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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council October 2021 County Council Meeting held virtually through Microsoft 365 Teams on Monday 11 October 2021

**PRESENT**

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

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin.  |
| Directors/ Heads of FunctionHead of FinanceCounty Architect | L. Maxwell, T. Walsh, M. Mulhern, C. Ward, J. FrehillR. FitzGeraldE. Conroy |
| Senior Executive Officers | C. Hurson, L. Leonard, S. Conroy |
| Administrative Officers | M. Reilly, N. Noonan, A. McNally  |
| Senior Staff OfficerStaff OfficerAssistant Staff OfficerArts OfficerExecutive TechnicianAssistant Quantity SurveyorGraduate | L. Abbey, M. ConnellA. MallonA. Hagan.O. ScannellL. BlanchA. BaldwinR. Ogbeifo |

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, presided

Apologies were received from Councillors T. Gilligan, P. Holohan and K. Mahon.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, 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.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh informed the Members that he would carry out an informal consultation process, within the next two weeks, with Group Leaders and others not represented on CPG, regarding the holding of Council meetings either remote or in-person following the cessation of Covid 19 restrictions on 22nd October 2021.

### **H1/1021 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

### Minutes of 13th September County Council Meeting 2021 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh seconded by Councillor M. Duff

[September Council Minutes â€' 13th September 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72411)

### **H2/1021 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.

### **H3a/1021 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

Tallaght October ACM moved from 25th October to 18th October due to Bank Holiday

Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC to take place on 25th November if the Adjourned Budget meeting **IS NOT** required. If the Adjourned meeting **IS** required, the meeting will be moved to 26th November.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC moved from 10th November to 24th November to avoid clash with Budget OP&F

**\*\*Please Note:- Meetings scheduled up to 22nd October will take place remotely, and thereafter in-person, in Tallaght Stadium up to 18th November and**

**the Council Training Room, County Hall, for the proposed Adjourned Budget meeting.**

**This may change dependant on Government announcements**

October 2021

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| Mon. | 4th Oct | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
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| Mon. | 11th Oct | **Council Meeting** | 3:30PM – 7:00PM | 27/09/2021 |
| Tue. | 12th Oct | **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 | 28/09/2021 |
| Wed. | 13th Oct |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 14th Oct |  |  |  |
| Fri | 15th Oct |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 18th Oct | **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 | 4/10/2021 |
| Tue. | 19th Oct |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 20th Oct | **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 | 6/10/2021 |
| Thur. | 21st Oct | **Deputations** | 3:00pm – 6:00pm |  |
| Fri | 22nd Oct |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 25th Oct | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 26th Oct | **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 | 11/10/2021 |
| Wed. | 27th Oct |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 28th Oct |  |  |  |
| Fri | 29th Oct |  |  |  |

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| **DATE** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 1st Nov | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 2nd Nov | **Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 29/9/2021 |
| Wed. | 3rd Nov | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 30/09/2021 |
| Thur. | 4th Nov |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 5th Nov |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 8th Nov | **Budget CPG (If required)****Council Meeting** | 12:00pm3:30PM – 7:00PM | 22/10/2021 |
| Tue. | 9th Nov | **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 | 26/10/2021 |
| Wed. | 10th Nov | **Budget OP&F** | 3:30pm – 6:00pm |  |
| Thur. | 11th Nov | **Housing SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 8/10/2021 |
| Fri | 12th Nov |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 15th Nov | **Deputations** | 3:00pm – 6:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 16th Nov | ***Social, Community & Equality SPC*** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 13/10/2021 |
| Wed. | 17th Nov | **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 | 3/11/2021 |
| Thur. | 18th Nov | **Budget Meeting** | 3:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
| Fri | 19th Nov | **JPC** | 10:00am |  |

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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 22nd Nov | **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 – 3:00pm3.00pm - 6.00pm | 8/11/2021 |
| Tue. | 23rd Nov | **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 – 3:00pm3.00pm - 6.00pm | 9/11/2021 |
| Wed. | 24th Nov | **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)****Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 3:00pm – 4:30pm5.30pm - 7.00pm | 21/10/2021 |
| Thur. | 25th Nov | **Traffic Management Meeting****(Clondalkin)****Traffic Management Meeting****(Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena)****OP&F** **Adjourned Budget Meeting** **(If required)****\*Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC****(Should the Adjourned Budget meeting not be required the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC will take place on 25th November)** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm2:45pm – 3:30pm3:30pm – 6:00pm6:00pm6.00pm - 7.30pm | 11/11/202126/10/2021 |
| Fri | 26th Nov | **\*Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC****(Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC will take place on 26th November should the Adjourned Budget meeting be required)** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 26/10/2021 |

The Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor C. O'Connor.

### **H3b/1021 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**b) Report on Conferences/Seminars**

**REPLY:**

**The following report went to the September 2021 OP&F meeting.**

“[**Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/zza37y2001s142.html) provides for the authorization of Members’ attendance at conferences both home and abroad.

Listed below are conferences which have been notified to South Dublin County Council and whose appropriateness has been vetted by the members’ working group in accordance with Circ. Letter 02/10.

            **Conferences & Training Notified**

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| Autumn Training Seminar | LAMA | Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo | 3/11/2021 - 4/11/2021 |
| AILG Module 1 | AILG | Sligo Park Hotel, Co. SligoThe Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co Galway | 2/10/20217/10/2021 |
| Health and Safety in the Workplace | Celtic Conferences | O'Donovan's Hotel, Co. Cork | 24/09/2021 - 26/09/2021 |

 **Conferences & Training Attended Since May 2021**

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| AILG Module 1 | AILG | Tower Hotel, Co. Waterford | 18/09/2021 | Cllr. Brian LawlorCllr. Baby PereppadanCllr. Shirley O'Hara |

**Requirements on members in relation to attendance at conferences**
(1) Having been authorised to attend an event under section 142, a councillor is required in all circumstances to –

a) attend that event and participate in the proceedings to the greatest extent possible, and

b) submit a written report within 15 days to the Cathaoirleach, who shall submit the report to the next ordinary meeting of the council. The report must indicate the nature of the meeting and contain a summary of the proceedings. This report shall be made available free of charge on request to any member of the public; for this purpose it may be put on the local authority’s website. The requirements in relation to reports by attendees and making the report available to the public are in large part new requirements under section 142(5)(f) (as amended) and section 142(5)(fa).

As authorisation under this section is a reserved function Members are required to pass the following resolution:

“In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001 attendance by Members at the Conferences / Seminars outlined in the report is hereby authorized.”

**This is now before full Council for final approval.**

The Report on Conferences/Seminars was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor C. O'Connor.

### **H3c/1021 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**Filling of Vacancy on the Audit Committee following the resignation of Councillor E. O'Brien**

**REPLY:**

**The following report went to the October 2021 CPG meeting.**

The resignation has been received of Councillor Ed O'Brien from the Audit Committee and his replacement is now sought from among the Elected Members.

Section 4 of the statutory instrument (S.I. No. 244 of 2014) on Local Government Audit Committees sets out the below on the appointment and membership of members. Below is an extraction of the relevant sections.

4(1)      The Audit Committee and its Members are independent in the performance of their functions and shall be accountable to the Local Authority.

4(6)      Nominations for appointment to an Audit Committee shall be made by the Corporate Policy Group to the Local Authority following consultation with the Chief Executive.

4(7)      Appointment of Members of an Audit Committee shall be a reserved function of the Local Authority.

4(8)      The Local Authority shall endeavour to ensure that there is an equitable balance between men and women in the membership of an Audit Committee.

4(13)    Where a vacancy arises it shall be the duty of the Chairperson to request that the Corporate Policy Group commence the process for replacing the Audit Committee Member, as provided for in paragraph (6).

At the September 2021 Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee meeting it was agreed that Councillor Teresa Costello would be nominated for consideration by the CPG in consultation with the Chief Executive.

This nomination is presented to the CPG for ratifying and if agreed will go to the October Council meeting for approval.

**The nomination of Councillor Teresa Costello to the Audit Committee is now before the full Council for final approval.**

The Filling of Vacancy on the Audit Committee following the resignation of Councillor E. O'Brien was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor C. O'Connor.

### **H4/1021 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

**a) Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC**

(i) - Report ofMeeting

**REPORT OF THE ARTS, CULTUREY, HERITAGE, GAEOLGE & LIBRARIES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st September 2021**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. M. Duff (Chair) | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. P. Kavanagh (Mayor)  | Liz Corry | Acting County Librarian |
| Cllr. A. Hayes  | Orla Purcell | Arts Officer |
|  | Lorna Maxwell | Director of Service |

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| **Representative** |
|  Elaine Vince-O’Hara |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. T. Costello |
| Cllr. K. Egan |
| Cllr. G. O’Connell |
| Freda Manweiler |

**The meeting was Chaired by Cllr M. Duff.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge & Libraries SPC of 5th May 2021. **AGREED.**

Proposed by Cllr Mick Duff and seconded by Cllr Peter Kavanagh.

**Headed Item 2:** **Updates on library re opening and new branches.**

Liz Corry, Acting County Librarian presented a report updating the SPC with the current level of opening across the library service. Updates were also given on the launch of the new library at Castletymon and the two new mobile library vans, due to take place on 16 September at the Castletymon Library. Mayor Cllr Peter Kavanagh will be in attendance. Due to covid restrictions, SPC members were advised that limits on numbers attending would be observed.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Elaine Vince O’Hara and Cllr Alan Hayes.

Liz Corry responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: Library of Things – overview**

Liz Corry, Acting County Librarian updated the SPC the Library of things concept. A community-based initiative, the idea is that members can borrow items which they only need on an occasional basis. Sharing these items supports sustainability, reduces waste, and allows people to free up space in their homes. It also affords the opportunity to try new hobbies without the need to buy supplies and/or equipment.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Elaine Vince O’Hara and Cllr Alan Hayes.

Liz Corry responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 4: Update on Coiste na Gaeilge**

Cllr. Peter Kavanagh gave an update on Coiste na Gaeilge’s activities and workplan. Lorna Maxwell confirmed the terms of reference for Coiste na Gaeilge.

There was a brief discussion with contributions from Cllr Mick Duff and Cllr Alan Hayes. Coiste na Gaeilge will report back to the next Arts SPC in November.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 5: Arts Development Strategy**

Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented a report on the Arts Development Strategy. The core pillars of the strategy relate to (1) Equity of access and opportunity to the Arts; (2) A vibrant and resilient arts sector; and (3) Strengthening our capacity to deliver. The report went through the anticipated outcomes of each of the core pillars.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised from Cllr Alan Hayes, Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Mick Duff.

Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 6: Covid Response – Local Live Performances**

Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented a report on the Covid Response – Local Live Performances. The report provided details of 37 events across the County, with 371 musicians involved, as well as discussing the flagship live performance event in Tallaght Stadium.

A brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Elaine Vincent O’Hara.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 7: Creative Ireland**

Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, presented a report on Creative Ireland. The report outlined the 2021 programme for South Dublin County Council, which included highlights such as ‘Comicfest at Tallaght Library’, ‘Budding Sounds’, ‘Hellfire and Yonder’, as well as ‘They Come Then, The Birds’.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised from Cllr Alan Hayes and Cllr Mick Duff.

Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 8: Lobbying Act 2015**

Jason Frehill, Director of Service, gave an update on the Lobbying Act. The update reminded members of the SPC of their obligations under the Lobbying Act.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions, but no questions were raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 9: AOB**

Cllr Mick Duff invited members to raise any other business items.

No further items were raised or discussed.

The meeting ended at 7:02 p.m.

Cllr Mick Duff concluded the meeting

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting

**Attended**

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) Una Ruddock

Councillor Alan Edge Deirdre Mooney

Councillor Madeleine Johansson Donie Anderson

Councillor Suzanne McEneaney

**Officials**  **Guest**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service Chidi Nwankwo

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer

Dave O’Brien, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Tom Prendergast, Principal Environmental Health Officer

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 4th May 2021**

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 4th May 2021 were proposed by Councillor Lawlor, seconded by Councillor Edge and agreed.

**Item 2: Report from the Joint EWCC & LUPT Biodiversity Action Plan subcommittee**

Councillor Edge presented the report to the committee.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Current Flood Alleviation Schemes**

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer presented the report to the committee

Councillor Lawlor raised queries on the report. The A/Project Resident Engineer responded.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Items 4: Air Quality Action Plan update**

Tom Prendergast, Principal Environmental Health Officer presented a report to the committee.

Councillor Edge and Sectoral Member Una Ruddock raised queries on the report. The Principal Environmental Health Officer responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Noise Action Plan update**

Dave O’Brien, Principal Environmental Health Officer presented a report to the committee.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Casual Trading Byelaws – Initiate Review**

Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer presented a report to the committee.

Councillors Lawlor and Edge and Sectoral Member Una Ruddock raised queries on the report. The Administrative Officer and the Director of Service responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Living with Trees review and update on Public Consultation**

Máire Ní Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented a report to the Committee.

Councillors Edge and Johansson and Sectoral Member Una Ruddock commented on the report.

It was agreed that a revised Draft Living with Trees policy would be brought to the Committee at their November meeting before being presented to Council for noting.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 8: Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 Update**

**Item 9: Decarbonisation Zone Update**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer and Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer presented updates on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and the Decarbonization Zone to the committee.

Councillor Edge and Sectoral Member Una Ruddock raised queries on the reports. The Senior Executive Engineer, the Senior Engineer and the Director of Service responded to the queries raised.

The Reports were **NOTED**

**Item 10: Green Infrastructure Strategy and Parks and Open Spaces Strategy updates**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=71986) to the committee.

Councillor Lawlor and Sectoral Members Una Ruddock and Deirdre Mooney commented on the report.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 11: Update on Scrambler and Quads Task Force**

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer presented an [update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=71987) to the committee.

Councillor Johansson raised a query on the update. The Director of Service responded.

The update was **NOTED**

**Item 11: Any Other Business**

There was no further business.

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**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](http://intranet/Cmas/documents/Environment-%20Public%20Realm%20and%20Climate%20Change%20SPC/2021/May/May2021Environment%2CPublicRealmandClimateChangeSPCMeeting/e7f679e7-8895-47b2-a01c-e34e28afe22a.pdf) 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](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=70179) 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](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70200) 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](http://intranet/Cmas/documents/Environment-%20Public%20Realm%20and%20Climate%20Change%20SPC/2021/May/May2021Environment%2CPublicRealmandClimateChangeSPCMeeting/bf183d54-158c-473d-929c-0b5bd7b9bbf7.mp4) 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](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=70183)

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](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=70209)

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](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=70185) and on the [Green Infrastructure Strategy & Parks and Open Spaces Strategy](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=70186).

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**

It was proposed by the Chair and agreed to suspend standing orders for five minutes in order to conclude the business of the meeting

**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.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 7.05 pm.

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. R. McMahon  | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. L. McCrave  | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole | Justin Mulhern | Senior Enterprise Development Officer |

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| **Representative** |
|  John Kiberd, Public Participation Network |

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| **Invited Contributor** |
| Denise Doyle, Retail Republic, LEO Mentor Panel |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien  |
| Cllr. P. Kearns  |
| Sean Reid |
| Sherri Brennan |
| Jack McDonnell |

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

**Cllr. C. King acknowledged and thanked Cllr. P. Kearns for chairing the last SPC in May.**

**Cllr. C. King stated the need to conclude the SPC by 7pm.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

1. EETD SPC held on 12th May 2021. **AGREED**
2. Joint Arts, Culture, Gaeilge Heritage & Libraries and Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Meeting 21st April 2021. **NOTED**

Proposed by Cllr. C. King and seconded by Cllr. R. McMahon

**Headed Item 2: COVID Business Supports**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented a report updating members on Financial and Business supports available and issued to business in response to the COVID 19 pandemic -

* Direct COVID Supports
	+ Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID
	+ LEO Client Stimulus Scheme
* Financial Supports
	+ TOVS – Trading Online Voucher Scheme
* Business Supports
	+ Mentoring
	+ Training
* Programmes & Networks
	+ NEWS
	+ SCENe
	+ Export Development
	+ Student Enterprise Programme
* Outdoor Seating and Accessory for Tourism and Hospitality Scheme
* NEW Direct Government Support – Business Resumption Support Scheme

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

Tom Rooney and Laura Leonard responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: Development of Food Strategy**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise**, introduced Denise Doyle from Retail Republic, a member of the Local Enterprise Office mentor panel, working with LEO and a steering committee of local stakeholders on the development of a Food Strategy for South Dublin.

Denise delivered a presentation on the work conducted to date on the Food Strategy covering the following headings –

* Background
* Approach
* The aims of the strategy
* Values | Vision | Mission
* The Food Gaps
* How to progress ‘Food’ in South Dublin

Reference was also made to the recent Urban Picnic market that is being piloted in Corkagh Park each Saturday starting the 4th September through to the end of October.

Members commended the work to date and the detail in the presentation.

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. C. King invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. L. O’Toole, Cllr. L. McCrave and Cllr. C. King. Cllr. C. King suggested that a Sub Committee may be required to progress this item.

Denise Doyle, Tom Rooney and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 4: Circular / Green Economy - Overview**

This item was deferred to the next SPC due to time restrictions.

**Headed Item 5: A.O.B.**

Jason Frehill, Director of Service acknowledged new members had joined the SPC and stated the need for members to comply with the Lobbying Act.

The meeting ended at 7:01 p.m.

Cllr C. King concluded the meeting

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting

**Draft Report of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

**Meeting on 12th May 2021**

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| **In Attendance:** |
| Cllr. P. Kearns (Acting Chair) |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| Cllr. L. McCrave |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |
| Cllr. R. McMahon  |
| J. Kiberd |

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| **Did Not Attend:** |
| Cllr. C. King |
| Cllr. S. Fay |
| S. Reid |
| S. Brennan |
| J. McDonnell |

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| **Officials Present:** |
| L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer |
| T. Rooney, Head of Enterprise |
| J. Mulhern, Senior Enterprise Development Officer |

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| 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.**
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| **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. DunneLaura 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.** **Cllr P. Kearns concluded the meeting** |

**d) Housing SPC**

(i) - Report ofMeeting

**Draft Report of the Meeting of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, 9 September 2021**

The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

**In attendance:**

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

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**Apologies:**

Cllr. K. Mahon, Cllr. D. O'Donovan,

**Officials in attendance:**

C. Ward, Director of Services; B. Pierce, Senior Executive Officer; N. Hanly, Senior Executive Officer; E. Leech, Senior Executive Officer; M. Murtagh, Administrative Officer; F. Keane, Senior Staff Officer.

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

**H1 Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 13th May 2021.**

The minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting of 13th May 2021 were **AGREED**.

**H2 Matters Arising**

None.

**H3 Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015**

A document that was circulated at the request of the Council's Corporate Services Department in relation to the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 was brought to the attention of the Committee and **NOTED**

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**H4 Housing for All Overview**

C. Ward provided an overview of the recently launched national housing policy, Housing for All, and outlined potential impacts for the Council.

There were questions and contributions by Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr D. McManus and G. Stockil PPN which were responded to by C. Ward and the report was **NOTED.**

**H5 Killinarden Mixed Tenure Housing Development**

C. Ward provided a detailed overview of the proposed mixed tenure development at Killinarden that is the subject of a proposed land disposal under section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended, at the Council meeting.

There were questions and contributions from Cllr. D McManus, G. Stockil and S. Harty which were responded to by C. Ward with the report then **NOTED**.

**H6 Housing Supply Update (pre-record).**

B. Pierce provided a pre-recorded update on Housing Pipeline including 2021 Projections & DHLGH Targets, Future Supply 2022+, Construction Programme, Age-Friendly Housing, Mixed Tenure, Large Capacity Sites and Potential Part V Yield

There were questions and contributions from Cllr. J. Tuffy and S. Harty which C. Ward responded to and the report was **NOTED**.

**H7 Allocations Update (pre-record)**

N. Hanly provided a pre-recorded update on Housing allocations and homeless data, including housing list numbers and a breakdown of the total number of applications received year to date. He also gave statistics on current numbers of applicants for Age Friendly Housing Demand & Rightsizing Opportunities.

Following a contribution from G. Stockil, it was agreed to provide actual numbers of adults and children housed at the next Housing SPC and the report was **NOTED.**

**H8 Open Data/ Integrated Housing System**

N. Hanly delivered a report about the new Integrated Housing System outlining the different phases of the rollout and informed the committee about the system upgrade that is due to launch in October. He also shared a number of reports prepared by the new Data Analyst on CBL statistics and rehousing statistics.

There were contributions from Cllr. W. Carey and S. Harty.  Members were assured that there would be reviews carried out on the new system with clear statistics on timelines.  They were also assured that going forward, new properties advertised on CBL would have better specifications and the team will continue to enhance the particulars made available to CBL applicants.

The report was **NOTED.**

**H9 Caravan Loan Scheme.**

E. Leech referred to the report circulated and gave an overview of the Pilot Caravan Loan Scheme launched by the DHLGH. There has been significant interest in the scheme and several expressions of interest have already been received.

There were contributions from Cllr. McManus and S. Harty to which E. Leech responded and the report was **NOTED**.

**H10 Healthy Homes Project.**

C. Ward informed the committee that the Healthy Homes Officer has left her post to take up a new position and the post was due to be filled again imminently. It was reported that during her tenure, the original post holder had commenced in-depth personal assessments and there had been significant interest in the project.  It was **AGREED**that the new post holder, when in situ, will be asked to provide and update to the Committee and that a formal reporting template on the key programme indicators would be provided on a quarterly basis.

**H11 Estate Management/Community Development Review.**

E. Leech provided a report outlining the upcoming strategic review of Estate Management and Community Development services taking place with consultants engaged to undertake this work.

The report was**NOTED**and it was **AGREED** that Cllr. K. Mahon and Ms. S. Harty PPN would participate in the stakeholder consultation on behalf of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

**H12 Acquisitions Strategy**

B. Pierce presented a report on the Council's Acquisitions Strategy and the updated approach following a recent DHLGH Circular.

Following contributions from Cllr. D McManus and C. Ward and the report was **NOTED.**

**HI.13 Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disabilities**

Having been presented in draft form at the May meeting of the Housing SPC, the final version of the Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability 2021-2026 was **NOTED.**

**H14 Any Other Business**

Members were advised that they may submit items for consideration to be included on future agendas.

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting

**Minutes of Meeting of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, 13th May 2021**

**In attendance:**

Cllr. C. O’Connor; Cllr. B. Pereppadan; Cllr. J. Tuffy; Cllr. L. Donaghy; Cllr. D. O’Donovan, 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 | 9,575 |
| 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

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

1. - Report ofMeeting

**Report of Meeting of Social, Community & Equality Strategic Policy Committee Meeting on 21 September 2021 via Microsoft Teams:**

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

**Also Present:** D. Hennessy (PPN)

**Apologies:** E. Hendrick (PPN)

**Officials Present:** C. Ward (Director of Services), Jennifer Moroney Ward (SEO), J. Hayden, (Administrative Officer), M Murtagh, (Administrative Officer), P. Mc Alerney (Senior Community Officer), T. Mc Dermott (Sports Partnership Coordinator), A.  Moloney (SSO), M. Nugent (SSO),F. Keane (SSO), Margaret Farrell (CO).

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th of May were noted and agreed.

1. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Designated Public Official Lobbying**

A document that was circulated at the request of the Council's Corporate Services Department in relation to the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 was brought to the attention of the Committee and noted.

1. **Social Inclusion Update**

A. Moloney gave an update on Social Inclusion initiatives in the Council including in relation to the proposed 2021 Social Inclusion Festival scheduled to take place from 15th to 21st November with the theme of ‘Staying Connected’ with contributions from Cllrs. Bailey, Holohan and Gilligan.

At the request of the Chair, it was agreed that C. Ward would raise the issue of painting a road crossing in rainbow colours like in Capel St/City centre with the Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation.

The Committee members are to be kept updated on developments around the financial planning workshops and how they were received.

The report was **NOTED**.

1. **Community Infrastructure Fund**

P. McAlerney gave a report outlining the proposed operation of the 2021 Community Infrastructure Fund.

Following contributions from Cllrs Holohan, Bailey and Murphy, it was agreed that the fund information brochure would be circulated to the Committee and that examples of previously funded projects could be made available to community groups to help with the application process.  The importance of supporting a number of diverse groups throughout the County under the fund was also highlighted and the report was **NOTED.**

1. **Local Sports Plan**

J. Moroney-Ward provided an overview of the proposed process for the development of a local sports plan, provisionally titled "Active South Dublin" that would provide a long-term framework to achieve increased physical activity levels across all generations and abilities in line with Healthy County Strategy.  C. Ward proposed that the Committee develop a working group to oversee the process and to work on the proposed strategy.  It was **AGREED**  that Cllrs. Gillian, Holohan, Murphy and Casserly would participate on the working group.

1. **Age Friendly Home Safety & Security Schemes: Home Security Locks / Carbon Monoxide Alarms / Assistive Technologies**

M. Nugent presented the report on the status of the Security Lock and Carbon Monoxide Alarm schemes.  The report was **NOTED** and the Committee also supported a provision in the Council's 2022 Budget for a pilot assistive technology project in the County in conjunction with Age Friendly Ireland.

1. **Strategic Review of Estate Management and Community Development Services**

C. Ward provided a report outlining the upcoming strategic review of Estate Management and Community Development services taking place with consultants engaged to undertake this work.

The report was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** that Cllr. E. Murphy and Mr D. Hennessy PPN would participate in the stakeholder consultation on behalf of the Social, Community & Equality Strategic Policy Committee.

1. **Capital Projects Update**

P. McAlerney and C. Ward presented an update on various Community Dept. capital projects proposed and underway across the County and the challenges associated with same.

J. Moroney-Ward said there is a renewed focus on supporting communities and how to empower them to manage the new and existing facilities with a strong focus on governance.

There was contributions and questions from Cllrs Casserly, Holohan, Gilligan and O’Hara that were responded to by C. Ward and P. McAlerney.  it was highlighted that the contractors and parts to fix the booms in Tallaght and Clondalkin swimming pools have to be sourced from outside Ireland and that there are also long lead-in times.  It was also mentioned that the provision of facilities for childcare providers was not part of the proposed operation of the Lucan sports campus (comprising Lucan Swimming Pool and Lucan Leisure Centre) but that this would be reviewed.

The report was **NOTED**.

**10 Healthy Homes**

C. Ward informed the committee that the Healthy Homes Officer has left her post to take up a new position and the post was due to be filled again imminently. It was reported that during her tenure, the original post holder had commenced in-depth personal assessments and there had been significant interest in the project.  It was **AGREED** that the new post holder, when in situ, will be asked to provide and update to the Committee and that a formal reporting template on the key programme indicators would be provided on a quarterly basis.

**The report was NOTED.**

1. **Community Grants**

P. McAlerney provided an update on the current status of the 2021 community grants advising that it is likely that the online application process will have to close shortly given that the budget is almost exhausted but that it will re-open early in 2022 for new applications.

1. **Any Other Business**

Cllr. Gilligan requested information on the public tennis courts in the County to be provided.

The lead-time for repairs on the Tallaght and Clondalkin pools was raised again and C. Ward agreed to seek further information on this matter.

The time, date and format of the meeting to be considered by the Council noting that Members of this Committee are happy to continue with a Teams format if possible and also noting that the amended time of this meeting at 3:00pm suited members.

The meeting concluded at 4:30pm.

1. - Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of Meeting of Social, Community & Equality Strategic Policy Committee held on 18th May 2021

The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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

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

1. - Report ofMeeting

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

### **PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Liam Sinclair (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr Baby Perappadan | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr Eoin Ó Broin | John Hegarty | A/Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Paul Nicholas Gogarty |  Hazel Craigie | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh |  Colin Clarke | Senior Executive Planner |
|   | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
|  | William Byrne | Executive Planner |
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| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Ahern | PPN |  |

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### Apologies were received from Cllr Shane Moynihan who was unable to be in attendance.

### **H-1 (1) Item 71956 Minutes of 27th May 2021 LUPT SPC**

 [Minutes of May 2021 meeting](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/72009)

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

**Cllr. Liam Sinclair**, seconded by **Cllr Baby Perappadan** and **AGREED**

**H-1(2) Item 72059 Clonburris: Progress Update**

 [Items1. Clonburris SDZ Briefing](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/72195)

The report as circulated was presented by Colin Clarke, Senior Executive Planner and William Byrne, Executive Planner

It was noted that the Council submitted an URDF bid and got approval in principle for €176m from Central Government.

The presentation focused on:

* Overview of URDF
* SDZ update – Planning & SDZ requirements
* Infrastructure Programme – South Link Street & Utility Corridor
* Branding Strategy
* Successful Adamstown URDF Bid and next stages

Queries were raised by Cllr Ó Broin, Cllr O Brádaigh and Eoin Aherne regarding the numbers of houses, branding strategy, Irish Water works and suitability of the bridges from a cyclist perspective.

Mick Mulhern and Colin Clarke answered the queries raised by the members.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 71951 Naas Road (City Edge) Planning Framework: Progress Update**

[**Items 2. City Edge Presentation**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/72234)

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

The project is a collaborative project with DCC to produce a framework for the Naas Road area

There is circa 700 ha of land and when developed will become Europe’s largest regeneration project.

The project hopes to deliver on the National Planning Framework objective of compact growth and to make the best use of existing land to create a liveable quarter in the city with climate change and sustainability as the cornerstones of the plan

**Work to Date – key findings from studies**

* This study area has a diverse mix of mainly industrial, commercial and employment uses which employ approx.. 25k people across many businesses.
* The study has some of the biggest employers in the county.
* There is an opportunity to further intensify land use and potentially create a further 75k jobs.
* There are approx. 5,000 people living in the area with 1,600 homes across the area. There is a huge opportunity to further develop this area for new homes for all and people can live and work in the area.
* This area is served by the Camac River, Grand Canal and many ameneties and these can be promoted as part of this regeneration.
* The aim of the project is to develop a Framework to guide the future development of the area with the principles of a Liveable City.

**Vision**

The vision is to create a mixed use and climate resilient high density urban quarter where people can purchase affordable homes and, live close to work and have local amenities and transport services at their doorstep.

**Consultation**

This is an ambitious project and there will be a 4-week public consultation with report to Elected members.

Mick Mulhern responded to queries raised by Cllr D Ó Bradaigh, Eoin Ahern, Cllr Liam Sinclair, regarding footbridge over M50, capacity of N7, existing Luas to Lucan Plan

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Item 71955 - Street Improvement Management Guide – Progress Update**

[Items 3. Street Improvement Management Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/72274)

The report as circulated was presented John Hegarty, A/Senior Engineer

The plan provides for proposed local transport interventions to improve safety for all road users.

There has been an increase in the number of cars on the streets, with speeding on the increase which has been demonstrated by surveys carried out. The Traffic Engineers have looked at best practise guidelines, National Cycling Manual, DEMURS and S.38 (RTA) powers.

It was noted that there is currently an overuse of ramps as traffic calming measures and there are alternatives set out in the Guidance Document aiming to deliver safety interventions that will benefit all including motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. This will be achieved by providing:

* Junction improvements
* Small permeability schemes – opening up cul-de-sacs by desire lines – however there must be a buy in from public
* Pedestrian crossings – based on desire lines
* Traffic calming measures where vehicle speeding is happening
* Small footpath extensions
* Reducing road width by use of chicanes, build outs, tree planting, bicycle lanes. Ramps will only be put in where appropriate.

An annual programme of works will be prepared and brought to the Council for approval.

John responded to queries raised by Cllr Gogarty, Eoin Ahern and Cllr Ó Broin, Cllr Ó Brádaigh. Cllr Perapaddam queried about the traffic calming in Corbally and was informed that this work would be done.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (5) Item 71953 – Development Plan 2022 – 2028 – Progress Update**

[Items 4. CDP Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/72168)

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

The CDP process to date was noted, c300 submissions were received during the public consultation which has just concluded. These are currently being examined by the DP Team. A number of submissions received on rezoning issues and community and local issues.

Next steps:

* The CE will prepare a report and make recommendations on all of the submissions.
* This report will be brought to the Councillors on 7th December
* Any recommendations made by OPR, NTA and EMRA will also need to be assessed
* Cllrs have from 7th December to 9th March to consider Draft Plan and CE report
* 9th March Draft plan will be amended or Adopted
* Meetings will be held in Feb/early March
* Motions to be made in advance of these meetings and briefings will be heard

An outline of the timelines and process is in the report. The Council is at Stage 2 and the Plan to be adopted in July and come into effect in August 2022.

The whole process is 99 weeks from start to finish.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (6) Item 71952 Biodiversity Action Plan – Progress Update**

[**Items 5. Report from Sub-Committee for Biodiversity - August 2021**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/72051)

The report as circulated was **NOTED** without discussion

**H-1(7) Item 71950 Adamstown: Progress Update**

[**Items 6. Adamstown**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/72245)

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 (November 2021) meeting.

**H-1(8) Item 72221 – Date for November 2021 LUPT SPC**

The November meeting of the LUPT SPC is provisionally scheduled for Friday 26th November, being cognisant that this may revert to the usual 4th Thursday, Thursday 25th November pending the outcome of the Statutory Budget meeting.

This was **NOTED**

The meeting concluded at 7.00p.m.

1. - Minutes of Meeting

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

### **PRESENT**

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

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

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

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

[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](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**](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.

The Reports were **NOTED.**

### **H5/1021 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

### **H6/1021 REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE - FOR NOTING**

**Report from South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Meeting of 17th September, 2021**

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

**In Attendance (Committee Members):**

Cllr Carly Bailey; Cllr Yvonne Collins; Cllr Mick Duff (Chair); Cllr Louise Dunne; Cllr Cathal King: Cllr Lynn McCrave; Cllr Derren O'Bradaigh; Cllr Eoin O'Broin; Cllr Deirdre O’Donovan; Cllr Shirley O’Hara; Cllr. Liona O’Toole; Cllr Baby Pereppadan; Sean Crowe, TD; Emer Higgins, TD; John Lahart, TD; Mark Ward, TD;  Chief Supt. Finbarr Murphy, An Garda Síochána; Colm Ward, SDCC; Sue Dorgan, PPN; Trevor Bissett, Clondalkin D&ATF;

**Also Present:**

Noreen Byrne, North Clondalkin LPF; Jennifer Moroney Ward, Chief Officer SDCC; Laura Leonard, SDCC; Maria Nugent, SDCC; Andy Lane, SDCC; Superintendent Paul Dolan, Garda Síochána; Inspector James Phibbs, Garda Síochána; Judy Higgins, Policing Authority; Sarah Middleton, Garda Síochána, Maurice Garvey, The Echo;

**Apologies:**

Cllr Emma Murphy (Chair); Cllr Shane Moynihan; Chief Superintendent Peter Duff; Superintendent Ian Lackey, Garda Síochána; Gemma Carton, Garda Diversion; Enda Creegan, PPN; Grace Hill, Tallaght D&ATF.

In the absence of JPC Chair, Cllr. Emma Murphy, it was agreed that Cllr. M. Duff would chair the meeting.

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2021 were agreed as a true record, noting the confidential section of the minutes.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Correspondence**

None

**4. Governance**

It was noted that the vacancy from the PPN Social Inclusion Pillar was to be filled by the PPN.

It was proposed and agreed that the local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force coordinators, Trevor Bissett (Clondalkin) and Grace Hill (Tallaght) be approved as members of the Committee.

It was agreed that Trevor Bissett and Inspector Liam Casey be approved as members of the JPC Dugs Subcommittee.

**5. Garda Reports**

Chief Supt. F. Murphy proposed the following in relation to the submission of questions/queries by JPC members:

* Requirement for strategic issues only to be raised in so far as possible
* Local issues can be dealt with appropriately by Local Policing Forums or direct contact with local Inspector/community
* Prompt submission of queries to ensure responses can be provided by AGS.
* Consideration as to the appropriate number of queries allowed per Councillor (proposed two in line with other JPC areas).

It was agreed that the procedure for submitting JPC queries to AGS will be updated noting the above comments and circulated to members of the JPC.

DMR South: Inspector J.Phibbs provided a report for the area noting:

* Crime figures down generally with burglaries down in Tallaght and Rathfarnham
* Some fraud offences recently in the Rathfarnham area
* Murder in Citywest since the last JPC, person charged and before the court
* Significant recent drugs seizures including cannabis, cocaine and MDMA tablets
* A member from An Garda Síochána was shot at in the Rossfield area - arrests and file with DPP
* Increased Garda presence in specific areas

Questions were received from Cllrs. King and Dunne and Deputies Crowe and Lahart, with responses from Insp. Phibbs as follows:

* The issue of scramblers has been addressed by Gardai with scramblers seized in the district, although often from underage minors and can be difficult to pursue.
* Focus on Citywest with increased engagement and proactive patrols including mountain bikes and community policing interaction in relation to the Luas. More engagement, communication and effort is required in the area to address the anti-social issues caused by a particular group in the area.
* Suggestions for Citywest clinic and anti-social activities in several parks in West Tallaght these will be discussed with Supt. Lackey.

DMR West: Supt. P. Dolan gave a presentation for the area highlighting:

* Decrease in burglaries attributed to more people at home due to Covid but potential increases as people return to workplaces and as the evenings get darker.
* Unauthorised theft of and from cars with the theft of catalytic converters having been the focus of AGS.
* Domestic abuse - AGS have introduced domestic abuse coordinator teams with a coordinator to be put in place in the L District.
* Instances of assaults causing harm have increased also opting intimidation in relation to drug debts
* There have been arrests in relation to a shooting at the Swallows Public House and a robbery at the Ninth Lock Road shop/garage
* Community engagement including property marking along the canal and extra patrols for Cherrywood, Corkagh
* Creches, schools and social outings with the elderly – connections being built with the Community.

Questions were received from Deputy Higgins and Cllrs. O'Bradaigh, O'Broin, King and O’Toole with Insp. Dolan responding as follows:

* Civilians in Rathcoole are An Garda Síochána staff but do not have legal powers of arrest they as support staff. Recruitment and training ongoing with the aim of having front desk support staff.
* 12 new Garda across the District to back fill positions.
* Response times monitored and resources are available - issues can be raised with Supt. Twomey if necessary
* Drugs searches – less people on the street and close contact/Covid issues contributed to reductions across the country.
* Continued focus on drug responses with an outline of resources provided.  There have been arrests along the canal and have also addressed drugs being thrown into the prison and there has been a focus on issues at Corkagh Park and significant operations undertaken on the Canal and in Ronanstown.
* Preparations are being made for Operation Tombola for Halloween
* Speeding in estates is monitored through handheld monitors and gatso vans but there are local perception issues where people’s idea of speeding is not reflected on monitors.
* Establishment of neighbourhood watch groups in Adamstown with the intention to set up an umbrella group of representatives of each.
* Waterways Ireland are working with AGS and the Council to improve the Canal area and AGS reported very positive engagement.
* Helicopter unit operations are generally not divulged directly to local districts.

**6. Local Policing Fora Reports**

**Clondalkin LPF:** The Clondalkin section of the report was noted.

**D12 LPF:** The D12 section of the report was noted.

**West Tallaght LPF:** The recommendation to change the name of the West Tallaght Local Policing Forum to West Tallaght Community Safety Forum was agreed and the report was noted.

**North Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown LPF:** This report covered:

* Tree maintenance and area maintenance generally
* Boundary wall between two housing estates
* Issues raised in the Safety and Inclusivity study (lighting at Black Path, Neilstown and Woodavens estate)
* Balgaddy estate

**7. CCTV**

South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee agree the request for approval of the CCTV scheme along the Grand Canal from 12th lock to Killeen Road in the administrative area covered by South Dublin County Proposed Sean Crowe TD, seconded Cllr. Cathal King and agreed by all.

**8. JPC Strategic Plan 2016-2022**

The report was noted by the Committee.

**9. JPC Subgroups: Drug Subcommittee**

The report was noted including that the Drugs Subcommittee had met in May 2021, that there is a meeting next week to progress the action plan that was considered at the last meeting and that it has almost a full complement of members (Inspector Liam Casey is now a member of the Subcommittee but there is still a PPN vacancy).

**10. Any Other Business**

None.

**11. Schedule of Meetings for 2021**

The next JPC meeting is scheduled for Friday 19th November 2021.

**Noted.**

Councillor E. Murphy presented the report as Chair of the JPC.

The report was **NOTED**.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor P. Kearns and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q33 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the cycling infrastructure audit as part of Cycle South Dublin has yet been undertaken (as per response to a question at the October 2020 Council Meeting), whether this report will be published soon and will it be publicised in such a way as to make it easily accessible to anyone thinking about going for a cycle, on the SDCC website.

**REPLY:**

The cycling infrastructure audit has not yet been undertaken. It is hoped to be carried out by Q2 2022. The results will be published.

### **Q2/1021 QUESTION: Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise both the public and public representatives on the plans the cross departmental approach from SDCC over the coming weeks to try to ensure that communities can enjoy a safe and happy Halloween and would he care to make a statement on the matter?

**REPLY:**

The Council recognises the difficulties that Halloween causes for many communities through the illegal burning of waste on Halloween bonfires, the damage to local amenities, and the threat to property and local services.

In response to Halloween in recent years the Council has adopted a cross departmental approach utilising the services of Public Realm, Waste Enforcement, Environmental Awareness, Library Services, Housing and Community Services Departments to prevent damage and promote the “Safe Halloween” message. The Council's response to Halloween in 2021 will involve the following elements as it has done in other recent years:

* Various awareness measures to highlight the dangers associated with bonfires and the harm done to the environment.
* Funding of community-based activities which are intended to divert children away from bonfires and other anti-social behaviour.
* Action by the Council's Environmental Licensing and Enforcement Section to deal with commercial premises and their obligations to properly store their waste including waste tyres and pallets (including aerial surveys of premises where necessary).
* The Public Realm response to remove stockpiles of bonfire materials has commenced and will continue throughout September and October and will intensify as Halloween approaches.
* The Public Realm Section will have operational staff on duty over the bank holiday weekend and the Halloween weekend collecting bonfire materials, in recent years these collections captured in the region of 250 tonnes of materials and diverted it away from bonfires.
* Liaison with An Garda Siochana with regard to action being taken by them and by the Council in relation to this matter.
* Liaison with local residents groups who can help to identify the locations of material stockpiles.
* Implementation of the ‘bulbs not bonfires’ scheme which is a reward provided through South Dublin County Council’s Social Credit Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of scarred open space throughout the year. In recent years the Council has spent approximately €2,500 per year on bulbs for this popular scheme and it is envisaged that a similar sum will be spent again this year on the scheme.
* The social credits scheme will once again facilitate groups who are registered on the scheme with the disposal of materials at the Council's civic amenity site in Ballymount, and this will help to reduce the amount of materials being handed over for bonfires.

**Electrical Recycling Collections for Halloween**

RecycleIT, in association with South Dublin Country Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland hosted a series of free door to door electrical recycling collection days in residential areas across South Dublin prior to Halloween 2020.  These collection days are now annual events and help ensure hazardous electrical equipment and batteries don’t find their way onto seasonal Bonfires.  This scheme helps residents to recycle all types of electrical, electronic and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TV’s, washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones and computers, and any other item with a plug or battery (including batteries).  RecycleIT are in contact regularly with residents associations regarding this service and at present 3 such collections are arranged for the period prior to Halloween.

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### **Q3/1021 QUESTION: Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive how many households are on the medical priority housing list, and medical priority housing transfer list and what is the average waiting time?

**REPLY:**

There are current 443 households with medical priority on the housing and transfer lists.  The average times on list for these applicants by bedroom size are as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Bedroom Size | Avg Time on List (Years) |
| 1 | 3.24 |
| 2 | 3.78 |
| 3 | 4.00 |
| 4 | 3.57 |

### **Q4/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor Carly Bailey**

How many houses have been acquired to meet the needs of medical priority housing households and what other measures and funding streams are available to assist this Local Authority in meeting the housing needs of such a vulnerable cohort.

**REPLY:**

In the last three years 15 homes have been acquired directly by the Council, with funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to meet the medical needs of households on the housing list.  The Council's current Acquisitions Strategy prioritises the purchase of homes to meet medical need.  A further 47 homes have been delivered through the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) by Approved Housing Bodies, supported by the Council, to meet medical or other priority needs in that period.

There have been 71, 44 and 37 allocations on medical priority respectively in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 together with a combined total of 17 transfers granted on medical grounds during 2020 and 2021 to households on the basis of meeting medical need.

Our construction and allocations teams continue to work on planning for new delivery of homes to meet the existing medical priority needs on our housing list and there are 12 specially adapted homes in our construction pipeline for completion in 2022. A further 14 homes are projected for completion between now and the end of 2022 by Approved Housing Bodies through CAS with the Council's support.  Further opportunities will continue to be explored for construction/acquisition of specially adapted homes directly by the Council, through CAS and through Part V social housing delivery.  In addition, any suitable homes becoming vacant in existing housing stock will also be used to meet medical priority housing needs where possible.

### **Q5/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of one bedroom and 4+ bedroom homes made available to those on the social housing list, CBL, the HAP transfer list and housing transfer list in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 and to ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

The table below outlines the number of one and four (or bigger) bedroom properties allocated in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **2019** |   | **2020** |  | **2021** |  |
|  **Allocation** | **1 bed** | **4+bed** | **1 bed** | **4 bed** | **1 bed** | **4+bed** |
| CBL | 30 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 23 | 3 |
| Homeless | 39 | 7 | 39 | 8 | 17 | 5 |
| Medical | 14 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 3 |
| OAP | 11 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Priority | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 3 |
| RAS NTQ | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Transfers | 9 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 2 |
| **Totals** | **115** | **21** | **93** | **22** | **87** | **17** |

The Council is committed to further increasing the one and four bedroom housing stock through build, Part V, leasing and acquisition of units, having regard for the projected demand for same, and maximising the best use of existing stock through the continued promotion and operation of our rightsizing and transfer policies.

### **Q6/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing maintenance requests were made in 2019, 2020 and in 2021 to date and to ask how many requests were waiting less than one month, less than 6 months, less than 18 months and more than 18 months.

**REPLY:**

The Council categorises and responds to maintenance requests for repairs in accordance with the following guidelines:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **CATEGORY** | **TIMESCALE** | **EXAMPLE** |
| Emergency | 1 – 5 working days | Smoking Fuse Board, Burst water tank |
| Urgent | 10 working days | Leak under sink unit, Leaking roof |
| Routine | Up to 12 weeks | Replace toilet cistern, Faulty radiator |
| Cyclical | 1 – 7 years | Gutter replacement, replacement hall door etc. |

The response may involve an initial inspection of the property to determine the exact nature of the works to ensure that the request is correctly categorised.  Works are then either classified as response or cyclical and the maintenance request is closed out with works assigned to a particular response or planned maintenance programme. In addition, some maintenance requests received are deemed tenant responsibility at point of contact or following inspection and would not be repaired by our maintenance team or contractors.

The previous system for recording maintenance requests did not readily lend itself to analysis of specific maintenance requests actioned or outstanding as there was no capacity to link and track the associated work programmes within the system.  However, the introduction of a new integrated housing system an 2021, together with a system upgrade in Quarter 4 2021, will greatly enhance reporting on maintenance requests and timeframes once the system is fully operational for all tenants and fully embedded in our maintenance staff work practices.  The system will also provide tenants with the option of tracking the progress of their own maintenance requests through the Housing Online system which has recently commenced for a pilot group of tenants and will be extended to all tenants in the coming weeks.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, associated health and safety requirements and Government guidelines, only emergency/ urgent repairs were carried out by direct labour/contractors for an extensive period.  Our housing maintenance operations have also recently been restructured to include a dedicated workstream focussed on our planned and cyclical maintenance programmes, supported by the recruitment of additional staff.

The table below outlines the monthly number of housing maintenance requests received 2019, 2020 and 2021:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Month/Year**  | **Jan 2019**  | **Feb 2019**  | **Mar 2019**  | **Apr 2019**  | **May 2019**  | **Jun 2019**  | **Jul 2019**  | **Aug 2019**  | **Sep 2019**  | **Oct 2019**  | **Nov 2019**  | **Dec 2019**  | **Total**  |
| No. of Maintenance Requests   | 2,007  | 1,423  | 1,353  | 1,435  | 1,366  | 1,129  | 1,448  | 1,244  | 1,486  | 1,662  | 1,721  | 1,266  | 17,540  |
| **Month/Year**  | **Jan 2020**  | **Feb 2020**  | **Mar 2020**  | **Apr 2020**  | **May 2020**  | **Jun 2020**  | **Jul 2020**  | **Aug 2020**  | **Sep 2020**  | **Oct 2020**  | **Nov 2020**  | **Dec 2020**  | **Total**  |
| No. of Maintenance Requests  | 1,964  | 1,776  | 1,283  | 813  | 951  | 1,457  | 1,497  | 1,339  | 1,389  | 1,487  | 1,603  | 1,196  | 16,755  |
| **Month/Year**  | **Jan 2021**  | **Feb 2021**  | **Mar 2021**  | **Apr 2021**  | **May 2021**  | **Jun 2021**  | **Jul 2021**  | **Aug 2021**  | **Sep 2021**  | **Oct 2021**  | **Nov 2021**  | **Dec 2021**  |  **Total**  |
| No. of Maintenance Requests   | 1,703  | 1,633  | 1,107  | 1,400  | 1,248  | 1,247  | 1,223  | 1,344  | 1,361  |   |   |    | 12,266  |

### **Q7/1021 QUESTION: Councillor William Joseph Carey**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implications and cost analysis for motion passed at May council meeting ( item 70100 , motion 5) regarding costs to casual traders.

**REPLY:**

A review of the South Dublin County Council Casual Trading Byelaws 2016 made under the Casual Trading Act 1995 (the Act) was initiated by the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting held on the 7th September 2021.

Section 6(1) of the Act provides a statutory requirement for each local authority to make byelaws in relation to the control, regulation, supervision, and administration of casual trading in its functional area. The procedure for making Casual Trading Byelaws is prescribed in Section 6 of the Act and includes a public consultation process.

The European Union (Casual Trading Act,1995) Regulations 2018 came into operation on 1st January 2019. The regulations provide for amendments to the Act in the following areas which will be considered as part of the proposed review:

* Selection procedures used by local authorities in issuing licences
* The issue of charges and fees
* The duration of casual trading licences

Section 6(9) of the Act provides that the making of Casual Trading Byelaws is a reserved function of the Council.

### **Q8/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many applicants currently on the housing list have never expressed interest in a property on CBL

**REPLY:**

Choice Based Letting (CBL) changed to a new platform in May this year following the introduction of new integrated housing system with applicants required to register on the new system to enable their ongoing use of the system to express interest in available properties.

Of the over 8,500 applicants on either the Housing list and HAP transfer list who are eligible for CBL, more than 5,700 have engaged with CBL on the new system and successfully registered.  Since registering, 2,196 applicants have used the system to formally express an interest in at least one of the 149 properties advertised on the new platform since May.

Applicants with medical priority or older persons' priority do not currently engage with CBL due to their specific accommodation requirements.   In addition, even prior to the introduction of the new system, many social housing applicants have never expressed an interest in a property through CBL despite various communications from the Council in that regard.

### **Q9/1021 QUESTION: Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many people on the housing list are availing of HAP / Homeless Hap/ RAS

**REPLY:**

All HAP/Homeless HAP are included on the HAP transfer list with access to Choice Based Letting.  There are currently 2,996 active HAP tenancies and an additional 1,788 active Homeless HAP tenancies in South Dublin.

Separately, there are 1,078 RAS tenants in the County, of whom 78 opted to remain on the RAS Fixed Transfer List under the Council's Allocation Scheme in 2011 and are eligible to apply for accommodation through Choice Based Letting.  All other RAS tenants were deemed to have their housing need met and were no longer included on the housing list from then but are eligible to apply for a transfer to alternative accommodation on medical, overcrowding, rightsizing or other priority grounds only.

### **Q10/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing transfers were complete in the past 12 months and how many of those were mutual transfers

**REPLY:**

74 transfers were completed in 2020 and a further 54 transfers have been completed to date in 2021.

Separately, 5 mutual transfers, where two tenants swap dwellings with the consent of the Council, were completed in 2020 with one further mutual transfer completed to date  in 2021.

### **Q11/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor David McManus**

To ask the Chief Executive for the amount spent by South Dublin County Council on cleaning up materials and waste associated with bonfires and halloween in 2020 and 2019 and if a statement could be made on Council plans for this year with halloween.

**REPLY:**

The costs associated with the response to Halloween in 2020 were very similar to the costs incurred in 2019, the table below sets out the details the past 2 years in terms of costs, tonnages of waste collected and numbers of bonfires.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|   | 2019 | 2020 |
| Waste removed prior to Halloween (tonnes) | 237 | 237 |
| Waste removed after Halloween | 348 | 355 |
| Total waste removed | 585 | 592 |
| Cost | €150,000 | €155,000 |
| Number of bonfires | 256 | 283 |

The Council recognises the difficulties that Halloween causes for many communities through the illegal burning of waste on Halloween bonfires, the damage to local amenities, and the threat to property and local services.

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* Various awareness measures to highlight the dangers associated with bonfires and the harm done to the environment.
* Funding of community based activities which are intended to divert children away from bonfires and other anti-social behaviour.
* Action by the Council's Environmental Licensing and Enforcement Section to deal with commercial premises and their obligations to properly store their waste including waste tyres and pallets (including aerial surveys of premises where necessary).
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* The Public Realm Section will have operational staff on duty over the bank holiday weekend and the Halloween weekend collecting bonfire materials, in recent years these collections captured in the region of 250 tonnes of materials and diverted it away from bonfires.
* Liaison with An Garda Siochana with regard to action being taken by them and by the Council in relation to this matter.
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To ask the Chief Executive for a statement on actions taken on abandoned cars in 2020, if a breakdown is available per local electoral area and any prosecutions taken through the courts.

**REPLY:**

In 2020, the Council received 564 reports of abandoned vehicles throughout the county. Each report was investigated by the Council's Litter Warden Service. As a result of these investigations, the Council removed a total of 43 cars that were deemed to have been abandoned.

The outcome of the remaining reports is as follows:

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* 109 cars were in use or being sold/put back on the road by their owner
* 41 cases were a Garda matter
* 50 cases related to parking issues

Records are not currently available on a local electoral area basis.

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### **Q13/1021 QUESTION: Councillor L. McCrave**

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the November 2021 deadline for the registration of Rights of Way with the Property Registration Authority - Has this Council taken steps to register Rights of Way of interest to the Council throughout the County, especially given the importance of outdoor recreation and walking in the context of wellbeing and climate change? And can the Chief Executive outline in his response the legal implications if Rights of Way are not registered with the Property Registration Authority.

**REPLY:**

As no Rights of Way have been identified in South Dublin, the matter of registration with the Property Registration Authority did not arise.

Should there be an intention to map and list a public right of way for the first time through the Development Plan, there is an obligation under section 14 of the Planning Acts to serve notice on the owner or occupier and follow a set procedure which provides for appeal to the Circuit Court.

The legal implication beyond 1st December 2021 is a change with respect to the relevant user periods which must be counted as commencing from 1st December 2009. Rights of Way may be still be put forward for registration.

### **Q14/1021 QUESTION: Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the backlog of dealing with planning enforcement complaints and timelines involved at present in carrying out inspections.

**REPLY:**

The mechanisms at the planning authorities disposal for Enforcement are set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A development which has been built without planning permission (where one is required) or is in breach of the conditions of its planning permission is classed as unauthorised development.  When a planning authority receives a complaint in relation an alleged unauthorised development or non-compliance with planning conditions, the matter is thoroughly investigated. The planning authority can decide that the complaint is frivolous or without substance. The planning authority alone has the discretion to decide this having regard to the current planning legislation/regulations.

Where a complaint is found to be valid following consideration, the planning authority may issue a warning letter, served under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A warning letter must issue within 6 weeks of receipt of a valid compliant.  The respondent has 4 weeks to submit their response. On receipt of the submission or expiry of the timeline, the planning authority will decide if further enforcement action is warranted.

A site inspection is only part of the enforcement process and are generally conducted to investigate if unauthorised development exists after the warning letter has been issued and ideally once a response to the warning letter has been received. If the planning authority determines that there is an unauthorised development, an enforcement notice can issue under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).  The Enforcement notice is a legal document which details the expectations of the planning authority to the landowner on how it expects the development to be rectified / regularised.  Failure to comply with an enforcement notice is a criminal offence and may result in legal proceedings being initiated.

During the covid pandemic there were initially disruptions to site inspections.  Planning inspections resumed as of July 2020.  Risk assessments are conducted before a site inspection can take place. There has been a significant increase in complaints from the public during the past 18 months and the correspondence and enforcement complaints to the Enforcement Team has increased by c.63% when comparing complaints and correspondence with the public between 2019 to 2020. Whilst the number of complaints has significantly increased in a short space of time, the rate of new Enforcement cases being opened is generally consistent across 2019 (252), 2020 (269) and 2021 (192 year to date). It is recognised that with the current increase in complaints there is increased demand for inspections and currently the Planning Authority are having to prioritise site inspections accordingly.

### **Q15/1021 QUESTION: Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive in dealing with planning enforcement complaints are there any plans to review the present system for making a complaint as this seems to be very laborious and inefficient i.e.. It places unnecessary obstacles in ones way. If you are making a complaint, you have to download the form. You then have to hand write on it. The boxes on the form are incredibly small so you can fit very little in them. You then have to scan the form and email it back to SDCC. Is it possible to change this to a more user friendly method?

**REPLY:**

In direct response to this question the Planning Enforcement Team have amended the PDF form type and replaced the old version on the SDCC.ie website. The new version of the form can be typed into and then simply saved for emailing. This should assist the public in making complaints by email without the need to print and scan. Please also note that complaint forms can be posted or delivered to County Hall.

### **Q16/1021 QUESTION: Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the procedure in existence in following up claims against motorists (insured and uninsured) where council properties, garden and estate boundary walls and street furniture are demolished as a result of road traffic incidents. And in pursuing such redress, can this council comment on how actively this is pursued with private insurers, the Motor Insurance Bureau of Ireland and the Gardai, providing any relevant statistics.

**REPLY:**

Incidents of damage of this nature are notified to the Council's insurers, IPBMI, where information is available regarding how the damage has occurred and who is responsible.  Where reliable information is available IPBMI will pursue a claim with the insurers of the other party.  In many instances this type of accident occurs at a time and in a manner whereby the Council has no information as to who is responsible.  In circumstances where a culprit cannot be identified it is not then possible to pursue them for the cost of repairs.  In such cases the costs are either borne directly by the Council through the revenue budget, or on occasions by way of a claim on the Council's own insurance.  In general claims are not made by the Council on the Motor Insurance Bureau of Ireland.  All such instances of damage to public property are reported to the Gardai.

With regards to damage to Traffic Management Infrastructure contact is made with the Gardai to seek to identify vehicles. Where vehicles are identified the matter is pursued with the Insurers or the MIBI. When no vehicle can be identified the matter cannot be pursued . In 2019 there were 22 such instances. 14 were brought to a satisfactory outcome and the remaining 8 could not be pursued.

### **Q17/1021 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive how much of the €50,000 of funding announced by Minister Catherine Martin for every local authority in 2021 under the Community Strand of the Decade of Centenaries Programme will be available for Community Groups and what is the criteria for any application?

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/b77b2-minister-martin-announces-funding-of-50000->for-every-local-authority-in-2021-under-the-community-strand-of-the-decade-of-centenaries-programme/

**REPLY:**

Under the Decade of Centenaries 2012-2023 initiative at the Department of Under the Decade of Centenaries programme is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, €5,000 in funding is available to community groups in South Dublin County. The criteria for applying for this funding in 2021 is:

* Funding is open to local history societies that are based in the South Dublin County Council administrative area.
* Each society can avail of a grant of up to €1,000.
* All initiatives and activities funded from this allocation must adhere to all of the public health advice and guidance, laid down by the HSE and the Government, with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.
* All events and initiatives should be completed before 25th March 2022.
* South Dublin County Council and the Department of Tourism, Culture Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media must be publicly acknowledged in all associated promotional material pertaining to the project.
* Activities must be within the scope of the Decade of Centenaries Programme and related to the thematic strands of the programme.
* Potential initiatives could include but are not limited to: Events such as talks, exhibitions, performances, guided walks etc.; Equipment and materials to support and facilitate such events; Online initiatives, such as films, podcasts, exhibitions, performances, etc.; Publications – books, booklets or leaflets.

### **Q18/1021 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on how it has come to pass that the booms are broken in both SDCC Swimming Pools, and what measures are in place to have them fixed as soon as possible.

**REPLY:**

Tallaght swimming pool was originally designed in two sections to support facilitate optimum access by young children, older persons and people with mobility issues through a boom mechanism that creates a shallow 8 metre pool alongside the larger pool.  The boom can also be lowered to create one larger pool but the management company’s advice and experience based on operating the pool for many years is that the overwhelming majority of users are amply accommodated with the divided pool set-up.  Consequently, when the boom mechanism was damaged a number of years ago, in the context of inspection reports by pool maintenance experts who advised that the damage to the boom would incur considerable repair costs without any guarantee, and that the boom type is no longer being manufactured, a decision was taken to leave the pool settings as they were rather than spend either €150-€200k on repair or €500k+ on installing a new boom.  This decision was made based on the management company’s view that the dual main goals of providing ample facilities to allow all ages and abilities of people to learn how to swim, and to provide the general public with a pool for exercise were still being met by the facility.  This was also in the context of the Clondalkin swimming pool providing facilities for 25-meter swimming for clubs/advanced swimmers.  Unfortunately, there have been intermittent maintenance issues with the boom at Clondalkin pool, with oil found to be leaking into the pool tank in 2020 requiring replacement of four small hoses containing hydraulic fluid.   However, due to lockdown, associated travel restrictions and workload, the specialist contractor who is based in the UK could not travel to carry out the necessary repair works until August 2021 at which stage the hoses were replaced.  During subsequent testing of the boom, it was found that small hydraulic control valves had become blocked by congealed fluid and had to be replaced.  These parts are on order since August 2021 with a normal lead-in time of approximately 12 weeks, but this has also been affected by wider supply chain issues.  The disruption and inconvenience to the facility users is of course regrettable but the parts are due to be delivered in the coming weeks and the contractor will ensure that they are installed as quickly as possible thereafter.

There is provision in the Council’s capital programme for upgrade work to both facilities and this will include an assessment of the issues outlined above in the context of the available budget.

### **Q19/1021 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on any contacts he has had with Minister Darragh O'Brien TD and his officials at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of the recently announced "Housing for All Plan"; will he confirm if he is working on proposals regarding the Plan and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The new national housing policy, Housing for All, was launched on 2nd September 2021 as the government’s plan to increase the supply of housing to an average of 33,000 units nationally per year over the next decade.   Following this, the Council's Chief Executive and Director of Housing have engaged with the Minister for Housing and senior officials in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in relation to the plan.  The Department have also held workshops for Council officials in relation to the affordable housing elements of the plan in particular while social housing delivery is discussed directly with Department officials on an ongoing basis and the main aspects of Housing for All were outlined and discussed at the recent Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting.

In subsequent correspondence to the Chief Executive, the Minister for Housing outlined social housing delivery targets for South Dublin County Council as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | Totals |
| Build | 400 | 703 | 718 | 772 | 788 | 3,381 |
| Long-Term Leasing | 40 | 90 | 120 | 40 | 0 | 290 |
| Totals | 440 | 793 | 838 | 812 | 788 | 3,671 |

In Circular 32/2021, dated 1st October 2021, DHLGH further outlined requirements for local authorities to prepare and submit
Housing Delivery Action Plans to outline plans to meet the social housing delivery targets outlined by the Minister as well as to meet affordable housing (purchase and cost rental) demand in the County.  This Circular also provides guidance and templates for these plans which have to be submitted to DHLGH by 17th December 2021 and we will discuss this further with the Housing SPC in particular, and the wider Elected Members, in advance of the submission of the plans.

### **Q20/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would give assurances that the water supply to our County is safe in view of concerns being expressed following recent issues in other Counties; will he confirm contacts our Council has made in the matter and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The public water supply to SDCC is from Irish Water treatment plants at Ballymore-Eustace, Leixlip and Ballyboden, plus a small supply at Brittas.  The treatment plants and the network are monitored by Irish Water to ensure water complies with the requirements of the Drinking Water Regulations and any further requirements of the EPA and the HSE.

Irish Water informs SDCC of any incidents or issues that arise on supply and in such events we liaise closely with them.  Irish Water publishes results of water quality sampling at the treatment plants and throughout the network on their website, and these indicate that water supplied in SDCC is safe.

Members are reminded that Irish Water have established a Local Representative Support Desk.  This support desk can be contacted at localrepsupport@water.ie or at 0818 178 178.  Irish Water also hold Councillor Clinics, which typically take place quarterly.

### **Q21/1021 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm arrangements in place to deal with the challenges of the Halloween Season; will he give assurances that effective actions will be taken to protect open spaces and detail plans in that regard and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Council recognises the difficulties that Halloween causes for many communities through the illegal burning of waste on Halloween bonfires, the damage to local amenities, and the threat to property and local services.

In response to Halloween in recent years the Council has adopted a cross departmental approach utilising the services of Public Realm, Waste Enforcement, Environmental Awareness, Library Services, Housing and Community Services Departments to prevent damage and promote the “Safe Halloween” message. The Council's response to Halloween in 2021 will involve the following elements as it has done in other recent years:

* Various awareness measures to highlight the dangers associated with bonfires and the harm done to the environment.
* Funding of community based activities which are intended to divert children away from bonfires and other anti-social behaviour.
* Action by the Council's Environmental Licensing and Enforcement Section to deal with commercial premises and their obligations to properly store their waste including waste tyres and pallets (including aerial surveys of premises where necessary).
* The Public Realm response to remove stockpiles of bonfire materials has commenced and will continue throughout September and October and will intensify as Halloween approaches.
* The Public Realm Section will have operational staff on duty over the bank holiday weekend and the Halloween weekend collecting bonfire materials, in recent years these collections captured in the region of 250 tonnes of materials and diverted it away from bonfires.
* Liaison with An Garda Siochana with regard to action being taken by them and by the Council in relation to this matter.
* Liaison with local residents groups who can help to identify the locations of material stockpiles.
* Implementation of the ‘bulbs not bonfires’ scheme which is a reward provided through South Dublin County Council’s Social Credit Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of scarred open space throughout the year. In recent years the Council has spent approximately €2,500 per year on bulbs for this popular scheme and it is envisaged that a similar sum will be spent again this year on the scheme.
* The social credits scheme will once again facilitate groups who are registered on the scheme with the disposal of materials at the Council's civic amenity site in Ballymount, and this will help to reduce the amount of materials being handed over for bonfires.

**Electrical Recycling Collections for Halloween**

RecycleIT, in association with South Dublin Country Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland hosted a series of free door to door electrical recycling collection days in residential areas across South Dublin prior to Halloween 2020.  These collection days are now annual events and help ensure hazardous electrical equipment and batteries don’t find their way onto seasonal Bonfires.  This scheme helps residents to recycle all types of electrical, electronic and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TV’s, washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones and computers, and any other item with a plug or battery (including batteries).  RecycleIT are in contact regularly with residents associations regarding this service and at present 3 such collections are arranged for the period prior to Halloween.

Recycle IT is very happy to work with community groups and resident’s associations to arrange free electrical recycling collections in September and October and throughout the year. Groups can call 01 4578321 or email info@recycleit.ie to learn more and take the first steps to arranging a FREE collection event for your estate or neighbourhood.

**Mattress Recycling**

As part of South Dublin County Council’s Mattress Amnesty 2021, our social enterprise partners [RecycleIT](http://www.recycleit.ie/) will be collecting used mattress, free of charge, at the following locations during October

* Thursday 7th October 2021 – St. Annes Church Car Park, Bohernabreena, Dublin 24
* Monday 11th October 2021 – Tymon Park Car Park, Greenhills Road, Dublin 24
* Thursday 14th October 2021 - Killinarden Community Centre Car Park, Killinarden, Dublin 24
* Friday 15th October 2021 – Quarryvale Community Centre Car Park, Greenfort Gardens, Dublin 22
* Monday 18th October 2021 – Rathcoole Community Centre Car Park, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin
* Thursday 21st October 2021 – Tymon Park Car Park, Limekiln Road, Dublin 12

All collections will take place between **9:30am** and **12:00pm**

Alternatively, mattresses can be dropped off Monday to Friday, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, or on Saturdays (16th, 23rd & 30th October) from 09:30am to 12:00pm at RecycleIT Facility at Crag Terrace, Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Dublin 22

Saturday 30th October is the last date for drop offs, so don’t leave it too late. Thank you to all who have participated to date. For further information or if any community groups wish to get involved with organised local collection days, please contact Recycle IT on 01-4578321.

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

One change that occurred in 2020 was that due to Covid 19 restrictions the Gardai and the Council's environmental awareness staff were unable to visit schools to speak directly to students about the dangers associated with Halloween, and this led to these messages being promoted through social media.  As the full relaxation of Covid restrictions is not due to take place until after October 22nd it is unlikely that school visits will be possible this year either and therefore the use of social media for this purpose will be necessary once again.

### **Q22/1021 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he plans to offer additional supports to Community Centres reopening after their long Covid related closure; will he confirm that his staff are working with the managements of the Centres to boost their efforts and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Community Services Department continues to support the boards of management of community centres in the County to assist them in their decisions and plans to reopen their respective centres in line with current Government Public Health Guidelines.  A new Community Centre Re-Opening Fund was established in a mid-year review of the Community Grants Programme in 2020 and a large number of Community Centre's have availed of this fund submitting application in 2020 or 2021 with the fund remaining open to centres who wish to make an application for support.  In addition, our annual management assistance grant to community centres was prioritised and paid to centres in June this year.

Covid-19 related re-opening plans were organised and funded by the Community Services Dept for community centres including the roll out of legionella testing in centres in June 2021 with allowed for the return of Council supported Community Employment (CE) participants to their work experience placements providing significant staffing support to centres.

Additionally, our community events fund will assist centres who wish to organise local community Hallowe'en events and the opening of the 2021 Community Infrastructure Fund on 11th October will also provide boards of management with the opportunity to apply for funding support for capital works to upgrade/expand their community facilities.

### **Q23/1021 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive what actions are planned to expand the Pedestrian and Cycle infrastructure across the County and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

There is an extensive programme of works planned under active travel and cycle south Dublin over the next 8 years that will see significant investment in Pedestrian and Cycle infrastructure across South Dublin. These will fall under Now, Soon and Later programmes. I will send you on the full detail of these plans by email which are under the Cycle South Dublin Brochure.

### **Q24/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor S. O'Hara**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the increase in the requirement for public insurance indemnity from €2.5 to €6.5m, for use of certain Council facilities/community centres?

**REPLY:**

Community centres in the County are managed by independent voluntary boards of management (as Companies Limited by Guarantee) under management licences issued by the Council.  Public liability insurance of €6.5 million is a standard, consistent and long-standing requirement for all boards of management in such management licences and there have been no recent amendments to this requirement.

The insurance requirements for user groups using individual centres are managed by the relevant board of management but the maximum possible, appropriate public liability cover would always be recommended by the Council.

### **Q25/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor L. O'Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a detailed report on the budget provided to biodiversity since the pollinating policy was adopted/initiated. to include expenditure to date per area and per project and details of pollinating projects that are budgeted for in each area.

**REPLY:**

The actions taken by the Council's Public Realm section under both the biodiversity and pollinator action plans fall under the two headings of maintenance of wildflower meadows and planting of pollinator friendly planting schemes in towns, villages, parks and public open spaces.

In 2021 the costs associated with maintenance of the wildflower meadows in parks is approximately €100,000 and this relates to the cutting by specialist contractor of 139 hectares of meadows.

In 2021 there were 10 pollinator friendly planting schemes included in the public realm improvement works programme across the county to a total cost of €69,000 for the year.

It should be noted that this level of activity is increasing year on year as is the level of expenditure and this will continue to increase in the coming years.  The activity in these areas across all Council departments is being gathered under the climate action plan and this will give a more complete picture at the end of the current year and in future years,

### **Q26/1021 QUESTION: Councillor L. O'Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive to list how many tidy towns exist in our county, to list them all and to report on how much funding has been granted to each over the last five years.

**REPLY:**

Funding provided to local groups from the Council's annual tidy towns budget during the period 2016-2020 were as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Group** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **Total** |
| Ballyboden Tidy Towns |   |   | 8,000 | 16,000 | 2,000 | 5,000 | 31,000 |
| Brittas Tidy Towns Group |   |   | 11,150 | 15,200 | 4,644 |   | 30,994 |
| Church Lane Residents Association |   |   | 2,119 |   |   |   | 2,119 |
| Clondalkin Tidy Towns | 31,500 | 23,218 | 16,275 | 10,000 | 25,190 | 5,000 | 111,183 |
| Firhouse Tidy Towns | 1,500 |   |   |   |   |   | 1,500 |
| Glendoher & District Residents Association |   | 4,000 | 2,000 |   |   |   | 6,000 |
| Griffeen Tidy Towns | 1,500 | 3,200 |   |   |   |   | 4,700 |
| Lucan Tidy Town Committee | 1,500 | 7,650 | 5,000 | 3,500 | 8,000 | 1,650 | 27,300 |
| Newcastle Tidy Towns | 10,150 | 11,185 | 10,699 | 10,380 | 10,840 | 5,000 | 58,254 |
| North Clondalkin Tidy Towns | 1,500 | 2,000 |   |   |   |   | 3,500 |
| Old Bawn Tidy Towns | 1,500 | 1,655 |   |   |   |   | 3,155 |
| Palmerstown Community Council | 8,500 |   |   |   |   |   | 8,500 |
| Palmerstown Meitheal Tidy Towns |   | 18,813 | 8,905 | 8,150 | 8,660 | 5,000 | 49,528 |
| Rathcoole Tidy Town |   |   |   | 7,600 | 16,206 |   | 23,806 |
| Rathfarnham Tidy Village & District | 1,500 |   |   |   |   |   | 1,500 |
| Templeogue Village Improvement Initiative | 5,500 | 9,000 | 8,358 | 10,458 |   | 5,000 | 38,316 |
| The Brittas & District Community Association |   | 4,000 | 2,000 |   |   |   | 6,000 |
| Woodstown Village Residents Association | 5,500 | 19,471 | 15,260 | 16,000 | 10,500 |   | 66,731 |
| Totals | €70,150 | €104,192 | €89,766 | €97,288 | €86,040 | €26,650 | €474,087 |

### **Q27/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor L. O'Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive if the construction of an outdoor community theatre style in areas around the county has been considered, and if the Chief Executive would be supportive of examining them as a way to introduce the arts into the open community spaces.

**REPLY:**

There are a range of existing facilities that are suitable for outdoor community theatre and live performance in the county. These outdoor facilities are being supported by ongoing public realm schemes across the county, which will provide further opportunities for outdoor performance.

The concept of live outdoor performances was most recently tested under the Local Live Performance Programme that ran from July to September in the county. There was a high attendance, within Covid guidelines, at the 47 events that took place in a range of outdoor spaces including library gardens, public parks, heritage centre gardens, school grounds and Tallaght Stadium.

### **Q28/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor L. O'Toole**

Over the last 18 months+ we all experienced challenges in our parks in particular the demand put on our public litter bins/litter bin service. Can then Chief Executive confirms to members as to when litter bins (their size, colour, shape etc) were last reviewed.

**REPLY:**

A review of the litter bin service was carried out under the remit of the Environment, Climate and Public Realm SPC commencing in November 2016 and concluding in February 2017, with reports presented to both of those SPC meetings. This review examined a wide range of issues including the number of bins in service, the configuration of the collection routes, unauthorised use of litter bins, the issue of dog fouling waste, smart solar powered bins and a number of other issues.  The issues of size, colour and shape of litter bins were not considered in that review.  The operation of the litter bin service remains under constant review due to the changing nature of the demands on the service, increasing waste tonnages arising from servicing of bins and other issues.

The 2017 report from the litter bin review then led to a trial of solar powered, smart street litter bins being carried out from November 2019 to May 2020 in the Rathfarnham area.  Reports on this trial were then presented to the Environment, Water and Climate Change SPC at both the May and September 2020 meetings of the SPC. Reports and reviews listed above are available at the following link <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/our-council/council-meetings/strategic-policy-committees/>

### **Q29/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor L. O'Toole**

To ask the Chief Executive if part of our footpath repair/improvement programmes has a section that allows for wheelchair friendly footpath improvements to be considered separate to our footpath repair programme. The recent 'MakeWayDay' campaign helps highlights challenges many challenges and requests to repair paths for wheelchair users are constantly raise with the department. If the Chief Executive could confirm if we have/could have a separate footpath programme alongside the existing one.

**REPLY:**

The footpath repair programme does not make any distinction for repairs for wheelchair friendly footpaths. Any locations where improvement and maintenance works should be carried out for wheelchair accessible works should be send to the Senior Engineer for consideration and inclusion in the 2022 Programme.

### **Q30/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report on the shop front scheme and give detail on the uptake of the scheme by year from 2019 to 2021?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council’s shopfront improvement grant scheme is currently in its seventh year.

The shopfront improvement grant scheme is intended to improve the appearance of independently owned shops fronting public streets, making streets and villages in South Dublin County Council’s administrative area more aesthetically pleasing to both residents and visitors.

The annual shopfront improvement grant scheme provides grants for something as simple as painting, to replacing an entire shopfront. Grants are available for a maximum of 50% of overall costs of works. For example an application with overall approved costs of €1,200: SDCC pays €600 – and the trader pays €600. Furthermore, each year a prize of an additional €1,000 is awarded for the Best Designed Shopfront under the scheme.

Certain terms and conditions apply to the scheme, and these include but are not limited to: Submitting proof of building owners’ consent before commencing works; to clarify in advance whether planning permission is required before works commence; not to commence works before receiving scheme approval. Therefore applicants are requested to review the scheme’s Terms & Conditions and Design Guide before submitting an application.

Shopfronts are one of the most important elements in determining the character, quality and perception of retail streets in towns and villages. South Dublin County Council is committed to promoting good quality shopfronts, and to encourage a discipline in this area based on clear principles of good shopfront design. The Shopfront Design Guide was prepared to provide assistance to designers, retailers and planners alike in understanding and implementing these principles

The Shopfront Grant Scheme is advertised each year through social media, advertisements in local papers, targeted marketing, and through a leaflet drop to businesses /retailers via the annual rates bills. The Elected Members are also e-mailed with details when the scheme is open for applications.

Explanatory information and application forms are available online at <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/business-support/shop-front-grant/shop-front-grant.html>

The rate of uptake of the scheme by year from 2019 to 2021\* is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | No. of applicants | No. of applications completed | Amount paid |
| 2019 | 19 | 10 | €73,468 |
| 2020 | 14 | 7 | €21,550 |
| 2021 \*(to 30/09/21) | 28 | 11 \*(to 30/09/21) | €64,089 |

### **Q31/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how much revenue is generated from commercial rate payers who operate their businesses within SDCC for the first six months of 2021 and how much is lost or outstanding due to Covid?

**REPLY:**

Commercial Rates generated €131,764,939 in income in 2021 for South Dublin County Council. For 6 months this would amount to €65,882,469.50.

In January 2021 the Government announced a new waiver for Commercial Rates for the first quarter of 2021. The value of the waiver was the equivalent of 25% of the annual rates bill for 2021 for qualifying customers. This waiver was subsequently extended for the second and third quarters of 2021. To date €24,636,633 has been applied in waivers.

There is currently €36,155,739 in Commercial Rates outstanding.

### **Q32/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report to explain how a business can currently sponsor a roundabout and what the procedure is?

**REPLY:**

The Council is currently reviewing the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme which was advertised in 2016.  This scheme is no longer open and the Council is currently not accepting applications for roundabout sponsorship.  Following completion of the review a decision will be taken as to whether a new scheme will be put in place in 2022.

The previous roundabout sponsorship scheme went out to tender in 2016.  A minimum sponsorship amount was specified in the tender documentation, any offer above that amount was valid.  The sponsorship price was based on the highest tender received for each roundabout but no less than €1000 per roundabout for roundabouts with a traffic flow of ≤ 10,000, no less than €2000 per roundabout per annum for roundabouts with a traffic flow of 10,000 - 20,000, and no less than €3000 per roundabout per annum for roundabouts with a traffic flow of 20,000-30,000.

The response to the scheme was limited, with a small number of companies responding to the scheme and a low to average sponsorship price submitted. Two companies participated in the scheme.

### **Q33/1021 QUESTION:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update report on Digital Notice Boards in key strategic places in our Villages and to outline what form these will be and where they will be located and when they may happen?

**REPLY:**

With advances in technology, increasing demand for customer communication, as well as enhanced service delivery, South Dublin County Council sought to respond to these challenges by developing an updated and modern policy position on outdoor advertising, which was adopted as a variation to the South Dublin County Development Plan in 2019.

In developing a new outdoor advertising strategy for the county, it was intended at that time that South Dublin County Council would explore the potential for the development of a network of digital signage across the county, including in its villages and urban areas, which would enable the Local Authority to communicate with the citizens of the county in relation to services being delivered. As part of this process, it was intended to trial the development of a new digital sign in the Tallaght area and the Council subsequently engaged the services of a specialist consultant to investigate the opportunities around a new digital out-of-home advertising site positioned outside Tallaght Stadium. Whilst initial work was undertaken, this proposal was delayed due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the advertising and sponsorship industry.

Once the digital structure in Tallaght has been advanced and the out-of-home advertising industry has recovered from the impact of Covid-19, South Dublin County Council will then re-examine advancing the development of a network of digital communication signs in its villages and urban areas. At this stage, the potential locations of such structures, as well as their form, size and appearance would be considered and assessed.

### **H7/1021 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS - FOR APPROVAL**

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

### **H8a/1021 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

**H-I 8 (a) Proposed disposal of lands at Castlefield, Knocklyon, Dublin 16 to Orbitiz Limited**

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, proposed and Councillor P. Kearns seconded and the members agreed to **WITHDRAW** the item until November Council meeting**.**

### **H8b/1021 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

**H-I 8 (b) Proposed disposal of plot of land and grant of ROW to ESB for substation site - St Mark's Meadow, Clondalkin, D. 22**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED:**

**LD 1541 Proposed disposal of plot of land and grant of Right of Way to the ESB for substation site – St Mark’s Meadow, Clondalkin, Dublin 22**

The Electricity Supply Board (ESB) have made an application to acquire the freehold interest in a plot of land for a substation at the above address and a Right of Way (ROW) to access same.  The subject plot is outlined in red with the ROW coloured yellow on attached Indicative OSI Sheet No. 3261-08.

The substation will provide essential service to the proposed Part 8 social housing development of 41 units off St. Mark’s Avenue, St. Mark’s Grove and Rowlagh Crescent, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

I recommend that South Dublin County Council disposes of its freehold interest in the plot of land outlined in red, and grants a ROW to access same as coloured yellow, on Indicative OSI Sheet No. 3261-08 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 subject to the following terms and conditions: -

1. That the Council dispose of its freehold interest in the plot of land outlined in red on Indicative OSI Sheet No. 3261-08.
2. That the Council grants a ROW to access the above plot as coloured yellow on Indicative OSI Sheet No. 32361-08.
3. That the ESB shall pay a contribution in respect of the Council’s legal fees.
4. That in the event of any name change to Applicant prior to formal completion of the legal transfer, the Applicant must provide documentary evidence to the Council proving that the new named party is one and the same as the named Applicant heretofore to enable the transfer to complete.
5. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
6. That the Law Agent shall draft the necessary documents and include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
7. That no contract enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
8. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands being disposed of form part of the lands acquired from Dublin City Council (formerly Dublin Corporation) in 1997 under the Scheme of Transfer of Lands pursuant to the Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1993.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C.Bailey, M. Johansson, and E. Ó Broin., who queried if the substation would involve a design change for the proposed St Mark’s Meadow development and maintenance of substations and utility boxes.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development responded to the members queries advising of no change in design of the proposed Part 8, St Mark’s Meadow development.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Proposed disposal of plot of land and grant of ROW to ESB for substation site - St Mark's Meadow, Clondalkin, D. 22 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

**At this point, at the request of the** Mr. D. Mc Loughlin, Chief Executive, **the Mayor Councillor, P. Kavanagh proposed and the Members AGREED to vary the sequence of items on the agenda in order to take Headed Item no. 9 (H9) with Headed Item no. 13 (H13)**

### **H9/1021 MANAGERS REPORT** - **FOR NOTING**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. D. Mc Loughlin, Chief Executive and were **CONSIDERED:**

[HI 9 a) Chief Executive's Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72371)

[HI 9 b) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72332)

[HI 9 c) Local Indicators 2020 and January to August 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72373)

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 24th September 2021 = 1

### **H13/1021 CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT – FOR NOTING**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. D. Mc Loughlin, Chief Executive and were **CONSIDERED:**

To: The Mayor and each Member of South Dublin County Council

Re: Three Year Capital Programme Progress Report – October 2021

Dear Member,

This Quarterly Capital Progress Report sets out briefly the current position in relation to Capital Projects in the 2021 – 2023 Capital Programme. As has being previously reported some delays have been experienced resulting from COVID shutdown’s while others are arising from material supplies delivery challenges. The pent-up demand for construction materials has given rise to supply chain issues with consequent inflationary implications. The range of price increases resulting from these issues is generally being reported as up to 15% but may well be higher depending on the nature, source, and demand for the materials particular to a project. We will be tendering for several large projects in the months ahead which will give us a clearer indication of the impact on the capital programme. On the assumption that the impact on projects that are co- funded by government are borne by the exchequer I am of the view that the increased loading on costs will be manageable. In any event the current pipeline of projects that have gone through planning will proceed as planned. In the coming months we will do further analysis as tenders are received. We will also seek to use our revenue budget to support the funding of these very important projects.

**Housing**

Detailed below is the status of current projects other than mixed tenure sites. The position with regard to these sites is as follows:

**Kilcarbery** – Under construction with over one third of the scheduled to be completed by Q1 2023.

**Killinarden** – Approved by the elected members at the September meeting – planning application to be made to ABP by the year end.

**Rathcoole** – Site being reassessed in conjunction with review of the CDP. A report will be brought to the elected members before the year end.

**Clonburris** – Phase 1 pre planning surveys have been severely delayed but hope to have Part 8 for both Phases 1 & 2 on display before the year end.

**Belgard north affordable rental –** phase one tender for shortlisted contractors complete – on site Q2 next year.

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| **Site**  | **No.**  | **Update**  |
| Fernwood/Maplewood\*AF | 40 | Site Start Q3 2020/Clúid Housing. Completion for completion in Q1 2022 |
| Riversdale, Clondalkin  | 43 | Site Start Nov 2020/ Phase 1: 22 homes. Projected for completion in Q1 2022 |
| Watercourse Grove, Homeville  | 16 | Site Start Nov 2020. Projected for completion in Q1 2022 |
| St. Catherine’s Way, Knockmore  | 12 | Site Start Nov 2020. Projected delivery Q1 2022 |
| Greenfort Gardens  | 2 | Site Start Nov 2020. Scheduled for completion Q4 2021 |
| Templegoue Village\*AF | 10 | Contractor appointed August 2021 & projected for delivery in Q3 2022 |
| Whitestown Way\*AF | 81 | Site start Q2 2021 / Clúid. Projected delivery Q1 2023 |
| Old Nangor Road  | 10 | Stage 4 approval from DHLGH.  Site start pending by Dublin Simon with scheme projected for delivery by Q4 2022. |
| Balgaddy  | 69 | Tender to be advertised November 2021 |
| St. Mark Ave\* inc. 9 AF homes | 41 | Construction to commence October 2021 with projected delivery in Q4 2022. |
| Eircom Site/Nangor Road  | 93 | Tenders being assessed with contractor to be appointed in Q4 2021 subject to DHLGH Stage 4 approval |
| Old Bawn (Brady’s Field)\*AF | 12 | Tender to be advertised November 2021 |
| Lucan Road, Palmerstown\*AF | 4 | Part 8 approved September 2020 / Túath Housing.  Tender being finalised with projected site start Q1 2022 and completion in Q4 2022 |
| Grand Canal Lindisfarne  | 19 | Tender to be advertised in December 2021 |
| St. Aongus' Green | 12 | Part 8 approved -detailed design commencing |
| St. Ronans Crescent | 9 | Part 8 approved -detailed design commencing |
| Total  | 473 |   |

**Tourism and Enterprise Projects**

Progress on the main project and programmes since the April report can be summarised as follows:

* The Dublin Mountains Project – the judicial review hearing took place on the 8th of June. The High Court delivered a written judgment in which it dismissed the challenge to the decision of An Bord Pleanála to grant planning approval for the Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre.  The High Court has indicated that it will refer a number of legal questions to the Court of Justice of the European Union arising from issues which the judicial review applicant raised in the case. A further hearing is scheduled for early October to finalise these matters.
* Corkagh Park/Camac Valley Tourism Cluster Study – BDP Architects have been appointed to carry out the detailed design and bring proposals to planning before the year end.
* The Rathfarnham Castle Stables Tourism/Retail Opportunity had been put on hold. It is planned to review delivery options and revert to members in December.
* The Grange Castle West access road is currently under construction and the lands are being actively marketed. The road will be substantially complete by the end of 2021, with landscaping works to continue into spring 2022.
* Tallaght Innovation Centre – suitable contractors shortlisted and scheduled to go final tender this month.
* The Grand Canal Greenway has received Part 8 approval – funding of €1.4m has been confirmed by the Department of Transport. The necessary ecological and site surveys are underway, with a view to go to tender by the end of October.
* The Grand/Royal Canal Loop Study – route options virtual consultation was very successful with widespread engagement. A design team have now been appointed to progress the scheme through planning and delivery. Pre-planning design has commenced with Part 8 public consultation planned for Q1 2022, with a view to commencing on site in Q3/Q4 2022.

**Town and Village Enhancement Programme**

Progress can be summarised as follows:

* Templeogue Village Scheme - the contractor is on site and we aim to finish in Q1 2022.
* The District Enhancement Programme has commenced with informal consultation on the Castletymon project to gather initial views, with formal Part 8 consultation on this scheme to start in Q4 2021. The initial survey work on the Rosemount District Centre Enhancement Project will commence shortly.
* DHB Architects have been appointed for the Lucan Village Improvement Works and are in the process of finalising initial concept options for discussion with members. It is programmed to start public consultation on the Part 8 before the end of the year and to commence works in summer 2022. An associated branding study is underway, with an online campaign to garner public opinion on the strengths of and prospects for Lucan.
* €32m URDF funding for Tallaght Town centre covering a range of projects, was approved late last year and projects including the Innovation Centre, the Civic Plazas and the linking pedestrian way, will go to tender in Q4 2021.
* The new public plaza alongside the Tallaght interchange for Bus Connects and the Luas is on public display and is before the Council for approval. It is intended for this project to be delivered alongside the Tallaght public realm project.
* N81 Landscaping Project – this project has recommenced following the COVID shutdown.
* Tallaght District Heating Project – the contractor eNext Fortum commenced on the 17th May and construction is now well underway. The projected completion date is mid-summer 2022.

**Roads and Drainage**

Progress can be summarised as follows:

* The LIHAF funded Celbridge Link Road is on site and works are expected to be completed in July 2022, with the road then opening for public use.
* The Belgard to Cookstown Link Road is complete, while the East West Airton link has been designed and the necessary property acquisitions are under discussion. It is expected to initiate the Part 8 process before the year end.
* €176m funding has been provisionally approved to develop the enabling infrastructure, including roads, parks, community spaces and drainage for the entire Clonburris SDZ. Work is now underway on the next stage of design and business case preparation to secure full funding approval. Planning permission has also been secured for the Southern Link Street, which is the first strategic infrastructure project for the SDZ lands.
* The Dodder Greenway Walking and Cycling Scheme is underway - Stage 1 (Kiltipper) is complete. Stage 2 (the bridges) is complete. The bridges will be officially opened by Minister E. Ryan on Friday 8th October. Stage 3 (the links) is on site and will be completed in early 2022. Stage 4 (Lower Dodder Road) secured Part 8 planning permission in September, however, a temporary trial of a ‘Low Traffic Street’ will be trialed for four months. It is programmed for the trial to be in place by the end of the year. Stage 5 (Firhouse Road) will be ready to start informal consultation on the ‘emerging preferred option’ before the end of the year, with a Part 8 process to follow in Q1 2022. Stage 6 (Kiltipper Road) is under design review.
* There are a further 12 Active Travel projects currently underway across the county, and one scheme that has recently been completed at Monastery Road. Two schemes are on site, one is at detailed design state and nine are at pre-planning stages. The delivery of these schemes is being funded by URDF, NTA and SDCC.
* **During late 2021 and 2022 circa €1.9m will be spent on carrying out improvement and safety works to the road surface and footpaths along the N81 from Old Bawn to Jobstown.**
* **River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme -** The scheme is currently in Part 10 planning with An Bord Pleanála. We await a decision from An Bord Pleanála. The proposed decision date has moved on a number of occasions but is now expected on 24th November. Subject to a favourable decision, it is hoped to commence construction in early 2022.
* **Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme -** Stage 1 preliminary design commenced in November 2019, with an estimated completion date of Q3 2021.
* **Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme -** Stage 1 preliminary design was completed in July 2020 and the scheme was submitted on the 4th August 2020, to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000, with the public consultation period finishing on the 17th September 2020. In December 2020, planning approval was granted for the scheme by An Bord Pleanála. However, the decision of An Bord Pleanála was appealed to the High Court and a hearing date for the case has been set for October.
* Part 8 planning was approved for integrated constructed wetlands in January as part of the Dublin Rivers Life Project – two in Dodder Valley, one in Kilnamanagh and one in Griffeen Valley. Work is progressing on tender documents with plans to go to tender in the coming weeks.

**Sport, Recreation and Libraries**

Progress can be summarised as follows:

* Rowlagh Library was officially opened on the 9th June and is operational in line with Covid restrictions.
* Tymon Library was officially opened on September 16th and is operational in line with COVID guidelines.
* Lucan Pool – construction has recommenced, and an April/ May 2022 completion is anticipated. The refurbishment of the old Lucan leisure centre is being undertaken in tandem and works will commence in November. The operation and management of the overall complex will be put out to tender before the year end.
* Teenspace Programme – Collinstown is now open. Ballycragh is onsite and will be completed in the coming weeks. The remaining Phase 1 projects at Kingswood, Avonbeg and Esker Park are at various stages of planning and tender, or scheduled to go on site.
* The Old Bawn pavilion is complete. Griffeen Park will commence once formal approval is received, followed by Corkagh Park pavilion.
* Tandy’s Lane Park, Adamstown – the phased opening of the park is now complete and was fully open to members of the public on Friday 17th of September 2021. The Park was officially by Mayor Peter Kavanagh in the presence of Minister Darragh O’Brien on Wednesday 29th of September 2021.
* Airlie Park in Adamstown – works are underway on-site and it is projected that the Park will be completed and open in June 2022.
* Killinarden Park Regeneration – Part 8 was approved by the Council at the July meeting.
* Kiltipper Park – Phase 2 design underway with tender for construction in Q4 2021.
* Tallaght Stadium 4th Stand and the West Stand enhancements – Part 8 approved and detailed design underway, with a view to starting construction in March 2022.
* Sports Pitch Strategy – Part 8 for an astro pitch at Sean Walsh Park was passed by Council at the July meeting. This is at tender stage and will be on site in Q1 2022.
* The Dodder Valley/Mount Carmel pitch and athletics track are under construction.
* Saggart Community Centre – contractor appointment delayed due to tender clarifications. It is hoped to resolve matters in the coming weeks and to set the project on site as soon as possible.
* Templeogue Intergenerational Facility – Part 8 approved by Council at the June meeting – detailed design and tender by year end.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, informed the members on current status of the Annual Budget preparation, the implications for the Council in relation to the Housing For All programme, the commitment to progress Capital projects highlighting a range of delays in relation, in part, to Covid19 and of inflation on constructions costs

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, S. Moynihan, D. Ó Brádaigh, C. King, Y. Collins, R. McMahon, and A. Edge who raised queries regarding footpath and cycle lane maintenance, wildflower meadows, housing voids and maintenance, rent arrears, the Dublin Mountains project and the Jobstown BMX track.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, responded to the members queries.

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H10/1021 AGE FRIENDLY HOUSING SCHEME PEARSE BROS 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](http://intranet/Council/?d=12), and were **CONSIDERED:**

[H10 CE Report Part 8 Age Friendly Housing Pearse Brothers Park](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72365)
[H10 Proposed Age Friendly Housing Development at Pearse Brothers Park, Dublin 16](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72364)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, C. Bailey, P. Kearns, R. McMahon, J. Tuffy, L. Donaghy, E. Murphy, L. McCrave, T. Costello, A. Hayes, G. O'Connell, L. Dunne, D. O'Donovan, S. McEneaney, E. O'Brien, M. Duff, L. O'Toole, C. King and B. Lawlor. The Members welcomed the Part 8 in principle, queries were raised regarding site selection, building on green space and information received from the Planning Regulator in relation to future County Development Plans.

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the members queries highlighting the detailed process of site selection.

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use Planning and Transportation, responded to the members queries in relation to the Planning Regulator.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, then called for a Roll Call vote on the item, the result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 28 (TWENTY-EIGHT)**

**Councillors C. Bailey, W. Carey, T. Costello, L. Donaghy, M. Duff, L. Dunne, K. Egan, P. Gogarty, A. Hayes, P. Kavanagh, C. King, B. Lawlor, S. McEneaney, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. O'Brien, E. Ó Broin, G. O'Connell, C. O'Connor, D. O'Donovan, S. O'Hara, B. Pereppadan, D. Richardson, L. Sinclair, F. Timmons, J. Tuffy and L. Whelan**

**AGAINST: 6 (SIX)**

**Councillors Y. Collins, A. Edge, P. Kearns, L. McCrave, R. McMahon and E. Murphy**

**ABSTAIN: 2 (TWO)**

**Councillors M. Johansson and L. O'Toole**

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne , seconded by Councillor D. Richardson, and **RESOLVED:**

“That the age friendly housing scheme Pearse Bros Part 8 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H11/1021 OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENT 2022 – FOR APPROVAL**

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

In accordance with [**Sections 106 (7) and 106 (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0108.html#partxii-chapi-sec108) borrowing is a reserved function which requires the approval of the local authority and the  appropriate Minister.

The Council currently has an approved overdraft facility of €25M in order to provide for temporary cash flow timing differences.  The overdraft facility has not been drawn upon during 2021.  It is considered prudent to renew the overdraft accommodation of €25M for the period 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022.    Costs associated with the overdraft are limited to interest charges if the facility is used as the bank does not charge for the overdraft facility.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Council approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the securing of an overdraft accommodation (to a maximum limit of) €25m for the period 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh , seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED:**

“That the overdraft accommodation requirement 2022 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H12/1021 TALLAGHT MOBILITY HUB AND PUBLIC SQUARE PART 8 – FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use Planning and Transportation, and was **CONSIDERED**:

[Tallaght Mobility Hub and Plaza appendices 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72432)
[Tallaght Mobility Hub and Plaza appendices 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72430)
[Tallaght Mobility Hub and Plaza appendices 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72424)
[Tallaght Mobility Hub and Plaza appendices 4](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72425)
[Tallaght Mobility Hub and Plaza appendices 5](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72426)
[Tallaght Mobility Hub and Plaza appendices 6](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72428)
[Tallaght Mobility Hub and Plaza appendices 7](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72429)
[Tallaght Mobility Hub and Plaza Part 8 report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72434)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, C. O'Connor, M. Duff, C. King and P. Kavanagh who commended the report, welcoming the development and raised queries in relation to consultation with local Arts Groups and the proposed name of the Public Square.

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use Planning and Transportation responded to the members queries confirming consultation with local Arts groups including Rua Red, the Civic Theatre and Library prior to the preparation of the Part 8. He informed the naming of the Public Square could be considered under the Council’s Infrastructure Naming, Provision of Memorials and Plaques Policy.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor C. O'Connor and **RESOLVED:**

**“**That the proposed new public square at Tallaght luas stop and improved public space in front of Rua Red arts centre and the Civic Theatre, Tallaght, Dublin be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H14/1021 ARTS STRATEGY - FOR NOTING**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development and were **CONSIDERED:**

[H14 Arts Development Strategy Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72383)
[ReFRAME Arts Development Strategy](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72406)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Duff, A. Edge, M. Johansson, C. O'Connor, C. Bailey, S. Moynihan, J. Tuffy and P. Kavanagh welcoming the Strategy and congratulating the project team.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development responded to the members and expressed thanks to Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, and her team.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **H15/1021 COMMUNITY 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:**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS - FOR NOTING**

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.

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 source

In addition to previous grants approved in 2021, a further 14 grants totalling €20,588.75 are approved for funding at this time comprising 12 community development grants in the total sum of €16,788.75 and two sports development grants for a total of €3,800.

The list of approved grants approved for funding at this time along with the respective approved grant amounts is:

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| **Name of Group** | **Category** | **Amount** |
| 14th Dublin Ballyroan Scout Group | Minor Equipment Grant | €2,000 |
| Clondalkin Equine Club | Major Equipment Grant | €3,000 |
| Eanna Basketball Club | Sports Development Grant | €1,900 |
| Irish Bongs | Start Up Grant | €500 |
| Jobstown Child & family Service | Social Inclusion, Equality & Anti Poverty Grant | €900 |
| Knocklyons Womens Group | Minor Equipment Grant | €1,340 |
| Knocklyons Womens Group | Running Cost Grant | €500 |
| Rowlagh Women's Group | Minor Equipment Grant | €800 |
| St .Francis Football Club | Sports Development Grant | €1,900 |
| St. Martins Residents Association | Running Cost Grant | €500 |
| Templeogue Community Men Shed | Running Cost Grant | €498.75 |
| Templeogue Community Men Shed | Minor Equipment Grant | €1,250 |
| Tymonville Residents Assocation | Running Cost Grant | €500 |
| Youth Horizons | Major Equipment Grant | €5,000 |
| **Totals** |   | **€20,588.75** |

To date this year, 94 community development grants have been approved, allocating funding of €207,746 to local community groups with an additional 30 sports developments grants also approved, totalling €57,464.

While the online grant application process is ongoing and assessments will continue as applications are received, a deadline for applications will be announced shortly to the Elected Members given that the annual budget is almost fully utilised but the process will re-open early in 2022 for new applications.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O'Connor, C. King and P. Kavanagh who commended the report and queried available funds.

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the members queries and informed of the recent launch of the Infrastructure Fund.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C1/1021 CORRESPONDENCE**

[(a) Correspondence from the State Examination Commission](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72374)
[(b) Correspondence from the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Disability Matters, Mr Michael Moynihan, T.D.](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72375)
[(c) Correspondence from Leitrim County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72376)
[(d) Correspondence from Meath County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=72377)

The correspondence was **NOTED.**

### **M1/1021** [**DATA CENTRES**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72331)

### **It was Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor L. Sinclair**

This County Council agrees to write to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Minister for Environment, Climate & Communications; & Transport, and Minister of State for the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, with responsibility for Local Government & Planning to express our concern at the pressure the ongoing development of data centres places on energy supply in Ireland and calls on them to bring forward legislation effecting a moratorium on the construction of data centres.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is passed, a letter will be issued to the  Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Minister for Environment, Climate & Communications; & Transport, and Minister of State for the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, with responsibility for Local Government & Planning. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, C. Bailey, M. Johansson, A. Edge, L. Whelan, L. Donaghy, R. McMahon, D. Ó Brádaigh, L. Sinclair, C. King, and W. Carey, who spoke in support of the motion.

Councillors D. McManus, R. McMahon, J. Tuffy, E. O'Brien, S. Moynihan, L. O'Toole, and G. O'Connell spoke against the motion.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, then called for a Roll Call vote on the Motion, the result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 19 (NINETEEN)**

**Councillors C. Bailey, W. Carey, L. Donaghy, M. Duff, L. Dunne, A. Edge, P. Gogarty, A. Hayes, M. Johansson, P. Kavanagh, P. Kearns, C. King, S. McEneaney, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. Ó Broin, D. Richardson, L. Sinclair, F. Timmons, and L. Whelan**

**AGAINST: 13 (THIRTEEN)**

**Councillors Y. Collins, T. Costello, R. McMahon, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, E. O'Brien, G. O'Connell, C. O'Connor, D. O'Donovan, L. O'Toole, B. Pereppadan and J. Tuffy**

**ABSTAIN: 3 (THREE)**

**Councillors V. Casserly, L. McCrave and S. O'Hara**

 The **MOTION** was **AGREED**

### **M2/1021** [**WEEE COLLECTIONS**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=71935)

### **It was Proposed by Councillor Shane Moynihan and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh**

That the Council initiate an annual electrical collection service/amnesty to allow people to dispose of electrical goods no longer required.

**REPLY:**

Recycle IT provide a service to collect and recycle all types of waste electrical and electronic equipment. This company is based in Clondalkin and provides a service to individual homes as well as on a collection basis from community groups, a charge applies to collections from the doorstep however the service to community groups is free of charge.  The company was set up in 2002 by the local partnership organisation at the time, it is part funded by the Council and operates as a social enterprise.    A collection service can be arranged with them free of charge for residents groups and/or housing estates. They have provided collections of WEEE across the County in the past on behalf of the Council and regularly do so in advance of Halloween. In conjunction with South Dublin Country Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland Recycle IT hosted a series of free door to door electrical recycling collection days in residential areas across South Dublin prior to Halloween 2020.  These collection days are now annual events and help ensure hazardous electrical equipment and batteries don’t find their way onto seasonal Bonfires.  This scheme helps residents to recycle all types of electrical, electronic and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TV’s, washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones and computers, and any other item with a plug or battery (including batteries).  RecycleIT are in contact regularly with residents associations regarding this service and at present 3 such collections are arranged for the period prior to Halloween.

For more information please visit [Recycle IT website](http://www.recycleit.ie) -

* We work daily to contact over 90,000 individual addresses each year in the hope of making householders and organisations aware of our valuable e-waste collection and drop off services.
* Prescheduled community recycling collections are provided FREE of charge to householders in South Dublin, Dublin City and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
* ·  Collections from neighbourhoods or residents committees are FREE.
·  Collections from charities and community organisations are FREE.
·  Collections from schools and colleges are FREE.
·  Assistance with the removal of heavy items is FREE.
* Recycle IT plan to have free residents collection days operational again in Dublin communities once Covid 19 limitations reduce sufficiently to allow contact with recyclers. At present health and safety remains our priority.
* Fees are applicable for one-off collections of WEEE. Fees are used to offset costs such as fuel, tolls and vehicle maintenance. Using this model we can offer a service direct to your home, business or organisation.

Recycle IT is very happy to work with community groups and resident’s associations to arrange free electrical recycling collections in September and October and throughout the year. Groups can call 01 4578321 or email info@recycleit.ie to learn more and take the first steps to arranging a FREE collection event for your estate or neighbourhood.

WEEE can also be recycled free of charge at the Council's Civic Amenity site in Ballymount.

The **MOTION** was **AGREED**

### **M3/1021** [**SAFE INJECTION FACILITIES**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=71983)

**It was Proposed by Councillor M. Duff and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh**

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This Council calls upon the Chief Executive to engage with the Tallaght and Clondalkin Drugs and Alcohol Task Forces, the HSE Addiction Services and the Community Drug Treatment Projects to explore the setting up of a Medically Supervised Safe Injection Facility, within our County, to provide a safe and secure environment for intravenous drug users, in an effort to reduce and ultimately eliminate deaths through accidental overdose.

**REPORT:**

The Community Department team have a long-standing history of supporting and working with the relevant drug and alcohol task forces and community addiction support and drug treatment programmes and will continue to engage with such organisations in the context of any emerging facility requirements they may have.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Duff, F. Timmons and C. O'Connor who spoke in support of the motion.

The **MOTION** was **AGREED**

### **M4/1021** [**BOYCOTT OF ISRAELI GOODS**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72178)

**It was Proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor W. Carey**

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 neve-rending Murderous Campaign against the Palestinian People including thousands of innocent Men, Women and Children.

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed letters will be issued to the Department of the Taoiseach, Retail Ireland and all other Local Authorities. Responses, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, L. Donaghy L. Sinclair, and W. Carey who spoke in support of the motion. Councillors J. Tuffy, D. McManus, and A. Edge, acknowledged the sentiment of the motion but informed they could not support.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, then called for a Roll Call vote on the Motion, the result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 19 (NINETEEN)**

**Councillors C. Bailey, W. Carey, Y. Collins, T. Costello, M. Duff, L. Dunne, A. Hayes, M. Johansson, P. Kavanagh, C. King, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. O'Brien, E. Ó Broin, C. O'Connor, D. Richardson, L. Sinclair, and F. Timmons**

**AGAINST: 11 (ELEVEN)**

**Councillors A. Edge, P. Gogarty, B. Lawlor, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, D. McManus, G. O'Connell, S. O'Hara, L. O'Toole, B. Pereppadan and J. Tuffy**

**ABSTAIN: 2 (TWO)**

**Councillors** **L. Donaghy and S. McEneaney**

The **MOTION** was **PASSED**

### **M5/1021** [**FACE MASKS**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=71968)

**As Councillor P Holohan was absent from the meeting the following motion FELL in accordance with Standing Order No. 19**

That this council writes to An Taoiseach and the relevant bodies to highlight the importance of businesses using signage that adopts an inclusive approach with regards to face coverings / face masks with signage containing people with disabilities or exemptions or people unable to wear a face covering / face mask are welcome.

At this point in the Meeting the Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh proposed and the Members **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders No. 5 to allow the meeting continue past its subscribed time.

### **M6/1021** [**COMMUNITY FACILITY GOVERNANCE**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=71980)

**It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor D. Ó'Brádaigh**

That this Council recognise the value and importance of the huge voluntary commitment of the Voluntary boards that run community centres throughout SDCC and the Huge importance of community buy in and input from the community into the running of community centres and commit that all community centres will be community run with supports from SDCC and that a community led policy will be embedded in our county development plan with necessary supports from SDCC.

**REPORT:**

The Council is committed to working in partnership with all stakeholders to ensure community facilities are managed effectively and meet the core needs of the local communities they serve.  We continue to work with local communities to ensure that all council supported/owned facilities operate to the highest level of governance across critical areas such as facilities management, human resource management (including volunteer management), finance, communications and corporate governance.

A key part of this is ensuring that local residents feel connected to their local centres and that there is evidence of inclusive decision making and participation by diverse users within the catchment areas of centres.  The invaluable contributions of staff and volunteers in all centres are highly regarded and we will continue to support and build the capacity of communities to develop inclusive, relevant and well managed community facilities.

Our community team is making preparations for a comprehensive and strategic review of how we support community facilities across the County in 2022 that will include the views of all stakeholders including key funding bodies, volunteer boards of directors, residents' committees and other groups with relevant socio-economic, public health and community development expertise.

Within the context of fast changing demographics, within new and existing neighbourhoods, we look forward to working with all stakeholders including local Elected Members to conduct this review and ensure a strong fit for purpose, sustainable support model for all community facilities in the County.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, E. Murphy, M. Duff, E. O'Brien, L. Dunne, W. Carey, A. Hayes, and G. O'Connell queries were raised regarding governance and volunteer capacity.

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

The **MOTION** was **AGREED**

### **M9/1021** [**PART V**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=71977)

### **It was Proposed by Councillor D. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh** and **MOVED** without debate:

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.

**REPORT:**

This Council's starting position in respect of negotiations on delivery of social homes through Part V of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended, is a stated preference to acquire the relevant homes directly or through an Approved Housing Body but there are certain limited circumstances where this may not transpire.

Where an approved planning permission stipulates that a development is Build to Rent, purchase of the units may not be an option for the Council through Part V due to planning or other conditions.  In such instances the Council will utilise the same mechanism (application of a net monetary value reduction) as when purchasing homes under Part V to lease the required percentage of units in the development at cost price.

Separately, where there is an opportunity to yield additional social homes in a development by way of long-term leasing than would ordinarily be achieved through purchase under Part V, consideration may be given by the Council to such proposals having regard to social housing delivery targets for this Council under Housing for All for different delivery streams, value for money, tenure mix/social integration and various other relevant factors.

All purchases or long-term leases of social homes through Part V, or otherwise, are subject to approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

### **M12/1021** [**BULBS NOT BONFIRES**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72357)

### **It was Proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole and seconded by Councillor A. Edge** and **MOVED** without debate:

This committee requests that the Chief Executive makes a change to the councils annual 'bulbs not bonfire' system, when possible (noting the timing of this motion) by replacing the daffodils bulbs (which are not pollinating friendly) with pollinating friendly bulbs, which will add to the progress already started on our pollinating policy.

**REPORT:**

**Bulbs not Bonfires** is a reward provided through South Dublin County Council’s Social Credits Scheme, the scheme rewards community groups for undertaking local pro-environmental / non bonfire orientated Halloween activities and projects. Community groups, environmental groups, resident associations, and schools can apply. Every year the Council encourages residents of the county to look after their local environment at Halloween by providing communities with bulbs to plant which will bring spring flowers instead of a scarred open space as the result of a bonfire.

Following feedback received in 2020 the Council is this year providing bags of mixed pollinator bulbs (Crocus, Muscari, Alliums and Snowdrops) for the Bulbs not Bonfires campaign. Daffodil bulbs will also be included in the bags of bulbs, as they come up early in spring and therefore act as markers for grass cutting staff when mowing around the planted areas.

This year the Council wishes to map where pollinator bulbs are planted. To help us track this we have introduced a simple application form where applicants are requested to submit details of their project and attach a photo to let us know where the bulbs will be planted.  Applications should be submitted to envawareness@sdublincoco.ie by 5pm on Friday 15th October to receive bulbs.  Applications will be dealt with on a first come first served rule.

### **M14/1021** [**FIXYOURSTREET**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72448)

### **It was Proposed by Councillor Alan Edge and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons** and **MOVED** without debate:

That the Chief Executive adds an additional category to the FixYourStreet platform for access-related issues for people with disabilities.

**REPORT:**

FixYourStreet is a national system that is operated by all local authorities and was developed by South Dublin County Council. It is a publicly accessible web site with associated mobile technologies on which non-emergency issues such as graffiti, road defects, issues with street lighting, water leaks/drainage issues, and litter or illegal dumping can be reported. Currently members of the public who wish to submit service requests related to accessibility issues would do so under the relevant category e.g. 'Road or Path Defects' and the item is referred to the correct service department within the relevant local authority for assessment and follow-up action. Examples of issues raised through the system are presented below:

1. *"Pathways need to be repaved and repaired - The pathways along XX Road and XX road are in bad condition and need to be repaved. I have noticed tree routes sticking up under the pathways, numerous cracks, and many holes along the pathway. The steps and slopes in the area are also too steep for many of the local residents and create accessibility concerns."*
2. *"Overgrow hedges and trees - Accessibility to XX crescent by foot path. Impeding children,wheelchair,prams, walkers and elderly neighbors"*
3. *"Accessibility Issue! Hi there! I was walking this path with my elderly mother recently, and this type of side-ways incline in incredibly difficult for her to use. She almost fell over on the non-flat surface.
The incline for this ramp is non-standard and has accessibility problems for those in wheelchairs, the elderly and even people with buggies. It´s a well documented accessibility issue. Up & down inclines are manageable, but side-ways inclines cause huge problems. I suggest just making it flat, with a smaller dished curb for cars. The pedestrian usage of this pathway is high, and only a few cars go in & out very slowly anyway. Thanks very much."*

To create a dedicated category for accessibility issues requires each local authority to identify an appropriate section that the category is referred to, who then have to identify and disseminate the service request to the relevant department that would assess and carry out any works required. Hence the proposal is adding an extra layer of administration in the processing of the request, requiring increased resources and a slower result.  Such a change also has national implementation considerations and each local authority would need to plan their work processes accordingly.

If the purpose of the motion is to enable the provision of reports on the number of accessibility issues that are raised through the system, our internal search functionality within the system can provide such reports.

The executive will listen to the discussion on the motion at Council and will subsequently any consider potential service improvements identified for disabled people in using the system.

### **M15/1021** [**TEXT ALERT - MISUSE OF DISABLED PARKING BAYS**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72390)

### **It was Proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor A. Edge** and **MOVED** without debate:

That the Chief Executive extend the accessible parking bay mobile phone number alert scheme, successfully piloted in Lucan, to the whole county in support of Operation Enable to further prevent misuse of accessible parking bays

**REPORT:**

Accessible parking is available for use by disabled drivers / passengers at, or near, most South Dublin County Council public buildings and facilities including:

* County Hall, Tallaght;
* Civic Offices, Clondalkin;
* Across the Library Network;
* Most Community facilities;
* Bohernabreena, Esker and Saggart burial grounds; and
* At a variety of locations across the Parks network.

A Smartphone app showing the location of accessible parking spaces across the Dublin region is available as a free download for both iPhone and Android. Please click one of the following links to download the correct version for your phone:

iPhone Dublin Parking App
Android Dublin Parking App

In 2018, the Council introduced a text alert messaging service in Lucan and Rathfarnham Villages which are areas covered for Pay & Display parking restrictions and prohibitions in the Council's Control of Parking ByeLaws.

This text alert messaging service affords members of the public opportunity to text a dedicated Mobile Phone Number if they notice a vehicle parked illegally in a disabled parking bay, to which a traffic warden is dispatched as soon as practicable.

It would not be possible, within existing resources, to provide this service across the county as a whole.   However,  the parking unit will examine costs associated with the service to establish if it is possible to extend the text alert messaging service to the parking control areas covered by the ByeLaws.

The meeting ended at 19:21pm.

**Motions not reached**

### **(M7)** [**ACCESSIBLE PARKING**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=71876)

**Councillor Liam Sinclair**

That South Dublin County Council, reiterates it's ambition of being a leader in the provision of accessible services. That, as a signal of this ambition, - An audit is carried out on the quality of accessible parking spaces and upgrades carried out where necessary. - The number of these spaces is increased by 50%, an increase of 39 spaces. These spaces should be prioritised in areas with a lower proportion of accessible spaces and modified in line with the IWA Best Practice Access Guidelines.

### **(M8)** [**INVINCIBLES YARD**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=71883)

**Councillor C. O'Connor**

South Dublin County Council calls on the Office of Public Works to carry out the necessary excavation works to recover the remains of Joe Brady, Daniel Curley, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Tim Kelly, in what is commonly known as the Invincibles Yard at Kilmainham Gaol.The bodies of these five members of the Irish National Invincibles lie beneath the paving slabs of the yard where they were executed in 1883 for their part in the Phoenix Park assassinations. The families of the five men are represented by the National Graves Association and the wish of the families is for their relatives to be exhumed from Kilmainham Gaol and reinterred in consecrated ground at Glasnevin Cemetery.

### **(M10)** [**SAFEPASS**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=71969)

**Councillor M. Johansson**

That the elected members of this council call for the reform of Safety awareness training and in particular the Safepass course delivery and pricing. This reform should include a consultation process with the pass holders, standardized pricing in line with the cost of processing, online facilities for renewal and flexibility and an end to current price gouging. We also call for the current extension on expired cards to continue until the conclusion of said reform. If this motion is passed a letter will be issued to Solas, the Minister for Further and Higher Education Simon Harris and the Minister of State for Skills and Further Education Niall Collins.

### **(M11)** [**AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVES**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72361)

### **Councillor L. McCrave**

### To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to developing suitable strategies for this County, Towns and Villages that would ensure that South Dublin County Council is supportive of the objectives of Age Friendly Ireland, including the development of parking initiatives and benches etc. within the County.

### **(M13)** [**FAMILY LAW CASES**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72275)

**Councillor P. Gogarty**

That this Council writes to the Minister for Justice, the Minister for Children and the Law Society asking for a re-examination of the current restrictive in camera rule for family law cases as there is currently a lack of transparency in relation to how decisions are made and why, how time is allocated, what witnesses are called, how experts such as Section 47 assessors are appointed and how a lack of adequate support for those requiring legal aid can affect the outcome of a case - something especially concerning in relation to many genuine parental alienation claims that require detailed evidence to be provided and - equally importantly, those rarer situations where false parental alienation claims can also be made within the system, supported by recommendations from experts using Gardner's contested Parental Alienation Syndrome theory to "immerse" vulnerable children for weeks or months at a time with the party wrongly claiming alienation - and to look at other ways to achieve better transparency and scrutiny of the system while always protecting children's identities and respecting the independence of the courts.

### **(M16)** [**COVID WEALTH TAX**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72415)

**Councillor L. Whelan**

The period of the pandemic had seen unprecedented hardships for most, with workers in the public and private sector leading the fight against Covid which illustrated clearly what workers are the most valuable in society. Corporations such as Pfizer, Amazon, Microsoft, and many retail giants have made unprecedented profits while PUP payments have been eliminated, rents, house prices and the cost of living have continued to rise and workplace precarity has increased. This Council supports the introduction of a Covid wealth tax to fund directly into public services and the provision of public sector wage increases and agrees to write to all other councils, the Taoiseach and the Minister of Finance stating our position. We point particularly to the significant role played by unpaid student nurses.

### **(M17)** [**FINANCE MOTION**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=72396)

**Councillor K. Mahon**

A key part of the Council’s Budgetary strategy for 2022 should be to ensure local communities benefit significantly from the presence of multinational corporations based in the South Dublin County Council area. Corporations such as Amazon, Pfizer and Microsoft have seen already massive profits increase during the pandemic, and profit significantly from the exploitation of tax policy, the environment and local labour. The crisis facing the council on the housing, environmental and community services front are increasing. The council should include the following two measures in its Budget Strategy for 2022:

1) A significant increase in Rates

2) A waiver, rebate or small business support scheme that protects all rates payers below the €100,001- €500,000 Annual Rates Billing Band from any increase.

Based on recent official SDCC figures 156 companies (2.3% of all rate payers) would be affected by such an increase in rates.

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

Mayor

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