otherwise agreed by the Council. Lens Media Limited must satisfy themselves as to the capacity of all services to service the proposed development.

That a special Arts contribution fixed at 50 cent per square foot of gross building area shall apply and shall be payable when the development is practically completed. For the purpose of this Clause, “practically completed” shall mean the date on which a Certificate of Practical Completion shall be issued by the architect or surveyor appointed by the Lessee confirming that the said building(s) is free from any known or patent defects and capable of beneficial occupancy and being used as intended.

1. That all site investigations (including archaeological investigations), groundworks, overhead cable diversions, demolitions/site clearance/septic site removal (such works are subject to regulations and to obtaining the relevant statutory licences), services connections, development and associated costs incurred in the delivery of the entire completed development shall be borne by Lens Media Limited.

1. That Lens Media Limited shall undertake not to use the site for any purposes other than that of carrying out the proposed development, i.e. as stated at the outset of this document, and subject to the terms of the “Master Lease” (see term no. 13 below). All buildings shall be occupied by the applicants or their tenants, agents, employees, invitees and/or assigns in accordance with the terms of the Master Lease.
2. That Lens Media Limited shall build nothing (except with the prior written approval of the Council) on the site except the buildings shown on the approved drawings and for which planning permission has been granted, as outlined in term no. 5 subject to any amendments or any permitted amendments thereto. A maintenance plan for the external areas and buildings shall be submitted to the Council.
3. That within 3 months of the granting of planning permission(s), the Council and Lens Media Limited should sign and complete the Master Lease. The Master Lease shall be for a term of 999 years following completion of the sale and payment of the remaining 90% of the Purchase Price in accordance with term 2 (b)The Master Lease will be subject to a rent of €500 per annum (exclusive of rates, taxes, and outgoings in respect of the site) which will be reviewed at the end of every 5 years of the term in line with any changes in the Irish Consumer Price Index. The Council’s Solicitors shall draft the Lease for approval by Lens Media Limited Solicitors. The Lease granted shall be known as the Master Lease (“Master Lease”). The Master Lease shall provide that the Lessee shall become a member of the management company for the Business Park and shall pay the annual service charge described in accordance with the provisions of the Master Lease and appendices thereto. Under the terms of the Master Lease please note the following:
   1. It will be a requirement of the Master Lease that within 9 months of the date of this Lease or such longer period as may be approved in writing by the Council - such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed due to force majeure or a restraint on construction activity due to Covid-19 or global pandemic - to have substantially commenced to build and erect upon the Demised Premises, a building(s) in accordance with plans, specifications and development proposals first approved of in writing by the Council or its nominated architect, engineer or surveyor and in accordance with all statutory requirements, regulations and bye-laws applicable thereto.
   2. Within 36 months of the date of this Lease or such longer period as may be approved in writing by the Council - such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed due to force majeure or a restraint on construction activity due to Covid-19 or global pandemic - to have practically completed the construction of the said building(s) in a skilful and proper manner and in accordance with the said plans and specifications and all statutory requirements, regulations and bye-laws applicable thereto. For the purpose of this Clause, “practically completed” shall mean the date on which a Certificate of Practical Completion shall be issued by the architect or surveyor appointed by the Lessee confirming that the said building(s) is free from any known or patent defects and capable of beneficial occupancy and being used as intended.
   3. Within thirty days of practical completion of the construction of the said building(s), a complete set of “as built floor plans” to be furnished to the Council in respect thereof.
4. That the Agreement to Lease (if any) or Contract for Sale is not to operate as a Lease, and it shall not be transferable save in the case of a financial institution of good standing which has entered into a mortgage with the applicants specifically for the purpose of financing the applicants to undertake the development of the site.
5. That during the building period, Lens Media Limited will provide all reasonably required evidence of the ‘all risks’, public liability and employer’s liability insurance cover maintained by Lens Media Limited for the construction period. It is acknowledged that following completion of the construction of the Media Park, the building and all insurable risks associated therewith will be included in Lens Media Limited insurance. All insurance will be subject to the approval of the Council’s insurance advisors, acting reasonably.
6. That the insurance shall be in the joint names of the Council and Lens Media Limited, or shall contain an indemnity to principal’s clause, and will be for such an amount as will provide cover for the full reinstatement value of so much of the building as is erected at any time together with a sum for professional fees and removal of debris charges.
7. That Lens Media Limited shall also indemnify South Dublin County Council against any claim for compensation which might/may be made by any party arising out of building works being carried out on the site, or any working areas or on any access points thereto.
8. That the Council is and shall be carrying out extensive construction projects in the Business Park. Both parties shall use their reasonable endeavours to ensure that any interaction between respective contractors employed to carry out any works including, but not limited to building or road works, is carried out in an open and transparent manner with engineers and liaison officers such as to ensure that no additional contract costs accrue to either party.
9. That subject to the permitted user and the requirements of external filming, no uncovered outdoor storage shall be permitted on the site subject lands. All processing, packing, waste disposal or recycling and such like operations shall be carried out within suitable structures or equipment such as compactors located on the site premises in accordance with any statutory regulations or requirements in that regard.
10. That all car and commercial vehicle parking areas, loading areas and service areas must be suitably landscaped and screened from public view. In this regard Lens Media Limited shall carry out such boundary and landscape treatment work as the Council may reasonably require, bearing in mind the nature of the Park and provided that such works are not substantially more than required of any other occupiers of the Park during construction. Such works may, only where reasonable, be in addition to similar works required under a planning permission for development of the subject lands. Lens Media Limited shall submit a copy of its landscaping and security plan to the Council’s Development Department prior to the grant of the Master Lease for approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
11. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional (i.e. legal, engineering, architects, and other required consultants’) fees in this case.
12. That Lens Media Limited shall pay any V.A.T., stamp duty or taxes arising at any stage in the transactions (except where any lawful exemption or relief therefore applies), including on the creation of a Building Licence (if any), Contract for Sale, and a Master Lease.
13. That the Councils Solicitor shall draft the Contracts and Leases and may include further reasonable terms and conditions as deemed appropriate to give effect to the heads of terms set out herein, including provision for use of an expert or arbitrator process to settle any disputes arising, as appropriate, in order to achieve a reasonable balance in the protection of the parties’ respective interests in the matter. In the case of disputes concerning final measurement and valuation of the site for the purposes of calculating the Purchase Price, an arbitration clause shall refer to the appointment of a Chartered Valuation Surveyor to act as arbitrator. This person to be appointed by agreement of the parties or in default of agreement to be appointed by the President of the Society of Chartered Surveyors in the Republic of Ireland. The costs of any arbitration to be borne equally by the parties.
14. That Lens Media Limited shall satisfy South Dublin County Council (acting reasonably) prior to exchange of the Contract for Sale that sufficient funds are available for the payment of the sums set out in term no. 2 above, and prior to commencement of construction or the relevant phase thereof as appropriate.
15. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained – in order to allow full construction activities.
16. That no agreement enforceable at law is created or is intended to be created until an exchange of contracts has taken place.

The lands being disposed of form part of lands acquired from The Doble Family and Maplewood Developments through receivers M. Coyle and M. Madden,

for the future development of Grange Castle West Business Park.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. McMahon, P. Kavanagh, E Ó Broin, K. Mahon, C. King, L. Dunne, W. Carey, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, M. Duff and E O’Brien who supported the development and disposal of lands and raised queries in relation to the un-developable land, provision of employment for locals and apprenticeships.

Ms. L. Leonard A/Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development responded to the Members queries highlighting that biodiversity including woodlands would be cultivated on the undevelopable land.

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

“That theProposed disposal of lands to Lens Media Limited at Grange Castle West, Grange Castle Business Park Complex, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

At this point in the Meeting Councillor J. Tuffy raised an issue on a point of order, informing that she wished to comment on Headed Item 3 (H3) and Headed Item 4 (H4) and was unable to do so when the Items were brought to the meeting. Councillor J. Tuffy stated her opposition to holding the Annual Meeting remotely.

The Mayor Councillor E. O’Brien responded to Councillor Tuffy stating that Headed Item 3 (H3) had no reports and that Headed Item 4 (H4) was previously agreed at OP&F and that adequate time had been given for Councillors comments.

**H8b/0621 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Leonard, A/Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development were **CONSIDERED:**

The following have applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No 2) Act, to acquire the fee simple in the property

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| ADDRESS | LESSEE(S) | PURCHASE PRICE |
| 50 Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin | Gina Dowling | €311.93 |

It is proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

The report was **NOTED,** and it was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole, and **RESOLVED:**

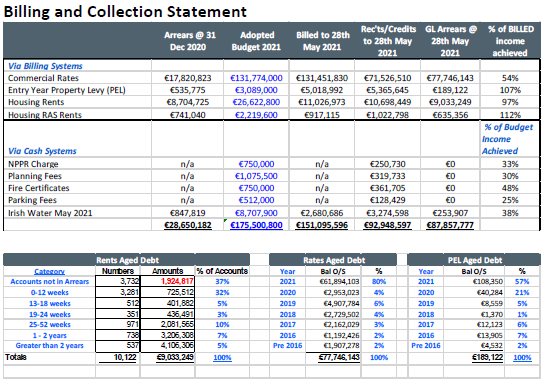
“That the proposed Disposal of fee simple in 50 Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

##### **H9/0621 MANAGERS REPORT** - **FOR NOTING**

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

[HI 9 a) Chief Executive's Monthly Report - June 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70837)  
[HI 9 b) Management Report Statistics April 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70774)  
[HI 9 c) 2020 Totals and Jan - April 2021 Local Indicators](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70773)

HI 9 d) Finance Report



**Use of overdraft facility**

Department approved overdraft facility = €25,000,000

No of days in Overdraft from 1st January to 28th May 2021 = 1

Mr. D. McLoughlin, the Chief Executive, informed the Members of the proposed changes included in the General Scheme of the Finance (Local Property Tax)( Amendment) Bill 2021, including the proposals to notify Revenue of any decision to vary the Local Adjustment Factor for the Local Property Tax by the 30st August, Value properties constructed since 2013, end certain exemptions and that the 1st November would be specified as the next Valuation Date for LPT purposes  The Chief Executive advised that further information will issue from the Mr. R. FitzGerald, Head of Finance, when available.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, L. O’Toole, M. Johansson, S. Moynihan, L. Dunne, Y. Collins, K. Mahon, C. O’Connor, R. McMahon, G. O’Connell, E. Ó Broin and C. King. All Members welcomed the report and thanked the Chief Executive for the hard work in preparing the report. Queries were raised regarding the statistics on re-lets and HAP units, water safety in relation to Weil’s disease, the Council’s plans for an “Outdoor Summer” and Councillor access to the creche in County Hall.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive and Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, responded to the Members queries.

The Reports were **NOTED**.

##### **H10/0621 RATHCOOLE COURTHOUSE PART 8 - FOR APPROVAL**

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



Frontal View of Existing Rathcoole Courthouse

## Introduction

In accordance with the requirements of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), (“the Act”) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) (“the Regulations”), South Dublin County Council is seeking planning consent for proposed extension and alterations to Rathcoole Courthouse on the Main Street of Rathcoole Village, Co. Dublin to update the facility for continued and enhanced local community usage.

The proposed development will consist of repair, enhancement and conservation works to the existing building, which is a protected structure and construction of a new extension behind the former courthouse building that will include a café/servery with kitchenette, a meeting room and toilet facilities. The works will also include the demolition of existing outbuildings, gates and part of the rear boundary wall in the yard behind the courthouse building.

The purpose of this Chief Executive’s Report is to present the outcome of the public consultation, to respond to submissions made during the consultation period and to make recommendations in relation to the proposed development where appropriate.

## Legislative Context

Section 179 (3) (a) of the Act, requires that the Chief Executive shall, after the end of the public consultation period, prepare a written report in relation to the proposed development and submit the report to the members.

Section 179 (3) (b) of the Act outlines that a report shall:

* 1. Describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area.
  2. Evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.
  3. List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development.
  4. Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the Chief Executive thereto, and,
  5. Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be.

Under Section 179(4) of the Act, the Elected Members shall, as soon as practicable, consider the proposed development and the report of the Chief Executive. Following the consideration of the Chief Executive's report, the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive's report, unless the local authority, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the development, otherwise than as recommended in the Chief Executive's report, or decides not to proceed with the development. A resolution must be passed not later than six (6) weeks after receipt of the Chief Executive's report.

## Site Description

The former courthouse and its site are located on the main street of Rathcoole village. The ordnance survey grid reference is 701977, 726733 and the map sheet number is 3388-18. The area of the footprint of the existing courthouse building is 88 square meters.

The area of the site of the courthouse, including the forecourt to the former judge’s robing room, the yard to the rear and the outbuildings and offices arranged around the yard is 336m2, or 0.08 of an acre, or 0.0336 hectares.

The former courthouse is a single storey, detached building situated on the south side of the Main Street of Rathcoole village, to the south of the N7 national route. The existing former courthouse and outbuildings are within an existing, defined site and the completed works will not impact on the surrounding dwelling plots.

In terms of construction detail and finishes, the former courthouse is built from common canal bricks with external lime roughcast wall finishes to side and rear, and a more formal façade treatment to the main street. The interior is finished with smooth lime plaster. All external windows and doors and internal doors are of timber. The windows are side-hung casements with top-hung vent lights, most of the doors are flat-panelled doors with planted-on bolection mouldings. The floors are raised suspended timber floors, and the simple pitched roofs are covered with a fibre cement tile arranged in a diamond pattern. Decorative details and internal finishes are plain and robust.

There is a small forecourt before the entrance to what was the former judge’s robing room, and a small yard to the rear which contains more modern outbuildings. The ground surface of the forecourt comprises concrete paviours while the yard ground surface is poured concrete.

The lands are zoned under the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-22 Zoning Objective VC: “To protect, improve and provide for the future development of Village Centres”. The zoning of the site supports an extension to the existing building on the site and the proposed development complies in principle with the relevant Development Plan polices and the planning designation for community sse.

## Scheme Description

The proposed development consists of the following works:

* demolition of the existing outbuildings in the rear yard and part of the boundary wall to the rear of the former courthouse
* demolition of part of the back wall of the existing courthouse building to create a 2.4 metre wide and 2.4 metres high opening in the existing wall to connect with the proposed new extension
* construction of new extension in the rear yard of the former courthouse comprising a meeting room, a café-servery with kitchenette and toilet facilities including an accessible bathroom
* modifications, conservation works, repairs and enhancements to the existing building, which is a protected structure, including:
  + repair of the structural roof timbers, cornice above the larger room and various internal finishes
  + replacement of the existing roof tiles with new roof tiles
  + repair and partial replacement of the suspended timber floor
* construction of a new rear 61m2 extension to the courthouse building that will include a café/servery area with kitchenette, a meeting room and accessible toilet facilities and other
* Accessibility works including an access ramp up to the stage in the large room of the existing building, the fitting of an automated electronic motor to the entrance door to the smaller room and external access ramps
* All required associated mechanical/electrical works and ancillary works within the confines of the site.

Further details in relation to the proposed development including plans and reports, are available at the following link: [Rathcoole Courthouse Part 8 plans, drawings, reports etc.](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/viewdocument.aspx?id=74b30ccf-8f12-49b7-bc58-ad4700b08bd0) while the County Architect’s report is attached separately.

The estimated cost of the proposed works is approximately €390,000 inclusive of VAT excluding professional fees, capital contributions, fees and levies payable. The project is being part funded by South Dublin County Council with provision made in the Council’s Three-Year Capital Programme 2021-2023. The overall project budget is also subject to approval by the Department of Rural and Community Development who are grant aiding the project under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

## Public Consultation

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available through the Council’s online Public Consultation Portal for six weeks from 12th April to 25th May 2021 inclusive during which period submissions were invited. In addition, notices and information in relation to the proposed development were included the Echo Newspaper, the Chief Executive’s Monthly Report for May 2021 and the Council’s social media channels.

## Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment. The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required. Any person may, within 4-weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. This screening report has evaluated the proposed development by the Council at the site to determine whether or not significant negative impacts on Natura 2000 sites are likely to arise by virtue of its construction and use. The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report is included in the documents which form part of this public consultation.

## Outcome of Public Consultation Process

A list of all the persons, organisations and bodies that made submissions is provided in the table below including the method of submission (copies of the submissions are included in an appendix to this report).

A total of two submissions/observations were received as follows:

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| **Ref.** | **Person/Prescribed Body** | **Method of Submission** | **Category** |
| 1. | Eugene McElhinney | Consultation Portal | Environmental |
| 2. | Irenie Mcloughlin Architectural Conservation Officer, SDCC | Written Submission | Architectural Conservation of Built Heritage |

## Summary of Issues Raised and Chief Executive’s Responses & Recommendations Submission Category No. 1 – Environmental

The submission requested the inclusion of swift brick, bird and bat boxes in the project to support nesting sites for birds and bats. Additionally, the inclusion of raised beds with pollinator-friendly perennial plants which would benefit insects and provide a food source for the nesting birds was also requested.

## Chief Executive’s Response:

The submission is acknowledged as consistent with local and national policy around wildlife habitats and biodiversity and provision can be made in the proposed works to include bat boxes and bird nesting boxes subject to their proposed design and placement on site being informed and refined by an appropriate wildlife survey in advance of works commencement. Provision for a raised bed with pollinator-friendly perennial plants will also be considered in the proposed courtyard space.

## Submission Category No. 2 – Architectural Conservation of Built Heritage

The submission in relation to architectural conservation approved the proposed works in accordance with the details and drawings contained within the Architectural Conservation Report for Part VIII public display/consultation process dated 12th April 2021 but requested that agreement on the specific nature of all conservation, repair, replacement or reinstatement works with the Council’s Architectural Conservation Officer in advance of any works. It further recommended that the agreement will be based on details provided in a Final Method Statement and Schedule of Works which should be prepared as part of the agreed scope of works to the Protected Structure to allow the specific details and specifications to be agreed prior to the work ensuring the best conservation practice and approach in the adaptation and upgrading of a Protected Structure.

## Chief Executive’s Response:

All of the conditions requested by the Council’s Architectural Conservation Officer will be complied with during the project without requiring any amendment to the proposed works.

## Recommendation

Following consideration of the submissions received which can be satisfactorily addressed as outlined above, it is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and therefore it is recommended that the Council adopt the following Motion:

*“As the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the Council approves the development of the proposed alterations and extension at Rathcoole Courthouse, Main Street, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.”*

that the issues raised by way of the submissions can be satisfactorily addressed as

*Daniel McLoughlin 8th June 2021*

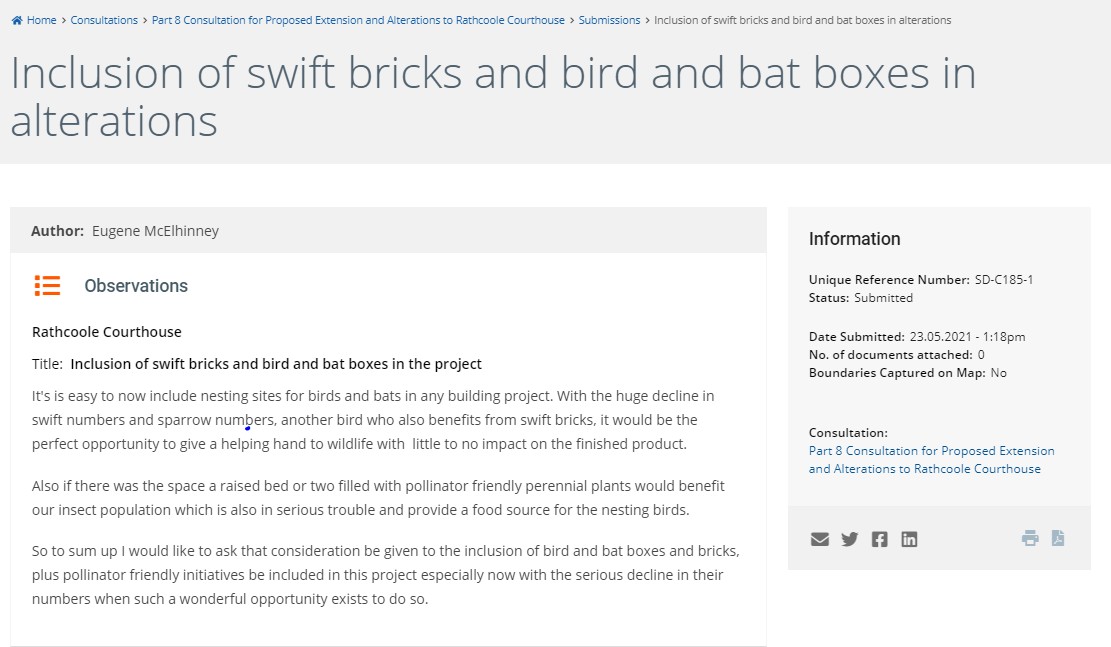
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## Appendix 1: Submissions Received

A list of all the persons, organisations and bodies that made submissions is provided in the table below including the method of submission followed by copies of the submissions made:

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**Submission 1:**



**Submission 2:**

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION OFFICER**

## PART 8 - PROPOSED EXTENSION AND REFURBISHMENT TO RATHCOOLE COURTHOUSE (A PROTECTED STRUCTURE, RPS REF. 319).

Record of Protected Structures

Rathcoole Courthouse is referred to in the Council’s Record of Protected Structures - Schedule 2 of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 under Map Ref. No.319. Under Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the term ‘structure’ means “*any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in, or under any land, or any part of a structure so defined, (a) where the context so admits, includes the land on, in or under which the structure is situate, and (b) in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes (i) the interior of the structure, (ii) the land lying within the curtilage of the structure, (iii) any other structures lying within that curtilage and their interiors, and (iv) all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of any structure or structures*”. Therefore, the entire site is a protected structure, including all existing buildings on site including their exteriors, interiors, fixtures and fittings. The Protection also extends to the lands of the site and as such come under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Architectural Conservation Area

The subject site is located within Rathcoole Village Architectural Conservation Area. Appraisal

The works proposed at the above mentioned Protected Structure are being sought under Part VIII (Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2000). The proposed development consists of a rear extension and alterations to the existing Rathcoole Courthouse Building, the proposals also allow for conservation repairs within the existing building and upgrading of services and compliance with Part M of the Building Regs. It is proposed to carry out essential and remedial repairs to the existing building as detailed in the Conservation Report which includes a condition assessment and architectural impact assessment carried out by the SDCC Architectural Services Department. Initial details of the proposed works and proposals to extend the Protected Structure were sent to the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer prior to the formal Part VIII process.

The works proposed are summarised below and assessment of works provided;

* Demolition of the existing outbuildings and gates which are in the yard behind the former courthouse building – it should be noted that the existing building is of no architectural merit.
* Demolition of part of the back wall of the former Courthouse building where the proposed new extension will connect to the existing building – the proposed demolition work is required to facilitate the new proposed rear extension.
* Works to allow access for all members of the community within the existing building – The proposed works to improve access and internal facilities is in line with Part M of the Building Regs to include for universal access and facilities to be provided as required.
* Repair and partial replacement of the suspended timber floor – It is considered that opening up works are required to determine the extent of the replacement. It is at this stage that a schedule of works and method statement will be agreed with the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer.
* Replacement of roof tiles with new tiles – The asbestos cement roof tiles will be removed and replaced with new fibre cement tiles to match the existing design, profile and joining pattern. It is considered that the replacement is necessary and will be carried out in accordance with conservation principles.
* Repair to structural roof timbers and cornice damaged by water ingress – Required remedial repairs which will be carried out in accordance with conservation principles and methods.
* Mechanical and electrical works are required – where possible existing routes will be used to insert new services. These services are required in order to allow for upgrading as part of the continued use of the building and new services.

The works as detailed above have been considered as part of the overall assessment of the Part VIII application. An Architectural Impact Assessment has been provided as part of the Architectural Conservation Report as part of an evaluation of the proposed works and any possible impacts and necessary mitigation measures. It is considered that the approach taken for the proposed works architectural conservation principles have been adhered to thereby minimising any potential impact. All conservation, repair, replacement or reinstatement will be agreed with the Councils Architectural Conservation in advance of any works.

The proposed single-storey rear extension is a simple design, its form and scale allow the new addition to sit comfortably within the site. The new extension cannot be viewed from the front site and therefore there is no negative visual impact. The modest addition allows for additional services and function to be provided within the existing Protected Structure, thereby allowing greater flexibility and long term use of the building.

It is considered that overall the proposed development allows an opportunity for the existing building to be repaired, refurbished and continued use, at the same time as retaining the integrity and architectural importance of the former Courthouse and the new extension sensitively connects to the existing building.

The condition assessment which is included in the Conservation Report, provides an overview of the external and internal condition of the existing structure to include existing rooms, layout and finishes with brief details of the proposed works/interventions. It is considered that a Method Statement and Schedule of Works will be required for agreement and approval regarding the specific treatment of internal finishes and the repair and reinstatement of architectural features.

It is considered that the proposed development is acceptable, subject to the following recommendations/conditions:

Recommendations

* 1. It is considered that conservation, repairs and restoration work to the existing Protected Structure shall be carried out in accordance with the details and drawings contained within the Architectural Conservation Report for Part VIII public display/consultation process (12th April 2021).

As opening up/enabling works are required to determine the full extent of internal repairs, details shall be agreed and approved by the Councils Architectural Conservation Officer and agreement will be based on details provided in a Final Method Statement and Schedule of Works which should be prepared as part of the agreed scope of works to the Protected Structure. This will allow the specific details and specifications to be agreed prior to the work ensuring the best conservation practice and approach in the adaptation and upgrading of a Protected Structure.

All works to the existing Protected Structures shall be carried out in accordance with good conservation principles and conservation methodology as per the details provided in the Conservation Report. A clear methodology by way of a schedule of works and method statement shall be agreed prior to formal design and tender stage, ensuring the correct use of suitable materials and methods.

Reason: To ensure works to the existing structure are carried out in accordance with good conservation practice and that works to a Protected Structure is carried out in accordance with conservation principles ensuring the correct use of materials and traditional methods are applied.

* 1. The Protected Structure should be safeguarded during the proposed works. A method statement should be provided to include necessary measures which will be put in place to protect the Protected Structure and associated features during the demolition and construction works. Reason: To ensure a safety statement is provided in the safeguarding of the Protected Structure and all associated features as part of an overall Method Statement for works to the existing building.
  2. A Schedule of materials and finishes for the proposed new extension is required in order to ensure that the quality and finishes are acceptable.

Reason: To ensure the materials and finishes are of high quality and allow for a good quality addition to the Protected Structure.

**Irenie McLoughlin Date: 24th May 2021 Architectural Conservation Officer**

**South Dublin County Council**

[H10 (b) Rathcoole Courthouse Part 8 Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70783)  
[H10 (c) Rathcoole Courthouse County Architect's Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70894)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, R. McMahon, P. Gogarty, A. Hayes, S. Moynihan, S. O’Hara, and W. Carey who spoke in support of the Part 8.

The report was **NOTED,** and it was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons, and **RESOLVED:**

“That as the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the development of the proposed alterations and extension at Rathcoole Courthouse, Main Street, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.” be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

##### **H11/0621 INTERGENERATIONAL CENTRE AT TYMON PARK PART 8 - FOR APPROVAL**

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 were **CONSIDERED:**

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council gave notice in accordance with Part 8 requirements to construct the following proposed intergenerational centre at Tymon Park, Wellington Lane in the townland of Templeogue, Dublin 6W.

The single storey Intergenerational Centre development is situated in Tymon Park, facing onto the Wellington Lane car park. It will consist of:

* A Multi-functional Community Space
* Café
* Associated Kitchen, WCs, Storage and Services
* Terrace for outdoor seating overlooking the park and storage and services area to rear and associated railings and fencing
* Replacement of 4 no. car parking spaces with entrance forecourt and cycle parking to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists. The existing number of 4 no. designated parking spaces will be maintained.
* All associated works and site services
* Installation of CCTV for security
* Alteration works to existing stone wall between car park and park to provide enlarged pedestrian entrance and relocated maintenance entrance to south
* Removal of temporary toilet block, replaced by facilities within the proposed development, to accommodate relocated maintenance entrance.
* All associated furniture and fittings
* All associated landscape, planting and surface renewal works
* All ancillary works.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy only by appointment at County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during normal working hours during the period of 4 weeks from Monday 19th of April 2021. The plans are available online on the Council’s Public Consultation Portal website: [http://consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/)

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, could be made in writing up to 5pm on the 1st June 2021 and were to be submitted either on line or by post.

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

Following consideration of the submissions received the Chief Executive is of the view that the issues raised by way of the submissions can be satisfactorily addressed by the above proposals during the detailed design stage and the operational and management stage and as outlined in the Chief Executive's report and as summarised below:

1. Cycle Parking and Cycling

Cycle parking has been increased as part of this scheme. The cycle parking has been located at an optimal location by the entrance of the Intergenerational building and the park. Cycle parking will be designed to the required standards with adequate spacing and allowance for cargo bikes etc.

1. Accessibility and WCs

The toilet facilities will serve the Intergenerational Centre but will also serve the park. To serve the Centre, in the evenings in particular when the park is closed, the WCs and accessible WC need to be accessed from the building. The WCs are located close to the café entrance for park use with one outward facing WC. To facilitate universal access and enable access directly from the park, a door from the terrace to the Accessible WC will be added

1. Community Space

An assessment was undertaken and it was established that there are a number of larger function rooms in the surrounding area that cater for the demand for larger gatherings, so this facility is designed for use of small to medium sized groups that require a flexible space for community-type use.

**It is recommended that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal to construct the proposed Intergenerational Centre at Tymon Park.**

[01 Part 8 presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70829)  
[02 CE Report Tymon Park Intergenerational Centre](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70812)  
[03 Co Architects Report Part 8 completion](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70813)  
[04 Site Location](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70814)  
[05 Site Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70815)  
[06 Ground Floor Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70816)  
[07 Elevations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70817)  
[08 Sections](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70818)  
[09 Images](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70819)  
[10 Tymon Park\_EIA Screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70820)  
[11 Ecological IA](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70821)  
[12 Tymon Park\_AA\_Screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70822)  
[13 Determination AA Screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70823)  
[14 Determination EIA Screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70824)  
[15 Part 8 Public Notice-Newspaper](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70825)  
[16 Part 8 Public Notice-Site](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70826)  
[17 Pre Part 8 County Architects Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70827)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kearns, P. Kavanagh, C. King, Y. Collins, D. McManus, C. Bailey, M. Duff, C. O’Connor, R. McMahon, and L. McCrave. All Members spoke in support of the Centre and welcomed the report. Councillor P. Kearns was also recognised for all her hard work. Queries were raised regarding the operation of the café and the Community facility.

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

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

“That as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development that the Part 8 proposal be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

##### **H13/0621 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS - FOR NOTING**

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

Our Community & Sports Grants for 2021 opened for applications on 5th April 2021 for community, voluntary and sporting groups responding to locally identified needs within their communities under the following categories:  
• Community Development Grants  
• Management Assistance Grants  
• Sports Development Grants  
• Community Centre Re-Opening Funding  
• Community Events Funding  
• COVID 19 Resilience Funding

It is intended that the online application system will be open on a rolling basis during 2021 to ensure responsiveness to community needs in the current circumstances.  Applications received to date have been assessed by the community development and sports teams under the following criteria:  
• Impact on local community and local community involvement.  
• Proven track record of project delivery and non-duplication of activities in the local area  
• Sustainable & value for money projects with clear/accurate costings  
• Existing funds available to the group/alternative funding sources

This has resulted in 79 grants being approved for 71 local groups totalling €202,245, summarised as follows:

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| **Category** | **No.** | **Amount** |
| Community Development Grants | 30 | €40,982 |
| COVID 19 Resilience Funding | 1 | €1,000 |
| Community Centre Re-Opening Funding | 8 | €15,459 |
| Sports Development Grants | 9 | €23,804 |
| Management Assistance Grants | 31 | €121,000 |
| **Total** | **79** | **€202,245** |

A further 10 applications have been assessed and not approved due to either receiving more appropriate grant funding from another source or not meeting the funding criteria, while 6 additional applications were since withdrawn by the prospective applicants and 5 duplicate applications were also deemed invalid.

The full list of approved grants as at June 2021 along with the respective approved grant amounts is:

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| **Name of Group** | **Category** | **Amount** |
| 168th St. Aengus Tymon North Scout Group | Community Development Grant | €2,000 |
| Adamstown Youth and Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre | Management Assistance | €3,000 |
| Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre CLG | Community Centre Re-Opening Grant | €2,500 |
| Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre CLG | Community Development Grant | €4,000 |
| Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre CLG | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre | Community Development Grant | €2,890 |
| Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Belgard Heights Community & Youth Centre | Community Centre Re-Opening Grant | €1,429 |
| Belgard Heights Community & Youth Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Boden Wood Residents Association | Community Development Grant | €316 |
| Boden Wood Residents Association | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Brittas Community Centre | Management Assistance | €2,000 |
| Daletree Residents Association | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Daletree Residents Association | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Dodderbrook Residents Association | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Dominic's Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Dominic’s Community Centre | Community Development Grant | €4,986 |
| Earlsfort Residents Centre | Management Assistance | €2,000 |
| Esker Amateur Boxing Club | Sports Development Grant | €1,899 |
| Fettercairn Community & Youth Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Fettercairn Youth Horse Project | Management Assistance | €6,000 |
| Firhouse Community & Leisure Club | Community Development Grant | €1,685 |
| Firhouse Community & Leisure Club | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Firhouse Women’s Basketball Club | Sports Development Grant | €2,000 |
| Glenasmole Community Association CLG | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Greenhills Community Centre | Community Centre Re-Opening Grant | €1,500 |
| Greenhills Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Jobstown Community Centre | Community Development Grant | €2,000 |
| Jobstown Community Centre | Management Assistance | €5,000 |
| Killinarden Community Council | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Killinarden Community Council | Management Assistance | €6,000 |
| Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre CLG | Community Centre Re-Opening Grant | €2,000 |
| Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre CLG | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Kingswood Community & Leisure Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Kingswood FC | Sports Development Grant | €1,900 |
| Knocklyon Men's Shed | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Knocklyon Youth & Community Centre CLG | Community Centre Re-Opening Grant | €3,000 |
| Knocklyon Youth & Community Centre CLG | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Knockmitten Youth and Community Centre | Community Development Grant | €870 |
| Knockmitten Youth and Community Centre | Community Development Grant | €2,000 |
| Knockmitten Youth and Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Loreto Hockey Club | Sports Development Grant | €1,755 |
| NCCWN Women Together Tallaght Network | Community Development Grant | €1,000 |
| New Hope Residential Centre | Community Development Grant | €2,500 |
| Newcastle Lyons Development Trust | Management Assistance | €3,000 |
| North Clondalkin Community Development Programme CLG | Community Development Grant | €3,668 |
| Order of Malta Clondalkin Unit | COVID 19 Resilience Funding | €1,000 |
| Order of Malta Palmerstown Unit | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Palmerstown Community & Youth Centre | Community Centre Re-Opening Grant | €1,030 |
| Palmerstown Community & Youth Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Perrystown Manor Estate Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Quarryvale Community & Leisure Centre | Community Development Grant | €1,368 |
| Quarryvale Community & Leisure Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| Quarryvale FRC | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Quarryvale FRC (Clondalkin Cares Food Bank) | Community Development Grant | €1,149 |
| Rathcoole Community Council CLG | Management Assistance | €5,000 |
| Ronan Whelan (Irish U19 Hockey Team) | Sports Development Grant | €500 |
| Sacred Heart FC | Sports Development Grant | €5,000 |
| Saggart School House Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| South Dublin Community Facilities CLG | Management Assistance | €2,000 |
| Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland Dublin Branch | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| St Aengus  Community Centre | Community Centre Re-Opening Grant | €2,000 |
| St Aengus Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| St Marks Youth Club | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| St. Kevin's Family Resource Centre | Community Development Grant | €800 |
| Tallaght Athletic Club | Sports Development Grant | €1,000 |
| Tallaght Athletic Club | Sports Development Grant | €5,000 |
| Tallaght Community Council | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Tallaght Community Council | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| The Ballyroan Community Chess Club | Community Development Grant | €1,250 |
| The Park Community Centre | Management Assistance | €4,000 |
| The Rights Platform CLG | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| The WEB Project | Community Development Grant | €2,000 |
| The WEB Project | Management Assistance | €2,000 |
| Tymon Bawn Community Centre | Community Centre Re-Opening Grant | €2,000 |
| Weston Hockey Club | Sports Development Grant | €4,750 |
| Whitechurch Community and Youth Centre Company Ltd. | Management Assistance | €5,000 |

As stated above, the online application process remains open and available to local community, voluntary and sporting groups until further notice.

Councillor F. Timmons thanked the Community Section for all their hard work.

The Report was **NOTED**.

##### **H14/0621 MAJOR HOUSING SCHEMES UPDATE - FOR NOTING**

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

[H14 Major Housing Developments Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70801)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, M. Johansson, F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, L. O’Toole, P. Holohan, G. O’Connell, and J. Tuffy. Members welcomed the report and the review of the Rathcoole masterplan and raised queries in relation to the timeframe of the Clonburris development and also queried the development of lands at Old Castle in Clondalkin.

At this point in the meeting the Mayor, Councillor E. O’Brien proposed and the Members unanimously agreed in accordance with Standing Order no. 15 (5) to suspend standing orders in order to complete Headed Item 14 (H14)

The discussion continued with contributions from Councillors L. Dunne, C. King, C. O’Connor, W. Carey, B. Pereppadan and M. Duff who also welcomed the report and the review of the Rathcoole Master Plan and queried the increase in units in the Killinarden development and the tenancy status of the Corkagh Grange estate.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive and Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries highlighting the necessity of work involved to bring the entirety of the Clonburris development to current stage, of the preparation of a proposal for the re-development of the lands at Old Castle in Clondalkin and of the increase in units at Killinarden as a result of detailed planning.

The Report was **NOTED**.

##### **C1/0621 CORRESPONDENCE**

[(a) i) Correspondence from Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70719)  
[(a) ii) Letter from SDCC](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70737)  
[(b) i) Correspondence from Minister for Social Protection](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70720)  
[(b) ii) Letter from SDCC](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70738)  
[(c) Correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70721)  
[(d) Correspondence from Clare County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70722)  
[(e) Correspondence from DÃºn Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70723)  
[(f) Correspondence from Leitrim County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70724)  
[(g) Correspondence from Limerick City County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70725)  
[(h) Correspondence from Meath County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70726)

Meeting Finished @ 19:17

**Motions not Reached:**

##### **(M1) MENTAL HEALTH ACT**

**Councillor E. O'Brien**

That this Council agrees to write to the Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health and requests that the Mental Health Acts be amended to ensure that family members may at all times be consulted in relation to a mental health diagnosis to allow those family members provide the assistance and support needed to treat such a diagnosis

### **(M2) 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.”

##### **(M3) OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE ACT**

**Councillor B. Lawlor, Councillor David 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.

##### **(M4) 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.

##### **(M5) LITTER POLLUTION ACT**

**Councillor Baby 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.

**(M6) 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.

**(M7) BICYCLE PARKING**

**Councillor Peter 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.

##### **(M8) DOUGHNUT ECONOMIC MODEL**

**Councillor G. O'Connell**

That this Council adopt the 'doughnut' economy as a policy to be applied, whenever possible in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, given that the Doughnut Economy is based on the premise that "Humanity's 21st century challenge is to meet the needs of all within the means of the planet. In other words, to ensure that no one falls short on life's essentials (from food and housing to healthcare and political voice), while ensuring that collectively we do not overshoot our pressure on Earth's life-supporting systems, on which we fundamentally depend - such as a stable climate, fertile soils, and a protective ozone layer.

##### **(M9) PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

**Councillor P. Kearns**

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to fully implement all available mechanisms at his disposal to call to account developers that do not fully comply with their grant of planning permission. And that where there are protection orders on trees these sites will be inspected during the construction phase and building halted if the developer is in breach of the terms of the agreement.

##### **(M10) KISSING GATES**

**Councillor L. Donaghy**

That this Council commits to a timeline for the full phase-out of 'kissing gates' from parks and public spaces in South Dublin County. These gates are intended to deter scrambler bikes and quad bikes, but also deny access to users of wheelchairs, prams and bicycles. In view of new powers available to An Garda Siochana to act on the use of scramblers and quads in public areas, kissing gates can no longer be justified as a deterrent. This Council will adapt or replace all kissing gates to facilitate universal access to our public realm.

##### **(M11) NITROUS OXIDE**

**Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

This council agrees that SDCC conduct a pilot project to map discarded drug litter caused by the use of Nitrous Oxide AKA “silver bullets” across the County. Furthermore, that this council write to the Minister for Public Health, Well Being and National Drugs Strategy, urging that he rolls out a Nitrous Oxide 'National Awareness Programme' and to engage the industry with responsibility for this product as part of the solution.

##### **(M12) REPAIR CAFÉ**

**Councillor Carly Bailey**

That this Council will conduct a feasibility study and work with the appropriate SPC(s) to look at the setting up of at least one Library of Things and Repair Cafe in the county.

##### **M13/0621 PART V**

**Councillor D. O'Donovan**

That the Manager, wherever possible, acquires properties for social housing through Part V under all current and upcoming SHD developments, rather than agreeing to lease properties, and presents a report on the implication of Build to Rent planning permissions in relation to the delivery of social housing under Part V.

### **(M14) INCREMENTAL TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

**Councillor P. Gogarty**

That the Chief Executive reports on the availability of interest-free/Islamic financing models supported by SDCC in terms of its own incremental tenant purchase schemes and Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan schemes; and, if facilitating same for residents of our county requires Departmental approval, to write to the Minister for Housing asking for such schemes to be facilitated at the earliest opportunity, with all due diligence applied.

##### **(M15) COUNTY TRADING STRATEGY**

**Councillor Shane Moynihan**

That the Council calls for a County Outdoor Trading Strategy, including but not limited to, a revision of the casual trading sites and process in the county, streamlining of the application process, provision for extra litter bins and litter bin collection and how businesses can be supported in harnessing the potential of outdoors trading.

##### **(M16) CONSULTATION**

**Councillor F. Timmons**

That this council commits to greater public consultation and installs large signage when undertaking significant road works or building works that the general public can see (Picture sent to director) and that this commitment is given to elected members and SDCC also look at A4 notices and increase it to A3

##### **(M17) ABANDONED DWELLINGS**

**Councillor M. Duff**

Given the current demands on the housing stock and the high number of applicants of the Housing List, this Council calls on the Chief Executive to make every effort to identify tenants of South Dublin County Council who are not occupying their Council houses or Units on a fulltime basis and/or have alternative accommodation available to them and to detail what actions he intends to take to address such situations.

##### **(M18) VOTING RIGHTS**

**Councillor Liam Sinclair**

That this council supports expanding voting rights to include 16 and 17 year olds. Should the motion be agreed, writing to notify An Taoiseach, the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform and the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

##### **(M19) COMHAIRLE NA NÓG**

**Councillor Alan Edge**

That this Council invites Comhairle na nÓg to brief full council on their work twice a year and that we likewise brief them on the work of the Council and invite them to make submissions on matters such as the County Development Plan and Green Infrastructure Strategy.

##### **(M20) BOYCOTT OF ISRAELI GOODS**

##### **Councillor C. King**

That this Council agrees to write to the Department of the Taoiseach, all other Local Authorities in the state and Retail Ireland calling on the Irish and International Supermarkets operating here to join the Boycott of all Israeli Goods as a response to the current and never ending Murderous Campaign against the Palestinian People including thousands of innocent Men, Women and Children.

##### **(M21) SDCC SUPPORT FOR AN ALL IRELAND NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

**Councillor M. Johansson**

That this council supports the aims of the Campaign for an All Ireland National Health Service, including an end to the two-tier public/private health system and making healthcare free at the point of access for everyone. If passed, a letter will be issued to the Campaign to request that South Dublin County Council is added to their list of supporters.

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

Mayor

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